

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee
Wednesday, July 17, 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*

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson John Gioia; Committee Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo; and Directors Mark Salinas and Shamann Walton.

Absent: Directors Joelle Gallagher.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2024**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Corzo, to **approve** Minutes of the Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee of May 8, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEM

4. **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW CAC MEMBERS**

CAC Co-Chairperson, Mayra Pelagio, gave the presentation *CAC Recommendation for New CAC Members*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; Sejal Babaria; Patrick Messac; Dominick Ramirez; creation; prior to first meeting; outreach; applications; and selected applicants.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the diversity of the current Council Members; and appreciation for staff preparing a recruitment that generated so much interest.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Corzo, to recommend the Board of Directors **appoint** the following individuals to the Community Advisory Council, effective September 4, 2024: Sejal Babaria, Alameda County seat for 2 years; Patrick Messac, Alameda County seat for 2 years; Dominick Ramirez, Youth seat for 2 years; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE ON THE MARCH 21, 2024 AND MAY 16, 2024 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

CAC Co-Chairperson, Ken Szutu, gave the presentation *Overview of the March 21 and May 16 Community Advisory Council Meetings*, including: requested action; outline; introduction of CAC Co-Chairs; March 21, 2024 CAC meeting action and informational items; and May 16, 2024 CAC meeting action and informational items.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed appreciation for the Council Co-Chairs.

Committee Action

No action taken.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Alexander Crockett, General Counsel, gave the staff presentation *Environmental Justice Law Fellowship Program*, including: outcome; outline; presentation for information only; program overview; content of program; eligibility and selection criteria; outreach, recruitment, and selection; naming opportunity; and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether a person is eligible to apply *before* earning their State Bar of California License; whether fellows will receive Air District fringe benefits; funding sources for this program, and how the program would be financially sustained over time; the suggestion of collecting donations or raising funds through a non-profit organization to fund this program; the suggestion of recruiting fellows as early as college undergraduates; the maximum number of fellows per year; and appreciation for providing opportunities for new environmental law attorneys.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

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

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer for Equity and Community Programs, announced that the inaugural three-year grant cycle of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program is currently underway; Year 2 launched in 2023, and Year 3 launched in 2024. \$6.6 M is being awarded to 33 grantees in this third and final year. The Air District is evaluating the program and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the California Endowment’s “Building healthy Communities” (ten-year) program, and how its legacy in capacity building empowered disadvantaged communities and community-based organizations.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards