

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 3, 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 authorized by Assembly Bill 361. Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community Equity, Health and Justice (CEHJ) Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Davina Hurt; Vice Chairperson Tyrone Jue; and Directors John Bauters, Rich Constantine, John Gioia, David Haubert, and Nate Miley.

Absent: None.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Bauters, to **approve** the Minutes of December 2, 2021, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Gioia, Haubert, Hurt, Jue, Miley.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

5. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

The Committee received a presentation on "The Listening Project", from Marisol Cantu and Alfredo Rafael Angulo, members of the Richmond Progressive Alliance. Slides included: our work; our team; our process; our impact; our stories. our voices; and listening activity. The goal of The Listening Project is to better understand the concerns and needs of Richmond communities that have historically suffered the greatest harm from generations of fossil fuel operations in Richmond. Ms. Cantu then continued a listening exercise that she lead the Board in at the February 2, 2022 Board meeting. Clips of interviews of Richmond residents were played and Board members were asked to convey what they heard.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the number of people that the Air District has engaged with regarding the climate crisis in Richmond, and when the results of The Listening Project will be published.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE FROM COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer (SDEO) of Policy and Equity, introduced Ernesto Arevalo, Northern California Program Director at Communities for a Better Environment (CBE). Mr. Arevalo described the variety of hardships experienced by residents of East Oakland; the history of CBE's collaboration with the Air District and Assembly Bill 617 (Community Air Protection Program); and CBE's desire for improvements to the AB 617 program, as the community of East Oakland was recently selected by the California Air Resources Board to be the next Bay Area community to develop a community emissions reduction program, and CBE will be working with the Air District to oversee this development.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Maria Dominguez; and Alfredo Rafael Angulo, Richmond Progressive Alliance.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request for a tour of East Oakland for both the Board members and members of the public, in collaboration with CBE (virtual if necessary); and how having uncomfortable conversations and being willing to be held accountable can create improvement and growth.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Suma Peesapati, Environmental Justice and Community Engagement Officer, gave the staff presentation *Update on the Community Advisory Council (CAC)*, including: outcome; background; first Council meeting; key takeaways; and next steps.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Jeff Ritterman (CAC member).

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether CAC meetings would be held virtually and whether CAC meetings would become hybrid (both in person and virtually); whether the CAC members would like Air District tours of over-burdened communities (Richmond, East Oakland, Bayview Hunters Point, etc.); and the desire for the appointment of a Board liaison for the CAC.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. DISCUSSION OF THE 2022 CEHJ COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Ms. Eady gave the staff presentation *Discussion of the 2022 CEHJ Committee Work Plan*, including: 2022 CEHJ Work Plan (March through December).

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

No requests received.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

11. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas).

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

/s/ Luis Espino
Luis Espino
Acting Clerk of the Boards