

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Stationary Source Committee  
Wednesday, February 14, 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:** Stationary Source Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John J. Bauters, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson John J. Bauters; and Director Brian Barnacle.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor, John Gioia, Conference Room, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Directors John Gioia and Steve Young.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Palo Alto, California, 94301): Director Vicki Veenker.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee, 70 W Hedding St., East Wing, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Jose, California, 95110): Director Otto Lee.

Absent: Committee Vice Chair Mark Ross; and Directors Ken Carlson and Lynda Hopkins.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STATIONARY SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

None.

#### **Committee Action**

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Barnacle, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Stationary Source Committee Meeting of November 8, 2023; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barnacle, Bauters, Gioia, Lee, Veenker, Young.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Carlson, Hopkins, Ross.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **4. UPDATE ON SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, WEST OAKLAND, DOING BUSINESS AS (DBA) RADIUS RECYCLING**

John Marvin, Compliance & Enforcement Division Manager, gave the staff presentation *Update on Schnitzer Steel Industries, West Oakland, dba Radius Recycling*, including: outcome; outline; Schnitzer Steel Industries; Schnitzer's metal recycling operations; light fibrous material (LFM); Schnitzer Steel fires; Air District response; permits issued; permits under Air District consideration; emission reduction improvements; Rapid Response Task Force (RRTF) and work with community; and next steps.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and Linda Shaffer, Schnitzer Steel.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed whether fires are more frequent at Schnitzer Steel Industries than at other Bay Area metal recycling operation facilities, and whether LFM is produced at all other Bay Area metal recycling operation facilities; the history of the 2001 and 2021 settlements with Schnitzer Steel Industries, the California Attorney General, Alameda County District Attorney, and Department of Toxic Substances Control ) and the settlements are still being enforced; the reduction of pile sizes, to minimize the chance of fires; the sizes of the fires in 2018 and 2020, in comparison to the 2023 fire;

whether pre-shred scrap piles are feedstock piles that go into a shredder; whether the materials that have been burned in the previous fires are materials that Schnitzer was planning to use; the nature of the fires and factors that made them difficult to extinguish; whether the Air District's regulations address feedstock pile height limitations; potential implications from the request to increase the shipping limit by six (to 32 ship calls per year); the status of the Emissions Minimization Plan required by Rule 6-4 (Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations) that has been submitted by Schnitzer, and how long it may take to implement the proposed changes; whether piles can be enclosed when they burn; whether the battery separation process can be improved to ensure proper removal before metal (former vehicles) is burned; and how Schnitzer's request for a Synthetic Minor Operating Permit that would replace the Title V Operating Permit based on lower limits from abatement equipment, if approved, and their request to increase maximum hourly operating rate at shredder, would intersect.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

### **5. DISCUSSION OF THE METAL RECYCLING AND SHREDDING OPERATIONS WHITE PAPER**

Poornima Dixit, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Rules & Strategic Policy Division gave the staff presentation *Metal Recycling & Shredding Emissions - Evaluation & Recommendations*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background; White Paper development; current rules that mitigate metal recycling emissions; gap analysis of metal recycling emissions rules; potential recommendations; scoping phase of the Reul Development process; and feedback requested.

#### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and Linda Shaffer, Schnitzer Steel.

#### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the agencies that the Air District has partnered with that have jurisdiction over metal recycling facilities to jointly enforce regulations and issue violations when they occur; and the anticipated timeline for public engagement and review of the White Paper.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

No requests received.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Young said that he received positive comments from Benicia constituents regarding the Air District's recent agreements with Chevron and Martinez Refining Company, resulting in an end to the litigation against the agency over its groundbreaking Regulation 6, Rule 5, major emissions reductions from both refineries, unprecedented penalties and other payments of up to \$138 million, and a Richmond-area Community Air Quality Fund. Director Young thanked the Air District for the press conference that was held on February 13, 2024.

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.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.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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