

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 15, 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:** Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Vicki Veenker, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center (375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson Vicki Veenker; Committee Vice Chairperson Sergio Lopez; and Directors Juan González III, and Katie Rice.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor Ken Carlson, 2255 Contra Costa Blvd., Suite 202, Pleasant Hill, California, 94523): Director Ken Carlson.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, 1st Floor CEO BOS Conference Room, Redwood City, California, 94063): Director Noelia Corzo.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga and Erin Hannigan.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2024**

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

### Committee Comments

None.

### Committee Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of March 20, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, Gallagher, Gonzalez, Lopez, Rice, Veenker.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Corzo, Hannigan.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 4. **TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR REGIONAL FUND POLICIES & EVALUATION CRITERIA COMMENCING FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2025**

Linda Hui, Supervising Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund Policies & Evaluation Criteria Commencing Fiscal Year Ending 2025*, including: action item; outline; Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) background; public outreach process; proposed updates; and recommendation.

### Public Comments

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

### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed fluctuation of the TFCA cost-effectiveness limit over time; whether diesel trucks replacement projects are eligible for TFCA funding; cost-effectiveness for diesel truck replacement projects; how frequently TFCA policies are evaluated; advantages and disadvantages of reverting the amount of time in which a grantee must commence a project from 24 to 12 months (Policy #8: Readiness; whether a project's timeline may be extended beyond 12 months if a grantee experiences a problem; whether there is uptime requirement electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects; whether any of the policies address post-project maintenance; appreciation for upgrades from Class III or Class II (non-buffered) to Class II buffered bike line as an eligible project category (Policy #32: Bikeways); appreciation for updating the evaluation criteria to prioritize projects in communities identified through the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 process communities; whether Class IV protected bike lanes are eligible projects; the increase of the maximum cost-effectiveness (Policy #23: On-Road Zero- and Partial-Zero-Emissions Vehicles); the fact that experimental techniques may not be cost-effective but may be helpful in Research and Development (what proportion of experimental techniques are going to high cost-effective projects versus low cost-effective ones); and whether the Air District funds advanced demonstration projects.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Corzo was noted present at 1:11 p.m.

### Committee Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Rice, to recommend the Board of Directors **approve** the proposed updates to the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Regional Fund Policies and Evaluation Criteria Commencing Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gonzalez, Lopez, Rice, Veenker.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Hannigan.

### 5. **PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS WITH PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS OVER \$500,000 AND SOLICITATION FOR ELECTRIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Dr. Chad White, Supervising Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Projects and Contracts with Grant Awards Over \$500,000 & Solicitation for Electric Charging Infrastructure*, including: outcome; outline; Carl Moyer Program (CMP)/Mobile Source Incentive Fund (MSIF), Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives, and Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER); TFCA; proposed projects; incentive funds awarded and remaining since July 2023, by project category and county; benefits to priority areas since July 2023; infrastructure solicitation – background, eligible categories, proposed process, proposed selection criteria; 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 cost-effectiveness of tractor replacement projects; the Air District’s definition of “sensitive receptors”; the Air District’s Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) program; and needs of applicants versus needs of impacted communities.

### Committee Action

Director Rice made a motion, seconded by Director González, to recommend the Board of Directors:

1. Approve recommended projects with proposed grant awards over \$500,000;
2. 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 the projects; and
3. Approve the process and selection criteria for the competitive solicitation for electric charging infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment.

The motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gonzalez, Lopez, Rice, Veenker.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Hannigan.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

### **6. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *State Legislative Update*, including: presentation for information only; outline; Air District-sponsored and co-sponsored bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 1465 Wicks – Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties; AB 2298 (Hart, et al.) – coastal resources: voluntary vessel speed reduction and sustainable shipping program; Senate Bill (SB) 382 (Becker) – single family residential property: disclosures; SB 1095 (Becker) – Cozy Homes Cleanup Act: building standards: gas-fuel-burning appliances; other bills of interest: AB 817 (Pacheco) – open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body; AB 1894 (Ta); nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties; AB 2522 (Carrillo – South Coast Air Quality Management District: district board: compensation; AB 2760 (Muratsuchi) – Lower Emissions Equipment at Seaports and Intermodal Yards Program; AB 2851 (Bonta) – metal shredding facilities: fenceline air quality monitoring; AB 2958 (Calderon) – State Air Resources Board: board members: compensation; SB 537 (Becker) – open meetings; multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences; SB 674 (Gonzalez) – air pollution: refineries: community air monitoring systems: fenceline monitoring systems; SB 1031 (Wiener) – San Francisco Bay Area; local revenue measure: transportation improvements; SB 1158 (Archuleta) – Carl Moyer Program Air Quality Standards Attainment Program; SB 1193 (Menjivar) – airports: leaded aviation gasoline; SB 1298 (Cortese) – certification of thermal powerplants: data centers; and State Budget update FY 2024-25.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed whether the Air District anticipates challenges regarding AB 2522 (Carrillo); anticipated action regarding recently amended Senate Bill (SB) 1298 (Cortese), and whether there is anything more that the Air District can do to oppose or change it; increased deficit projections in the May Revision to the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 State Budget (whether General Fund monies will be shifted to Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and climate-related funds); and requests for future updates on SB 1031 (Wiener).

#### **Committee Action**

No action taken.

**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, July 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Policy, Grants, and Technology 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 2:49 p.m.

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