

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 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 Committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Opening Comments: Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Chairperson Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Committee Chairperson Davina Hurt; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, David Haubert, Sergio Lopez, Nate Miley, and Steve Young.

Absent: Committee Vice Chairperson Tyrone Jue; and Directors Pauline Russo-Cutter, and John Gioia.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 4)

4. APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2022

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Haubert made a motion, seconded by Director Lopez, to **approve** the minutes of May 5, 2022, and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Haubert, Hurt, Lopez, Young.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Cutter, Gioia, Jue, Miley.

PRESENTATIONS

5. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Policy, introduced Ken Szutu, Air District Community Advisory Council Member and Director of Citizen Air Monitoring Network of Vallejo, who gave an oral presentation regarding air monitoring efforts in Vallejo, and the city's health impacts from adjacent refineries, without being a fenceline community.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Marilyn Bardet, Benicia resident; Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; and Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed a Committee member's acknowledgement of Mr. Szutu's request for better transparency between the community and the Air District regarding enforcement; ways the Board and the community can engage more effectively; the lack of transparency and details regarding recent Air District regulation violations of Valero and the issues with the fines being negotiated; and the request for a greater explanation of the Air District's penalty assessment process to the Board and public.

Committee Action

None; receive and file

6. COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT OVERVIEW

Ying Yu, Air Quality Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Compliance & Enforcement (C&E) Overview*, including: goals; outline; requested action; C&E goals and objectives; C&E Division overview; field groups and assignments; operations group and assignments; key sources and facilities; core programs; other programs & projects; compliance verification inspections; audits and investigations; air quality complaints; incident response; enforcement actions; coordination of enforcement activities; C&E staffing levels; 2022 priorities; and requested action.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Miley was noted present at 10:40 a.m.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident; Lonnie Mason; First Generation of Environmental Health and Economic Development; Marilyn Bardet, Benicia resident; and Ken Szutu, Citizen Air Monitoring Network.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Air District's need for a fee increase to address staffing levels (specifically for the Engineering and C&E Divisions); the procedures for reporting a complaint to the Air District, and whether staff follows up with such inquires; whether regulated facility inspectors are rotated on a regular basis, and the frequency of their visits; whether communities located outside of overburdened areas meet the Air District's definition of "impacted community"; and how the decline of staffing levels affects the budget.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. BAY AREA PERMITTING OVERVIEW

Due to the shortage of time, this presentation was continued until July 7, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairperson Hurt introduced Sharon Landers, Interim Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO).

10. REPORT OF THE SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF POLICY & EQUITY

Ms. Eady reported that the Air District's Community Advisory Council will meet on June 30, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., via webcast. Ms. Eady also gave an update on the new Assembly Bill (AB) 617 community of East Oakland, and reported that applications for this working group will be accepted until June 15, 2022.

11. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, teleconference, or Zoom, pursuant to procedures in accordance with AB 361 (Rivas 2021).

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

/s/ Luis Espino

Luis Espino
Acting Clerk of the Boards