

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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*

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

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Karen Mitchoff, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Karen Mitchoff; Vice Chairperson John Bauters; Secretary Davina Hurt; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Teresa Barrett, Cindy Chavez, Rich Constantine, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Carole Groom, David Haubert, Lynda Hopkins, David Hudson, Tyrone Jue, Myrna Melgar, Nate Miley, Rob Rennie, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Brad Wagenknecht, Shamann Walton, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Directors David Canepa and Erin Hannigan.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Meeting Procedure**

PRESENTATION

4. **Environmental Justice Training Module: Navigating Conflict through Collaborative Problem Solving**

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer (SDEO) of Policy and Equity, gave the staff presentation *Environmental Justice Training Module: Partnerships and Power Sharing*, including: definition of conflict; elements of conflict; biological elements of conflict; dual pathways in conflict; collaboration and conflict through process and relationships; and the challenge.

Ms. Eady then introduced Sarah Rubin, Chief Outreach and Engagement Advisor at California Department of Conservation, who gave the presentation *Navigating Conflict Through Collaborative Partnerships*; including: this morning; Sarah’s work with the Air District; California Department of Conservation; what do we think of when we think of public engagement?; conflict; avoiding/engaging; escalation increases complexity and cost of conflict; conflict management and collaborative partnerships five skills & tips for success; conflict style self-test; discussion; use knowledge of your own conflict style strategically; why government led engagement doesn’t work some answers from neurobiology or ‘brain science’; brain science; four forces creating a perfectly human storm; three bodies of knowledge; typical meeting set up; our brains; collaborative partnerships; partnerships – why; successful partnerships need the right conditions; dialogue & high emotions; high emotion speaking and listening; disagreeing respectfully; tool: scenario planning; your wisdom matters; wrap up; Department of Conservation; and thank you.

Ms. Eady introduced Karissa White, Community Engagement Staff Specialist, who introduced Daniella Zacky, Alfredo Castro Angulo, and Marisol Cantu, from the Richmond Progressive Alliance (RPA), who gave the presentation *The Listening Project*, including: the listening project a project of the RPA; our work; our process; and the listening project podcast teaser. Ms. White asked the three panelists why this work is important for the City of Richmond, how has the presence of industry in Richmond has led to conflict over the years, and the importance of listening and making people feel heard. Clips of interviews of Richmond residents were played and Board members were asked to convey what they heard.

NOTED PRESENT: Directors Chavez and Wagenknecht were noted present at 9:10 A.M.; Director Wilson was noted present at 9:24 a.m.; Directors Constantine and Gioia were noted present at 9:28 a.m.; and Directors Jue and Walton were noted present at 9:33 a.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff/presenter discussed automatic responses to the thought of public engagement; and the results of a conflict style self-test that the Board members took during the meeting.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

CLOSED SESSION (10:43 a.m.)

NOTED PRESENT: Director Miley was noted present at (11:36 a.m.)

5. **Conference with Legal Counsel**

A. EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9 (a))

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a), a need exists to meet in Closed Session with Legal Counsel to consider the following cases:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. MSN21-1739; and

Martinez Refining Co. LLC v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. MSN21-1568.

Reportable Action: Adan Schwartz, Acting District Council, reported that there was nothing to report.

OPEN SESSION (12:00 p.m.)

OTHER BUSINESS

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County.

7. **Board Members' Comments**

None.

8. **Report of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)**

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO had nothing to report.

9. **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Mitchoff congratulated Directors Lori Wilson and Cindy Chavez and Secretary Davina Hurt, and on their recent re-reappointments to the Board.

16. **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.

17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

/s/ Luis Espino

Luis Espino
Acting Clerk of the Boards