

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Mobile Source & Climate Impacts Committee
Wednesday, October 11, 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:** Mobile Source & Climate Impacts Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Myrna Melgar, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center (375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Chairperson Myrna Melgar; Vice Chairperson Sergio Lopez; and Directors Juan Gonzalez, Lynda Hopkins, and Ray Mueller.

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 John Gioia.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee, 70 W Hedding Street, East Wing, 10th Floor, San Jose, California 95110): Director Otto Lee.

Absent: Board Chairperson John J. Bauters; and Directors David Hudson, Shamann Walton, and Steve Young.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MOBILE SOURCE AND CLIMATE IMPACTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2023**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

Director Gonzalez noted that Item 5, Projects And Contracts With Proposed Grant Awards Over \$500,000, stated, “Carl Moyer Program/Obile Source...” but should be changed to “Carl Moyer Program/Mobile Source...”. The Clerk stated that that correction would be made.

Committee Action

Director Gonzalez made a motion, seconded by Director Hopkins, to **approve** the amended Minutes of the Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee meeting of June 14, 2023; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Gioia, Gonzalez, Hopkins, Lee, Lopez, Melgar, Mueller.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Bauters, Hudson, Walton, Young.

ACTION ITEMS

4. **PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS WITH PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS OVER \$500,000**

Clair Keleher, Senior Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Projects and Contracts with Proposed Awards Over \$500,000*, including; outcome; outline; Carl Moyer Program/Mobile Source Incentive Fund (CMP/MSIF), Community Air Protection Program (CAPP), and Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER); Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA); Reformulated Gas Settlement Funds (RFG) Zero-Emission Grant Program; proposed projects; incentive funds awarded and remaining since July 2023 by project category and county; benefits to priority areas since July 2023; and actions requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the desire to see funding allocations more geographically balanced in the future; the manner in which low-income areas are prioritized into the application evaluation process; whether applicants have access to matching funds for their projects; and whether the motor vehicle registration surcharge fee with 40% of funds distributed to the nine Bay Area congestion management agencies includes electric vehicles (EV) or solely combustion vehicles.

Committee Action

Director Gonzalez made a motion, seconded by Director Hopkins, to recommend the Board **approve** recommended projects with proposed grant awards over \$500,000; and **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Gioia, Gonzalez, Hopkins, Lee, Lopez, Melgar, Mueller.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Bauters, Hudson, Walton, Young.

5. **PARTICIPATION IN 2023-2024 FUNDING AGRICULTURAL REDUCTION MEASURES FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS (FARMER) INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Adriana Kolev, Senior Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Participation in FARMER Incentive Program Year 23-24*, including; action items; outline; FARMER Program; FARMER Year 23-24; and funding; requested actions.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the FARMER program is the only funding program that requires an Air District resolution authorizing the Air District's participation (accepting State funds), or whether that is required for all funding programs.

Committee Action

Director Mueller made a motion, seconded by Director Hopkins, to recommend the Board **authorize** the Air District to accept, obligate, and expend up to \$3.4 million in the new Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State funds from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the FARMER program; **adopt** a resolution to authorize the Air District's participation in the FARMER program; and **authorize** the Executive Officer/APCO to enter into all agreements necessary to accept, obligate, and expend this funding, and to execute grant agreements and amendments for projects with individual grant award amounts up to \$500,000; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Gioia, Gonzalez, Hopkins, Lee, Lopez, Melgar, Mueller.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Bauters, Hudson, Walton, Young.

6. **UPDATES TO THE TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR 40% FUND POLICIES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING (FYE) 2025 AND A REQUEST FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF A COST-EFFECTIVENESS LIMIT FOR A FYE 2024 PROJECT**

Dr. Minda Berbeco, Manager in the Strategic Incentives Division, gave the staff presentation *Proposed Updates to the Transportation Fund for Clean Air 40% Fund Policies for Fiscal Year Ending 2025*, including; action item; outline; background; timeline for update to FYE 2025 policies; equity; summary of proposed updates for FYE 2025; next steps for future cycles; request for consideration of a cost-effectiveness limit (Policy #3); and recommendation.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the advantages and disadvantages of providing subgrantees (including projects that are directly sponsored by the administering agencies) with an extended 24 months to commence their projects (policy #6); regarding Alameda County Transportation Commission & City of Hayward's Request for Consideration of a Cost Effectiveness Limit of \$250,000/ton (Policy #3), whether other programs have other values for cost effectiveness measures and how the value of \$250,000 was determined); reasons for removing and then adding back the consideration for cost-effectiveness; emissions reduction that are anticipated from arterial management/signal synchronization projects; concern about whether the aforementioned project in Hayward conflicts with the Air District's objectives; Policy #3 (Eligible Projects and Case-by-Case Approval) and whether Bay Area counties may bring forth requested project exemptions; and the desire for a metric for long-term health and wellness benefits for bike and pedestrian transit (provide additional valuations beyond cost effectiveness).

Committee Action

Director Gonzalez made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to recommend the Board **approve** proposed updates to the Transportation Fund for Clean Air 40% Fund Policies for Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2025; and **approve** the proposed cost-effectiveness limit to enable Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) to award FYE 2024 TFCA 40% funds to an arterial management project; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Gioia, Gonzalez, Hopkins, Lopez, Melgar, Mueller.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Bauters, Hudson, Lee, Walton, Young.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 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 meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards