

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

### **APPROVED 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](http://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; Board Chair John J. Bauters; and Director Steve Young.

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 and John Gioia.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave., 7th Floor, Palo Alto, California, 94301): Directors Margaret Abe-Koga and 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 Erin Hannigan and Nate Miley.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2023**

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Board Chair Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Young, to **approve** Minutes of the Community, Equity, Health & Justice Committee of April 19, 2023; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. **COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE**

Chair Hurt introduced Cecilia Mejia, Air District Community Advisory Council member and Program Coordinator for Brightline Defense. Ms. Mejia gave the presentation *Brightline's Air Quality Monitoring Program*, including: about Brightline; serving priority populations in San Francisco; sensor siting and calibration with the Air District; disproportionate impacts across San Francisco; community partnerships; technical partnerships; Central City Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Collaborative; Community Youth Center of San Francisco; partnership with University of California at Berkeley for black carbon; data analysis; Brightline's air quality programming timeline; Our Community, Our Air Program; partners; community workshops and tabling in Spanish, English, and Chinese; and Bay Area Metro Center Field Trip.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether Brightline Defense's air monitoring program monitors sulfur dioxide and/or wildfire smoke; whether nitrogen dioxide emissions are related to vehicle traffic; when Brightline Defense's air monitoring occurs; carbon measurement that disaggregates total black carbon from total Particulate Matter; how Brightline Defense plans to account for increases in (post-pandemic) traffic congestion and subsequent emissions increases in the Bay Area; congestion management pricing; and appreciation of Brightline Defense for empowering the community how to read air quality data.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. **OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND REPORT: ASSESSING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AIR POLLUTION HEALTH RISKS WITHIN CITIES**

Greg Nudd, now Deputy Executive Officer of Science and Policy (formerly Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy) introduced Dr. Maria Harris, Environmental Epidemiologist at the Environmental Defense Fund, who gave the presentation *Bay Area Air Pollution Health Risk Assessment: Translating Data to Action in Partnership with West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP)*, including: WOEIP; hyperlocal air pollution variability impacts health in West Oakland; Bay Area Health Risk Assessment; major health impacts from air pollution in the Bay Area; air pollution’s impacts vary dramatically across the Bay Area; communities of color face higher rates of health impacts from air pollution; hyperlocal data reveal greater health disparities; implications; West Oakland Community Action Plan Health Equity Advisory Committee and participants; key question; limitations; and moving forward.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Christine Wolfe, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how/whether high-resolution data may be considered by the Air District during rule development; modeled air pollution data and county-level mortality rates versus hyperlocal air pollution data and neighborhood -level mortality rates; whether the Environmental Defense Fund’s data accounts for the unhoused population; how data from the Environmental Defense Fund can drive rulemaking and land use decisions; whether the Air District is sharing its data with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; the status of the West Oakland Community Action Plan; Board members’ requests for the Air District’s “Best Practices for Centering Environmental Justice, Health, and Equity”, published in April 2023, in the Air District’s 2022 California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; and how the work of the Environmental Defense Fund is pertinent to land use development.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Public comments were given by Suzy M; and Belinda Dobbs.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Chair Bauters thanked Air District staff for engaging with the residents from the SRO that was represented in person and gave public comments during Item 6. He suggested that the Air District inquires whether the building’s manager can help residents who are interested in completing applications for air filters.

Chair Hurt announced that an Implementation Working Group, consisting of external stakeholders, formed to support the recently-adopted amendments to Rules 9-4 and 9-6 (to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides from residential and commercial furnaces and water heaters in buildings in the Bay Area), will meet on May 23, 2023. The meeting will discuss ground rules, processes, objectives, public concerns, and vision principles. Not a public meeting.

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

Veronica Eady, now Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs (formerly Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity), announced the following:

- The Air District’s Community Advisory Council will meet at California State University, East Bay, Oakland Center, on May 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) created an equity group which discusses air district equity programs in California.
- In May, the Air District observes Jewish American Heritage Month and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- On May 18, 2023, the Air District will host “A Conversation with Amy Tan.” Amy Tan is an award-winning American author and will discuss her experiences as a daughter of immigrants, growing up in the Bay Area, and her career as an author. Not a public event.
- On May 24, 2023, the Air District will host a discussion on the documentary, *14 Peaks, Nothing is Impossible*, available on Netflix. The themes of environmentalism, sustainability, perseverance, and cultural pride will be discussed. Not a public event.

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 also be webcast for members of the public.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards