

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022

**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

Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee (Committee) Chairperson Teresa Barrett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Teresa Barrett; Vice Chairperson David Hudson; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, David Canepa, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Lynda Hopkins, Myrna Melgar, and Karen Mitchoff.

Absent: Directors Davina Hurt and Lori Wilson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Mitchoff made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Hudson, to **approve** the Minutes of December 6, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Canepa, Cutter, Hopkins, Hudson, Melgar, Mitchoff.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Hurt, Wilson

5. PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS WITH PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS OVER \$100,000

Damian Breen, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Operations, introduced Alona Davis, Strategic Incentives Program Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Projects and Contracts with Proposed Awards over \$100,000* including: outcome; outline; requested actions; Carl Moyer Program (CMP)/Mobile Source Incentive Fund (MSIF), Community Air Protection Program (CAPP), and Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER); Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA); incentive funding awarded and recommended since July 2021 by revenue source, project category; and county; and actions requested.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Gioia was noted present at 9:36 a.m.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the reasons for the funding allocations to Sonoma county; the request for a map plotting the location of awarded projects; whether any prior year funds were carried over to the current funding cycle; and the request that that map showing the amounts of funds awarded per county becomes interactive and allows the public to see more detailed information about the funded projects, per county.

Committee Action

Vice Chair Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchoff, to recommend the Board **approve** the award of State and Local grant funding projects with proposed awards in excess of \$100,000; and **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to execute grant agreements for the recommended projects; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Canepa, Cutter, Gioia, Hopkins, Hudson, Mitchoff.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Hurt, Melgar, Wilson.

6. TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR FUNDING ALLOCATION FYE 2023

Dr. Minda Berbeco, Strategic Incentives Division Manager, gave the staff presentation *Transportation Fund for Clean Air Allocation FYE 2023*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; TFCA background; strategies for reducing emissions; proposed FYE 2023 TFCA funding allocation; proposed cost effectiveness Air District-sponsored programs; FYE 2023 TFCA timeline; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether “Valley Link”, a new 42-mile, 7-station passenger rail project, would be eligible for clean air vehicle funding if it utilized hydrogen-powered vehicles, and whether the fact that the project’s route included areas outside of the Bay area would affect the project’s eligibility; whether any prior year funds were carried over to the current funding cycle; and concerns about projects becoming ineligible for funding due to cities and counties passing new climate action regulations that would cause applicants to exceed State thresholds.

Committee Action

Vice Chair Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to recommend the Board **approve** the allocation of funds and cost effectiveness thresholds for Air District-sponsored project categories that are proposed for the award of funding from the TFCA in Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2023; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Canepa, Cutter, Gioia, Hopkins, Hudson, Melgar, Mitchoff.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Hurt, Wilson.

7. 2021 REPORT OF THE AIR DISTRICT'S VOLUNTARY EMISSIONS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAMS

Karen Schkolnick, Director of Strategic Incentives, and Chengfeng Wang, Air Quality Program Manager, gave the staff presentation *2021 Report of the Air District's Voluntary Emissions Reduction Grant Programs*, including:

Public Comment

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Mitchoff made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Hudson, to recommend the Board **authorize** an increase in the Executive Officer/APCO’s signature authority up to \$500,000 for the execution of individual grant agreements and amendments for voluntary emissions reduction projects that are funded by state revenues and local vehicle registration fees; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Canepa, Cutter, Gioia, Hopkins, Hudson, Melgar, Mitchoff.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Hurt, Wilson.

8. PROPOSED UPDATE TO CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR CLIMATE IMPACTS AND ASSOCIATED JUSTIFICATION REPORT

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Climate Protection, who gave the staff presentation *Proposed CEQA Thresholds for Evaluating the Significance of Climate Impacts from Land Use Projects and Plans*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background and context; proposed thresholds: land use developments and long-range plans; Justification Report; stakeholder engagement; stakeholder input to date; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jenny Delumo, San Francisco Planning Department; Krute Singa, Metropolitan Transportation Commission; Laura Feinstein, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association; Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Physicians for Social Responsibility; Dr. Janice L. Kirsch, Physicians for Social Responsibility; and Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed concerns about limiting hospitals' energy requirements; whether the proposed thresholds would eliminate jurisdictions' need to renew reach codes every three years; whether placing heavier energy restrictions/requirements on a warehouses aligns with the Air District's goals; and concerns about projects becoming ineligible for funding due to cities and counties passing new climate action regulations that would cause applicants to exceed State thresholds.

Committee Action

Director Mitchoff made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Hudson, to recommend the Board **adopt** the proposed CEQA thresholds of significance for climate impacts and associated Justification Report; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Cutter, Gioia, Hopkins, Hudson, Melgar, Mitchoff.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Canepa, Hurt, Wilson.

9. PROPOSED 2022 MOBILE SOURCE AND CLIMATE IMPACTS COMMITTEE MEETING WORK PLAN

Mr. Breen gave the staff presentation *Introduction to the Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee and 2022 Work Plan*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; and 2022 Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee Work Plan.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the level of engagement between the Air District and the United States Department of Energy, regarding funding opportunities.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Air District staff read a public comment that was submitted via email by Martin MacKerel.

11. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

12. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., in person or via webcast, teleconference, or Zoom, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas 2021).

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards