

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 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, and Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

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

Present, In-Person (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Offices, 500 County Center - 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063): Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo.

Absent: None.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 3 – 4)

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The Committee approved the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024.

4. **AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN RUANO HERNANDEZ TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION (AGU) CONFERENCE**

At the recommendation of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chairs, the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee approved CAC Member Kevin Ruano Hernandez for out-of-state travel to the American Geophysical Union Conference: What’s Next for Science from December 9-13, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Director Salinas, to **approve** the Consent Calendar, Items 3 and 4, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5. **ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 PROGRAM UPDATE**

Suma Peesapati, Environmental Justice and Community Engagement Officer/Non-Discrimination Coordinator, Karissa White, Staff Specialist II, Aneesh Rana, Senior Staff Specialist, and Daniel Madrigal, Senior Staff Specialist, gave the joint staff presentation *Assembly Bill 617 Program Update*, including: outline; about AB 167; AB 617 in the Bay Area community steering committees (CSC) and community leadership; Richmond – North Richmond – San Pablo background and CSC; community concerns in the Path to Clean Air (PTCA) Plan; example actions in the PTCA Plan; Richmond – North Richmond – San Pablo CSC milestones; resources; East Oakland background and CSC; East Oakland CSC milestones; resources; Bayview Hunters Point/ Southeast San Francisco background and CSC; Bayview Hunters Point/ Southeast San Francisco CSC milestones completed; and resources.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Arieann Harrison, Marie Harrison Community Foundation; and Jeffrey Kilbreth, Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the designated Bay Area AB 617 communities (CSCs) collaborate or conduct their work separately from each other; whether there are youth components to each AB 617 CSC, criteria for youth to participate, tasks of the youth CSC members, and whether an AB 617 CSC's proposed Community Emissions Reduction Plan may be incorporated into a city or county's existing climate action plan; whether the air quality monitors in AB 617 communities are controlled by the Air District of the regulated community; the importance of elected officials routinely being kept apprised of the activities of regulatory agencies; and needs in disadvantaged communities outside of the four designated AB 617 Bay Area communities, and the number of communities that desire to become designated AB 617 communities.

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:

- **Proposed Organizational Restructure of Air District Equity and Community** – The Board's Finance and Administration Committee approved FYE 2025 mid-year budget and staffing adjustments on November 6th. Specifically, the Finance and Administration Committee is recommending approval of the allocation of up to 9% of Community the new Community Investment Office, which will include funding three new Full-Time Equivalents and three new Limited-Term Contract Employees to implement the penalty policy and direct funds to impacted communities. The Air District is looking forward to accelerating the disbursement of the Community Benefit Penalty fund and getting these monies out in the community.
- The next **Community Advisory Council** meets next Thursday, November 21st at 375 Beale St. Agendized for this meeting are the following items:
 - The Council will consider approving the final version of "A Call to Action: Charting a New Course Towards Environmental Justice at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District," developed by the Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Ad Hoc Committee and;

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

Wednesday, December 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 Meeting members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards