

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Legislative Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 9, 2021

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

*Note: Audio recordings of the meeting are available on the website of the  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District at  
[www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas](http://www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas)*

**This meeting was conducted under procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.**

### **OPENING ITEMS**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

**Opening Comments:** Legislative Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Margaret Abe-Koga, called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Committee Co-Chairs Margaret Abe-Koga and Pauline Russo Cutter; Committee Vice Chair Brad Wagenknecht; and Directors David Haubert, David Hudson, and Rob Rennie.

Absent: Directors David Canepa, Erin Hannigan, and Lynda Hopkins.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2021**

##### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

##### **Committee Comments**

None.

### Committee Action

Director Haubert made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Wagenknecht, to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Haubert, Hudson, Rennie, Wagenknecht.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Cutter, Canepa, Hannigan, Hopkins.

### **3. STATE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET UPDATE**

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, described the anticipated timeline of the adoption of the State's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Budget. He summarized the development of the State's FY 2021-2022 Budget during the Calendar Year of 2021, noting a structure that deviated from the normal timeline, due to uncertain revenues caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. Mr. Abbs reported that there is currently a \$31 billion budget surplus in the General Fund, and that based on the most recent Cap and Trade auction, the State will have over \$2 billion to allocate to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the coming budget cycle. The Air District submitted its annual letter to the Governor, various state agencies, and the Bay Area Legislative Caucus, expressing the Air District's desire for continued funding for Assembly Bill (AB) 617 implementation and incentive programs, low carbon transportation programs, wildfire smoke programs, lawn and garden equipment replacements, and commercial harbor craft engine regulation.

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request for a capital program that would fund building electrification (residential and commercial), and the suggestion of partnering with Bay Area community choice electricity providers to advocate for that funding.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

### **4. DRAFT 2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND 2022 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Abbs gave the presentation *2022 Legislative Platform*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; and 2022 legislative platform (State Budget, state legislation, federal advocacy).

#### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Steve Rosenblum, Palo Alto resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Air District’s monitoring of legislation regarding land use policy that could have air quality impacts; the desire to seek legislation that would allow the composition of the Air District’s Board to include members of the public that are not elected officials as voting members; the need to continue advocating for the extension of the Carl Moyer Program, and the suggestion of forming a coalition of community, agricultural, and industry members who benefit from the Carl Moyer Program to help advocate for this; the suggestion of assisting Legislators with extending existing fees (programs that the Air District is advocating for) during a budget surplus; and the suggestion of representatives from the Board meeting in-person (or virtually) with State Legislators to advocate for the Air District’s interests.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

**5. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Abbs gave the staff presentation *Federal Legislative Update*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; federal legislative update; infrastructure bill; and reconciliation package.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the similarities between elements of the Infrastructure Bill (House of Representatives Bill 3684 - DeFazio) and existing Air District programs, and whether the public would be confused about seemingly duplicative programs.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Cutter asked whether there are any new regulatory proposals requiring restaurants with patio heater units to use electric (rather than gas-powered) or low emission units.

**8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, February 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards