

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee
Wednesday, October 18, 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*

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Chairperson Davina Hurt; Vice Chair Katie Rice; Board Chair John J. Bauters; and Director John Gioia.

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): Director Erin Hannigan.

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

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Brian Barnacle, Joelle Gallagher, Nate Miley, and Steve Young.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

Public Comments

Public comments were given by "Call-In User_1".

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Rice made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to **approve** Minutes of the Community, Equity, Health & Justice Committee of September 20, 2023; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEM

4. **AUTHORIZATION FOR YEAR 3 OF THE JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Aneesh Rana, Senior Staff Specialist, and Elinor Mattern, Senior Staff Specialist in the Community Engagement Office, gave the staff presentation, *Recommendation for Board Action to Authorize Execution of Contract Amendments for Year 3 of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program*, including: requested action; outline; James Cary Smith; background on grant program; adjustment to grant program; current grant cycle; how grantees are building local capacity; program components; program evaluation findings; Year 3 of the program; grantee perspectives; and requested action.

Members from community grantees, Earth Team and Rise South City, gave perspectives on their experiences about their awarded projects.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by “Call-In User_1”.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the most challenging aspects of the work of the grantees (present during the presentation); and whether the students at Urban Promise Academy (in Oakland), who have advocated for the reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions from residential and commercial furnaces in buildings in the Bay Area at previous a Board meeting, are associated with either of the grantees present during the presentation.

Committee Action

Board Chair Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to recommend that the Board **authorizes** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) 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 **approve** the cumulative Year 3 grant amount in a not to exceed amount of \$1,688,575, to allow eligible grantees to begin the final year of the three-year grant program; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. PATH TO CLEAN AIR, RICHMOND-NORTH RICHMOND-SAN PABLO, COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN (CERP) DRAFT PROPOSED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

Dr. Wendy Goodfriend, Planning and Climate Protection Division Director, and Diana Ruiz, Community Engagement Manager, gave the staff presentation, *Path to Clean Air Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Draft Proposed Strategies and Actions*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; overview: the Path to Clean Air; goals of the Path to Clean Air CERP; strategy development process; community concerns and cross-cutting issues; strategies and actions overview; example strategies the Air District will lead during implementation; proposed rules and rule-related actions; Community Steering Committee (CSC) priorities and insights; and next steps and timeline.

Two members of the CSC Problems to Solutions Ad Hoc Committee, Dr. Niyi Omotoso and Nancy Aguirre, shared the priorities and insights from the CSC on the strategies and actions.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by “Call-In User_1, “ and Marisol Cantu, Richmond Progressive Alliance.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Committee’s appreciation for the work of the CSC members for the past two years and community empowerment, and the Committee’s anticipation of the proposed strategies and actions to be implemented.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) RETREAT RECAP

CAC Co-Chair Latasha Washington shared highlights from the CAC Retreat on September 14-15, 2023, including a video that captured the retreat.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Committee’s appreciation for the Air District bringing voices that haven’t been historically involved in public health policy and regulation discussions “to the table”; the term

“Communities of Concentrated Affluence”; and the Committee’s appreciation for the CAC members for constituting themselves during a time of significant change at the Air District.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by “Call-In User_3”.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Tim Williams, Acting Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs (from October 2 to October 29, 2023), gave the following remarks:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure. The National Institute of Health observed an additional 8% increase in breast cancer incidents in those who live in areas with higher Particulate Matter_{2.5} exposure, thus making the Air District’s work relevant to this cause. Early detection is essential, and testing is encouraged, especially those living in vulnerable populations.
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month is observed each October to commemorate the many contributions of people with disabilities to America’s workplaces and economy. The theme for NDEAM 2023 is “Advancing Access and Equity.”

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards