



BAY AREA
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DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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**MEETING LOCATION(S) FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Bay Area Metro Center
1st Floor Yerba Buena Room
375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105**

**Office of Alameda County
Supervisor Nate Miley
20980 Redwood Road, Suite 250
Castro Valley, CA 94546**

**Office of Contra Costa County
Supervisor John Gioia
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El Cerrito, CA 94530**

**City of Palo Alto City Hall
250 Hamilton Ave., 7th Floor
Palo Alto, CA 94301**

**Santa Rosa Junior College Campus
Doyle Library, Room 148
1501 Mendocino Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA, 95401**

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COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3)

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting of April 19, 2023

The Committee will consider approving the draft minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting of April 19, 2023.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

4. Community Perspective

This is an informational item that will be presented by Cecilia Mejia, Air District Community Advisory Council (CAC) member and Program Coordinator for Brightline Defense. Council Member Mejia will provide an update on the expansion of the Brightline Air Quality Monitoring Program and the accomplishments with the James Cary Smith Grant Program.

5. Overview of Environmental Defense Fund Report: Assessing the Distribution of Air Pollution Health Risks within Cities

Environmental Defense Fund will present their study showing disproportionate health impacts on overburdened communities from air pollution.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda will be given an opportunity to address the Committee. Members of the public will have two minutes each to address the Committee, unless a different time limit is established by the Chair.

7. Committee Member Comments

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8. Report of the Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity

9. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

10. Adjournment

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair.

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375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (415) 749-4941**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE:
MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS**

MAY 2023

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Special Meeting Budget Hearing	Wednesday	17	8:30 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	17	9:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Wednesday	17	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Community Advisory Council	Thursday	18	6:00 pm.	Cal State University, East Bay Grand Lake and Merritt 1 Rooms 1000 Broadway, Suite 109 Oakland, CA 94607

JUNE 2023

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	7	9:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Legislative Committee	Wednesday	7	10:30 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Finance & Administration Committee	Wednesday	7	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Advisory Council Meeting	Monday	12	8:30 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee	Wednesday	14	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee	Wednesday	14	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	21	9:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Wednesday	21	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Davina Hurt and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: May 17, 2023

Re: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice
Committee meeting of April 19, 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the draft minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting of April 19, 2023.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting of April 19, 2023.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Marcy Hiratzka
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting of April 19, 2023

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 749-5073

Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

DRAFT MINUTES

This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Chairperson Davina Hurt; Vice Chair Katie Rice; and Board Chair John J. Bauters.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Conference Room, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito, California, 94530): Directors Joelle Gallagher, John Gioia, Erin Hannigan, and Steve Young.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave., 7th Floor, Palo Alto, California, 94301): Director Vicki Veenker.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Santa Rosa Junior College, Doyle Library, Room 148, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, California, 95401): Director Brian Barnacle.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga and Nate Miley.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 29, 2023**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Board Chair Bauters made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Hurt, to **approve** Minutes of the Community, Equity, Health & Justice Committee of March 29, 2023; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barnacle, Bauters, Gallagher, Gioia, Hannigan, Hurt, Rice, Veenker, Young.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga and Miley.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM (ITEM 5)

5. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, MARCH 16, 2023 MEETING UPDATE

Latasha Washington, Co-Chair of the Air District’s Community Advisory Council (CAC), and Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the presentation *Overview of the March 16th Community Advisory Council Meeting*, including: presentation for information only; outline; CAC Charter; CAC 2023-24 Work Plan Discussion; Environmental Justice Policy Ad Hoc Committee Update; and Air District’s Environmental Justice Action Plan – development process and timeline.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the recently adopted amendments to Regulation 9, Rules 4 and 6 (to eliminate emissions of nitrogen oxides, or NOx, from residential and commercial natural gas furnaces and water heaters in the Bay Area by requiring new appliances to be zero-NOx) are included in the CAC’s 2023-24 Work Plan, and whether the CAC will be involved in the implementation of these rule amendments; and appreciation for the development of an environmental justice policy and action plan.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Stephen Tennis, Central City Single Room Occupancy Collaborative (CCSROC); Brenda Washington, CCSROC; Suzy M; Greg Johnson; and Felicia Smith.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Chair Bauters and Vice Chair Rice thanked the members of the public who gave public comments during Item 6, regarding the air quality of their neighborhood and living quarters in the City of San Francisco. They explained that regulating indoor air quality and mobile source air pollution is outside of the Air District's jurisdiction but requested that Air District staff follows up with the public speakers and gives them full details about which agencies can assist them, and how they can apply for air filtration system funding.

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

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity provided a status update on the Air District's Richmond Area Path to Clean Air Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee (CSC). She announced that, since the Board dissolved the original configuration of the Richmond Area CSC on April 5, 2023, a new configuration (non-Ralph M. Brown Act body) of the CSC was formed, and the body's first community-led meeting will meet for the first time (in person) on April 24, 2023.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will also be webcast for members of the public.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Davina Hurt and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: May 17, 2023

Re: Community Perspective

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

The Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee provides local and regional community environmental justice advocates and local leaders a platform to present and share their expertise and/or lived experiences. Specific subjects/topics will vary based upon each community perspective member's unique experience.

Brightline Defense is an environmental justice non-profit organization that works to empower communities and create sustainable environments. Its work includes public policy advocacy, environmental justice advocacy, ensuring job creation and retention, and advocating for the development of fair, affordable, and sustainable housing. The Brightline Defense team is composed of legal experts, policy advocates, communication specialists, community organizers, volunteers, and a board of directors committed to the empowerment of traditionally under-served communities in local neighborhoods, the San Francisco Bay Area, and beyond.

DISCUSSION

Cecilia Mejia, Brightline's Program Manager, and Air District Community Advisory Council Member, will provide an update on Brightline's continued and expanded work in air quality, community engagement, and capacity building with San Francisco's frontline communities. Cecilia Mejia coordinates Brightline's community-based programs like the Construction Sector Bridge Program and Air Quality Monitoring Program with diverse communities, other nonprofits and government stakeholders to educate and empower frontline communities in San Francisco. Cecilia is interested in the intersection of environmental justice and gender in urban environments as well as equitable environmental restoration. She previously served on the San Francisco Environmental Justice Working Group to create an environmental justice framework for future policy development in the Bay Area. She currently serves as a Council Member on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Community

Advisory Council provide guidance on key community-related matters and initiatives with the Board of Directors and the Executive Officer. Cecilia has received a BS in Conservation and Resources Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Tim Williams
Reviewed by: Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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Memorandum

To: Chairperson Davina Hurt and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: May 17, 2023

Re: Overview of Environmental Defense Fund Report: Assessing the Distribution of Air
Pollution Health Risks within Cities

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and George Washington University have studied the health impacts of traffic-related air pollution. This health impact study highlights the cumulative impacts of pollution and health disparities in disproportionately impacted communities. The study used air pollution data from street-level monitoring and satellites combined with local population and health information. The study found that neighborhoods with higher percentages of people of color have higher mortality rates and, on average, double the rate of pollution-related childhood asthma compared to predominantly white neighborhoods.

Air pollution health impacts on communities is also influenced by underlying health disparities. EDF's health impact study includes information about existing health conditions and population distribution, along with air pollution concentrations to estimate impacts. This research shows how pollution can contribute to health disparities, as it disproportionately impacts neighborhoods burdened by existing health conditions.

EDF has worked with community and research partners to perform this study, focusing on Alameda County.

DISCUSSION

The Committee will hear a presentation on the research work from Environmental Defense Fund and George Washington University titled “Assessing the Distribution of Air Pollution Health Risks within Cities: A Neighborhood-Scale Analysis Leveraging High-Resolution Data Sets in the Bay Area, California.”

Maria Harris an Environmental Epidemiologist at Environmental Defense Fund will make the presentation on their research, along with their community partners, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Judith Cutino
Reviewed by: Greg Nudd

ATTACHMENTS:

None