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AGENDA: 5

**Vote to Dissolve the Path to Clean Air
Community Steering Committee Appointed by
Resolution No. 2021-02 to Allow for the
Creation of a New, Non-Board-Appointed
Steering Committee with a Community-Led
Governance Structure**

**Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee Meeting
March 29, 2023**

CSC Member: Alfredo Angulo

CSC Member: Marisol Cantú

Presentation Outcome



Community Equity, Health & Justice (CEHJ) recommends to the Board of Directors that the Board dissolve the Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee (CSC) appointed by Resolution No. 2021-02 to allow for the creation of a new, non-Board-appointed CSC with a community-led governance structure.

Presentation Outline



- Overview of CSC Current Governance
- CSC Members Concerns
- CSC Vote to Recommend Dissolution
- Overview of Plans for Community-Led Replacement
- CSC Request to CEHJ

Requested Action



Vote to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board dissolve the Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee appointed by Resolution No. 2021-02 to allow for the creation of a new, non-Board-appointed CSC with a community-led governance structure.



Overview: CSC Governance



- The Board of Directors established the Community Steering Committee (CSC) on March 3, 2021 (Resolution 2021-02).
- As a Board appointed committee, the CSC is subject to the California Brown Act, and CSC members are selected and appointed by the Board.
- There is no requirement in AB617 or the CARB Blueprint for CSCs to be appointed by Air District Boards.

CSC Member Concerns



- CSC members have expressed that the Brown Act limits creative ways of engaging during meetings and limits community participation.
- Numerous CSC members have expressed that they would be forced to resign due to the requirements of AB2449, which could result in further delay of the implementation of the CERP.
 - Some CSC members are at higher risk of serious infections caused by COVID-19 or take care of family members with a disproportionate level of vulnerabilities to COVID-19 and other airborne viruses.

CSC Votes to Recommend Dissolution



Unanimous vote on February 27, 2023:

- The Community Steering Committee (CSC) approved to recommend to the BAAQMD Community, Equity Health and Justice (CEHJ) Committee and finally to the Board of Directors that the CSC (appointed by Resolution No. 2021-02) be dissolved by the end of April 2023 to allow for a transition to a community led governance structure.

Overview of Plans for a Community-Governed CSC



Key elements of the plan:

- Process and timeline to transition to community governed structure
- Reconfiguring CSC membership
- Creating new charter by Governance Ad Hoc Committee
- Introducing a new charter to CSC
 - Carrying over much of the current charter while adding new elements that reinforce the best of the Brown Act to ensure public access, participation, and transparency.

Process and Timeline



- **March 6 – March 24:** Open call to current members to reapply starting the week of March 6th. Priority will be given to current CSC members.
- **April 5 – April 19:** If Board approves dissolution on the April 5, 2023, Board meeting, the current CSC members who reapplied (*in process*) will meet in April to review the draft Charter. Further details on the new CSC and steps taken soon after Board approval of dissolution are specified in the Plan (*attachment*).
- **April 24** (tentative CSC meeting): The new community governed CSC meets for the first time (approves the draft Charter and seeks public comment).
- **May 29** (next CSC meeting): Approve the final Charter and elect committee leadership.

Reconfiguration of CSC



- CSC to develop an application process that is transparent, inclusive and accessible to all community members and will continue to require the disclosure of potential conflicts through a conflict-of-interest form.
- Process to include an opportunity to increase the number of new members by opening the application process, on a rolling basis, to new candidates after the April Board meeting.



Creating a New Charter



Once members are re-appointed to the newly formed CSC, they will introduce a new charter aimed at increasing participation that incorporates best practices of the Brown Act taken from the previous charter, concentrating on the following three elements:

- Decision-making structure (includes amended text)
- Membership requirements (# of members and seat selection)
- Public comment

Approval of New Charter



Approval process:

- The draft final charter will be sent out to new CSC members and posted to the BAAQMD website for public access.
- Presentation of the new charter will be prepared and posted to the BAAQMD website as part of a new CSC monthly meeting.
- The new charter will be voted on by the new CSC committee and adopted at a date to be determined by the new CSC.

Feedback Requested/Prompt



Request that the Community Equity, Health & Justice (CEHJ) Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that the Board dissolve the Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee appointed by Resolution No. 2021-02.

Questions?

