

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 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, and Justice Committee (Committee) Vice Chairperson, Noelia Corzo, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo; and Director Shamann Walton.

Present, In-Person (Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Crystal Conference Room, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Absent: Chairperson John Gioia; and Director Mark Salinas.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 17, 2024**

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

None.

### Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Corzo, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of July 17, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **4. JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE**

Aneesh Rana and Elinor Mattern, Senior Staff Specialists in the Community Engagement Office, along with community grantee representatives Larisa Casillas, Program Director of Leadership Development, and Advocacy for Urban Habitat, and Ken Szutu, Founder and Director of the Citizen Action Monitoring Network, gave the presentation *James Cary Smith Community Grant Program Update*, including: presentation for information only; outline; James Cary Smith; James Cary Smith Grant Program; background on grant program; current grant cycle; 2021-2022 James Cary Smith Community Grant awardees; approaches to building capacity; program components; evaluation findings; upcoming request for applications; next steps; and grantee perspectives from Urban Habitat and Citizen Air Monitoring Network of Vallejo.

#### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Sharon Quach, Breathe California; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and Kevin Jefferson, Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chair.

#### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether grant awards have increased since community grant programs were consolidated and realigned in 2021, and lessons learned since 2021; whether the previous grant cycle was competitive; appreciation for the Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute; the recruitment process for the Clean Air Monitoring Network's Clean Air Ambassador program; and grantees' perspectives on engagement with Air District staff.

#### Committee Action

No action taken.

5. **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE ON THE JULY 25, 2024 CAC MEETING**

Community Advisory Council Co-Chair, John Kevin Jefferson III, gave the presentation *Overview of the July 25, 2024 Community Advisory Council Special Meeting*, including: outcome and outline; July 25, 2024 CAC Special Meeting; and reflections on the benefits of collaboration on the Strategic Plan.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the CAC’s reaction to the Air District’s Draft Strategic Plan; and the CAC and Air District’s progressive leadership in cleaning the air.

Committee Action

No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

No requests received.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

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

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs, announced the following:

- The Air District annually observes Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, recognizing the culture, history, and contributions of Latin American communities.
- The Air District’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office is developing an action plan to support efforts that support diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, which is in alignment with the Air District’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. As the action plan is implemented, updates on the plan will be presented to this committee.

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

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Stationary Source 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 1:53 p.m.

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