

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

### **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, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Temazcal Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson John Gioia; Committee Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo; and Director Nate Miley.

Absent: Directors Joelle Gallagher and Shamann Walton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2024**

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

None.

#### Committee Action

Director Corzo made a motion, seconded by Director Miley, to **approve** Minutes of the Special Community, Equity, Health & Justice Committee of April 22, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Corzo, Gioia, Miley.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gallagher, Walton.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **4. MARIE HARRISON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

Ariann Harrison, Founder and Executive Director of the Marie Harrison Community Foundation (MHCF), and Daniel Madrigal, Senior Staff Specialist in the Community Engagement Office, gave the presentation *Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Update*, including: outcome; outline; presentation for information only; Marie Harrison Community Foundation; Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship; scholarship goals; Year One scholarship review and recipients; Year two; and feedback requested.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Tanya Randell, MHCF; and Dominic Ramirez, MHCF.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed eligible applicants; the number of available scholarships available in Year 2; the request for a scholarship flyer for Board members to circulate within their jurisdictions; interviews panelists; and the source of Air District funding for this contract.

#### **Committee Action**

No action taken.

### **5. AIR MONITORING DATA FOR BAY AREA COMMUNITIES**

Dr. Kate Hoag, Measurement & Meteorology Assistant Manager, gave the staff presentation *Air Monitoring Data for Bay Area Communities*, including: outcome; outline; presentation for information only; air pollution; types of air monitoring; monitoring approach needs to match goal; regulatory ambient air monitoring; source-oriented air monitoring; targeted air monitoring projects; longer-term air sensor networks; publicly available air sensor data; improving data accessibility; examples (air monitoring data inventory, resource guide for data websites, Bay Air Center Resource Library); using air monitoring data; examples (Community PM<sub>2.5</sub> sensor network, StoryMap for Path to Clean Air Community Air Monitoring Plan, real-time data during incidents); upcoming data accessibility work; future directions; and feedback requested.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

## Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed a request for the Air District’s chart depicting “Ambient Air Monitoring Reference Guide for the Richmond-North Richmond- San Pablo Area” to be made easier to find on the Air District’s website, and the desire for similar charts of the other three Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Bay Area communities; whether the Air District deploys unmanned aerial vehicles for air monitoring; stationary air monitoring equipment costs; the manner in which a community-based organization first partners with the Air District; the locations of long-term air sensors; whether completed air monitoring data inventories are available on the Air District’s website; whether the designated AB 617 communities are typically the most impacted in a given Bay Area sub-region; the desire for air monitoring data to be communicated in a meaningful way for the public; the request for a primer regarding air monitoring for the public; and whether the Air District’s website homepage shows one umbrella link to all monitors (not only those belonging to the Air District.)

## Committee Action

No action taken.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

No requests received.

### **7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Corzo thanked Air District staff for its air monitoring work, and for helping people recognize that their health may be impacted by air pollution.

### **8. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

Miriam Torres, Acting Deputy Executive Officer for Equity and Community Programs, made the following announcements:

- The Air District’s Board of Directors adopted the Path to Clean Air Community Emissions Reduction Plan for Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo on May 1, 2024. The plan covers the cities of Richmond and San Pablo and several unincorporated areas in Contra Costa County, including North Richmond, that are impacted by air pollution sources including fuel refining, ships, marine terminals, industrial manufacturing facilities, railways, vehicle and freight traffic. According to CalEnviroScreen 4.0, several communities in the Path to Clean Air area rank in the 90th percentile of pollution burden, some of the highest in California. A 2018 Contra Costa Health Services study shows that asthma rates in the county are higher on average than in the rest of the state and are especially high for children and Black residents. The California Resources Board will consider the plan for approval later this year.
- The Air District’s Community Advisory Council’s Environmental Justice Policy Ad Hoc Committee will continue working with staff on elements of the Air District’s Strategic Plan.

- The next meeting of the Air District’s Community Advisory Council will be held on May 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Trans Pacific Center – California State University, East Bay, Oakland Professional Development & Conference Center, 1000 Broadway, Suite 109 – Grand Lake Conference Room, Oakland CA 94607
- The Air District’s Clean Heating Efficiently with Electric Technology, or Clean HEET Program, began accepting applications for grants that can help to offset the cost of switching from a wood-burning stove or fireplace insert to an electric heat pump in March 2024, and has been extended until July 2024. The program is designed to improve air quality in communities by replacing polluting wood-burning heating devices with cleaner heating options. Phase 1 of the program will end on May 15, 2024.
- The Port of Oakland celebrated the official dedication of the NorCal ZERO project at a new hydrogen fueling station on May 2, 2024. The trucks, which have a range of more than 400 miles on a single fill of hydrogen, primarily operate in drayage service hauling freight and cars to destinations in the Bay Area and the Central Valley. The trucks refuel at the recently opened, high-capacity and high-throughput liquid hydrogen fueling station built and operated by FirstElement Fuel. The hydrogen station has a storage capacity of 18,000 kilograms, which will support more than 200 trucks a day. A portion of the funding (\$7 M) was provided by the Air District.
- The Air District will resume its Vehicle Buy Back program on July 1, 2024. The Vehicle Buy Back Program is a voluntary program that takes older, high-polluting vehicles off the road that would otherwise likely remain in operation. Eligible vehicles 1998 or older will be purchased and scrapped by approved Air District dismantlers, Environmental Engineering Studies and Pick-n-Pull. If your vehicle meets all program requirements, the dismantler will buy and scrap your vehicle and provide you with a \$1,500 check.

**9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

At the end of the meeting, the next meeting of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee was to be held on June 12, 2024. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 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.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
Marcy Hiratzka  
Clerk of the Boards