

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 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:** 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, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson Vicki Veenker; Committee Vice Chairperson Sergio Lopez; and Directors Ken Carlson, Noelia Corzo, and Katie Rice.

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

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Juan González III, Erin Hannigan.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 10, 2024**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Corzo, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of July 10, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEMS

4. **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSITION 4, THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS, AND CLEAN AIR BOND ACT OF 2024**

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *Consideration of Proposition 4 (2024)*, including: action requested; Proposition 4 (2024); key goals of Proposition 4 bond funds; fiscal effects; and recap: action requested.

NOTED PRESENT: Vice Chair Lopez was noted present at 1:06 p.m.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Stephen Rosenblum, Palo Alto resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether Air District staff recommends that the Board supports this proposition; whether the passage of the proposition reduce future funding for the Air District; the manner in which the bond measures within Proposition 4 (2024) would be implemented, should it be passed; the definition of “water resilience”; potential local and State savings if funding prevents disasters; the period of time over which the bond funds be paid out, and whether the and is these funding allocation amounts may be adjusted; the request for Air District staff to report to the Committee how the funds were allocated (even funds not pertaining to air quality), if the proposition passes; and the desire to endorse bills regarding wildfire prevention and resilience.

Committee Action

Director Rice made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to recommend the Board of Directors take a SUPPORT position on California Proposition 4, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, appearing on the November 5, 2024, Statewide General Election Ballot; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

5. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR RECOMMENDED PROJECTS WITH PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS OVER \$500,000**

Chengfeng Wang, Manager in the Strategic Incentives Division, gave the staff presentation *Authorization to Execute Grant Agreements for Recommended Projects with Proposed Grant Awards Over \$500,000*, including: action items; outline; primary grant funding sources for Fiscal Year Ending (FYE 2025); Mobile Source Incentive programs: solicitations; cost effectiveness (CE) of mobile source projects; proposed project; Mobile Source Incentive programs: funding status summary (7/1/24 to 8/19/24); and recommendations.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Stephen Rosenblum, Palo Alto resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed cost-effectiveness of zero-emission replacement projects; and whether Air District staff believes that the goal of allocating least 80% of \$113.6 million (for reward in FYE 2025) to clean air projects that benefit priority communities will occur.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Rice, to recommend the Board of Directors approve the award of state and local incentive funding for one project with a proposed grant award in excess of \$500,000 and authorize the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to execute a grant agreement for the recommended project; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Abbs gave the staff presentation *State Legislative Update*, including: action requested; summary; Air District-sponsored and co-sponsored bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 1465 (Wicks) – Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties, AB 2298 (Hart, et al.) – coastal resources: Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies program, Senate Bill (SB) 382 (Becker) – single family residential property: disclosures; Board-approved position bills: AB 2522 (Carrillo) – air districts: governing boards: compensation, AB 2851 (Bonta) – metal shredding facilities: fenceline air quality monitoring, AB 2958 (Calderon) – California

State Air Resources Board (CARB): board members: compensation, SB 674 (Gonzalez) – air pollution: covered facilities: community air monitoring systems: fence-line monitoring systems, 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; other bills of interest: SB 1234 (Allen) – hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities, AB 98 (J. Carrillo) – Planning and zoning: logistics use: truck routes, AB 180 (Gabriel) – Budget Act of 2024 (Budget Bill Junior), AB 218 (Committee on Budget) – Oil and gas: trailer bill; AB 1122 (Bains) – Commercial harbor craft: equipment, A 1296 (Grayson) – Bar pilots; regulation of vessels, AB 2401 (Ting) – Clean Cars 4 All program; AB 2561 (McKinnor) – Local public employees: vacant positions, SB 310 (Dodd) – Prescribed fire: civil liability: cultural burns, SB 950 (Skinner) – Energy: transportation fuels: inventories: turnaround and maintenance; and Special Session bills: ABX2-1 (Hart and Aguiar-Curry) – Energy: transportation fuels: inventories: turnaround and maintenance.

The Committee then received an update on the Governor’s call for a Special Session of the Legislature to address California’s gasoline supply and gas price spikes.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Stephen Rosenblum, Palo Alto resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the reasons that the South Coast Air Quality Management District desires that the Governor veto AB 2851 (Bonta), and whether the Bay Area Air Quality Management District plans to be involved in any next steps with this bill; and whether the vetoing of SB 674 (Gonzalez) may affect the Community Air Protection program, and what next steps might be to reintroduce to the Legislature.

Committee Action

No action taken.

7. CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Viet Tran, Deputy Executive Officer of Public Affairs, gave the staff presentation *California Air Resources Board Activities Update*, including: action requested; outcome; summary; rulemaking – amendments to area designations, zero-emission forklift regulation, Low Carbon Fuel Standard; and update – Cap and Trade program, Community Air Protection program, zero-emission school bus and infrastructure, statewide mobile monitoring initiative, Electrify America (Volkswagen investment), zero-emission vehicles.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how the recently expanded eligible projects under the Community Air Protection program is being communicated to potential recipients; appreciation for zero-emission school buses projects; and the nature of Air District and CARB staff interaction.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards