

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 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 (Rivas 2021). Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Davina Hurt; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, David Haubert, Sergio Lopez, Nate Miley, and Steve Young.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Tyrone Jue.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2022

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Young made a motion, seconded by Director Haubert, to **approve** the Minutes of July 7, 2022; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

5. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Chair Hurt introduced a member of the Air District’s Community Advisory Council, William Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin discussed his work with Hope Solutions and his efforts to build a coalition of impacted community members, government organizations, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and other stakeholders to address environmental and health-related challenges. Mr. Goodwin hopes to enhance the understanding of environmental and health-related issues at the community level, to ensure low-income, minority and isolated stakeholders are equitably aware of environmental health issues that deeply impact their community.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Miley was noted present at 9:39 a.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed appreciation and encouragement regarding Mr. Goodwin’s efforts to increase the level of environmental activism; and the need for resources in West Contra Costa County and East Contra Costa County to combine their efforts.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. BAY AREA PERMITTING OVERVIEW

Kevin Oei, Supervising Air Quality Engineer. Gave the staff presentation *Bay Area Permitting Overview*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; purpose of Permitting Program; New Source Review (NSR) overview, permit criteria, key review elements, permitting process; and Major Facility Review (MFR) overview, key review elements.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Abe-Koga was noted present at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Arieann Harrison, Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Inc.; Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident; and Anthony Khalil, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the average amount of time it takes for an Air District permit application to be processed; the desire to see more transparency between Air District staff and permit applicants during the application process; the Air District’s definition of “overburdened community”; the level of the sophistication and efficiency of the Air District’s Permitting Program system; whether permit application trends have been identified by Air District staff; and the suggestion of using this presentation to create a lay language pamphlet about this regulatory structure for the public and industry.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR YEAR 2 OF THE JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Aneesh Rana, Senior Staff Specialist, and Elinor Mattern, Senior Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Recommendation for Board Action to Authorize Execution of Contract Amendments for Year 2 of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program*, including: requested action; outline; James Cary Smith; background on Grant Program; adjustments to Grant Program; current Grant Cycle (Year 1); building community capacity; support offered; Grant Program evaluation; Year 2 (Spring 2023-2024); grantee perspectives from Urban Habitat (Larisa Casillas) and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (Daniela Castaneda); and requested action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Cutter made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to recommend the Board **authorize** the Interim Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to execute any and all contract amendments to extend the term of the current James Cary Smith Community Grant awards previously approved by the Board for one additional year, and to amend the cumulative grant amount in a not to exceed amount of \$2,059,976 (amendments would allow eligible grantees to begin Year 2 of the three-year grant program); the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

**8. ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN
RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT/EASTERN SAN
FRANCISCO**

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the staff presentation *Assembly Bill 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan Recommendation for Bayview Hunters Point/Eastern San Francisco*, including: outcome; requested action; community self-nomination co-leads -Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates and Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Inc.; background; community profile: socioeconomic and environmental health; characterizing the air pollution in Bayview Hunters Point; near freeway and industrial exposure maps; developing partnership goals for a Community Emissions Reduction Plan; nomination process timeline; and recommendation.

Community self-nomination co-leads, Michelle Pierce (of Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates) and Arieann Harrison (of Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Inc.) assisted Ms. Eady with this presentation.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident; Lonnie Mason, First Generation Environmental Health and Economic Development; Dr. Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; and Karen Pierce.

Committee Comments

An error on Slide 12 was identified; the date in the fifth bullet should be “February 23, 2023”, not “February 13, 2023”. Various Committee members expressed their support for the selection of Bayview Hunters Point for development of a Community Emissions Reduction Plan pursuant to Assembly Bill 617.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Lopez, to recommend the Board **select** Bayview Hunters Point for development of a Community Emissions Reduction Plan pursuant to Assembly Bill 617; the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were read (via email) from Lonnie Mason, First Generation Environmental Health and Economic Development.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

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

On behalf of Sharon Landers, Interim Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, Ms. Eady had nothing to report.

12. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, teleconference, or Zoom, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas 2021).

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards