

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Community Advisory Council
Thursday June 30, 2022

**This meeting was conducted pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.
Members of the Council participated by teleconference.**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Randolph Belle of Randolph Belle, Artist (RBA) Creative, started the meeting at 6:01pm as the meeting facilitator. Mr. Belle introduced one of the Community Advisory Council's (Council) three Co-Chairpersons, Latasha Washington. Co-Chair Latasha Washington called the meeting to order and set ground rules for the Council's meeting regarding preparation, communication, distractions, timing, and facilitation.

Present: Dr. Juan Aguilera, Fernando Campos, William Goodwin, Ms. Margaret Gordon, Arieann Harrison, Kevin John Jefferson, Joy Massey, Cecilia Mejia, Hana Mendoza, Rio Molina, Mayra Pelagio, Charles Reed, Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez, Violet Saena, Ken Szutu, and Latasha Washington.

Absent: None.

2. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

The Public Meeting Procedure video was played.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2022

The Council members requested no edits to the Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2022.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

No requests received.

Council Action

Dr. Ritterman made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair Jefferson to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2022, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Dr. Juan Aguilera, Fernando Campos, William Goodwin, Arieann Harrison, Kevin John Jefferson, Cecilia Mejia, Hana Mendoza, Rio Molina, Mayra Pelagio, Charles Reed, Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez, Violet Saena, Ken Szutu, Latasha Washington.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Ms. Margaret Gordon, Joy Massey.

4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN LIEU OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTED PRESENT: Council member Massey was noted present at 6:15 p.m., and Council member Szutu was noted present at 6:19 p.m.

Mr. Belle introduced Council member Ruano Hernandez, who gave the presentation *Community Advisory Council Meeting Land Acknowledgement In Lieu of Pledge of Allegiance*, including Requested Action, What is a Land Acknowledgment?, Why is it important?, Option #1 Land Acknowledgement, Option #2 Land Acknowledgment, and Land Acknowledgment Resources.

Council Comments

Council member Molina asked that the land acknowledgment include all tribes within the Bay Area, and not only the Ohlone.

Co-Chair Jefferson agreed to investigate the different tribes that were here before us and acknowledge them as well.

Council member Goodwin suggested providing information for donations for tribes or organizations that support tribal movements.

Council member Szutu asked why only Native Americans are being acknowledged and not other groups of people.

Co-Chair Jefferson suggested showing a map of the indigenous land.

Council member Szutu agreed with modifying the Pledge of Allegiance, but raised a question because of the phrase, "in lieu of."

Miriam Torres, Air District Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, explained that the Land Acknowledgement does not only recognize the Ohlone people but other communities, as well.

Council member Szutu stated that Asian people were enslaved as well, specifically as slave labor.

Public Comment

No requests received.

Council Action

No vote taken at this time, as Co-Chair Jefferson and Council Members Molina and Ruano Hernandez will work on suggested revisions to the proposed language and bring it back to the Council for consideration of adoption.

7. OVERVIEW OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND HOME AIR FILTRATION PROGRAM

Mr. Belle introduced Joshua Abraham, Senior Staff Specialist, to present the *Overview of Wildfire Mitigation and Home Air Filtration Program*, including Requested Action, Wildfire Air Quality Response Program, Clean Air Filtration (CAF) Program Overview, Program Scope, Impact Prioritized Communities in the Bay Area, Existing Programs, Consultation with EJ Leaders, Proposal, Local Health Centers & Community Partners, Community Based Organization Partnership Additional Parameters, Request for Allocation from Wildfire Mitigation Fund, and Next Steps.

Public Comment

Lonnie Mason, First Generation Environmental Health, and Economic Development, noted that First Generation was responsible for bringing this issue of filters to the public prior to the media becoming involved, and inquired as to why First Generation was not acknowledged or communicated with during the project planning. Mr. Mason shared his frustrations regarding a requested meeting with the Air District for over a year to discuss air filters within Bayview Hunter's Point.

Dr. Raymond Tompkins asked whether the filtration units will be able to remove dust particles, and whether they will remove Particulate Matter_{2.5} or Particulate Matter₁₀.

Damian Breen, Air District Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Operations, stated that the filtration units will be "high efficiency particulate air" (HEPA) filters that remove Particulate Matter_{2.5}.

Dr. Tompkins asked whether the filtration units will be able to be used at high volume and operate for 24 hours consistently. He noted that filters are not effective if they are not changed regularly, for high-risk homes. Staff noted that the Air District will investigate this and supply additional filters to homes who require 24-hour usage.

In response to Mr. Mason's previous comments, LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible, clarified that she did not obtain air filters through the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Ms. Williams stated that the filters were supplied to All Positives Possible from the Air District, to be distributed to Solano County residents.

Council Comments

Council member Harrison also raised a suggestion in the Zoom chat feature to recognize Asians in the Land Acknowledgement and asked about skipping Item #6 in the agenda. Mr. Belle responded in the Zoom chat feature that Item 6 was delayed to allow Air District Board Chairperson, John Bauters, to arrive.

Co-Chair Gordon raised a question about the lack of metrics within Item #7, such as measuring less hospital visits for those who received air filters and requested concrete data about positive impacts.

Council member Pelagio shared her experience as part of groups interviewed, noting that she understands why the program is limited to non-profit organizations, and suggested that the program be expanded to the unhoused. Council member Pelagio asked if the Air District will identify communities in need that are not represented by non-profit organizations. Council member Pelagio thanked staff for a quick turnaround before the wildfire season begins.

Council member Molina asked what oversight powers the Council would have to shape the program criteria.

Council member Harrison shared excitement for the filters, which are in high demand in District 10 of the City of San Francisco. Council member Harrison echoed others' concerns about how to involve small, neighborhood-level groups, she plans to sub-contract and educate them on how to become non-profit organizations.

Council member Goodwin asked whether program awardees must be medically diagnosed with severe asthma.

Council member Mejia asked whether the Air District sent surveys to those who have already received air filters, noting that it can be difficult to obtain physician referrals for home visits.

Council member Reed affirmed Ms. Williams' comment about keeping community programs at grassroots, community level and not taking away from that expertise.

Co-Chair Gordon asked if this program includes the City of Oakland, and whether schools are scheduled to be closed during the installation of the filtration units.

Council member Saena asked whether the cost of filter replacements is also included in the budget, as they are expensive. Staff stated that there is room in the budget for filter replacements.

Council member Mejia asked whether applicants for the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program will need to show proof of Assembly Bill 617 designation or proof of being low-income. Staff stated that the Air District will assist those who qualify as low-income with the application process.

Council member Szutu wanted to be sure that the Regional Asthma Mitigation and Prevention Program (RAMP) is available to all people in all Bay Area Counties, specifically Vallejo. Staff stated that RAMP does not presently cover every part of the Bay Area.

Co-Chair Gordon asked whether the filters are only for patients who have asthma and respiratory problems, or whether those with low-income zip codes who are in “hot spots” can also qualify. Staff stated that the Air District aims to target those with respiratory issues and those who are at risk by living/working in “hot spots.”

Co-Chair Gordon stated that this language should be clearly included in the presentation and reiterated the importance of providing data to the public.

Council member Molina asked how health centers can determine whether patients qualify for this program. Co-Chair Jefferson suggested bringing all of the various community partners together and discussing ways to expand and synergize this program.

Council member Goodwin asked whether only Medi-Cal recipients can qualify for the program. Council member Goodwin also recommended that the Air District partners with schools to ensure greater outreach. Staff stated that the program is not limited to Medi-Cal recipients only.

Council Action

Co-Chair Washington made a motion, seconded by Council Member Massey, to approve and recommend the proposed program strategy for the \$1 million Wildfire Mitigation Designation to the Board of Directors, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Dr. Juan Aguilera, Fernando Campos, William Godwin, Ms. Margaret Gordon, Ariann Harrison, Kevin John Jefferson, Joy Massey, Cecilia Mejia, Hana Mendoza, Rio Molina, Mayra Pelagio, Charles Reed, Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez, Violet Saena, Ken Szutu, and Latasha Washington.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

8. SELECTION OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) WORKPLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023

Mr. Belle gave the presentation *Selection of Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop The Community Advisory Council (CAC) Workplan For Fiscal Year (FY) 2023*, including Requested Action, Work Plan Ad-hoc Committee, and Ad-Hoc Committee Selection.

Mr. Belle asked for volunteers for this new ad-hoc committee, and those who volunteered were Council members: Campos, Goodwin, Harrison, Molina, Pelagio, and Szutu.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

None.

Council Action

Co-Chair Washington made a motion, seconded by Council member Ruano-Hernandez, to create an Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Workplan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Dr. Juan Aguilera, William Goodwin, Ms. Margaret Gordon, Ariann Harrison, Kevin John Jefferson, Cecilia Mejia, Hana Mendoza, Rio Molina, Mayra Pelagio, Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez, Violet Saena, and Latasha Washington.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Joy Massey, Charles Reed.

5. UPDATE ON THE SELECTION OF THE AIR DISTRICT'S AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER (APCO)

Mr. Belle introduced the Mayor of Emeryville, John Bauters, Chairperson of the Air District's Board of Directors, who gave the presentation *Update on the Selection of the Air District's Air Pollution Control Officer*, including Presentation Outcome and Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) Hiring Process. Belmont City Council member and Board Vice Chairperson, Davina Hurt, assisted Chair Bauters with this presentation.

Chair Bauters highlighted the three primary phases of the proposed process. During the first phase, the Council will discuss and vote upon its desired qualifications of the APCO, submitting this information to the Board of Directors in writing no later than August 15, 2022. This item is to be presented to the Air District's Board of Directors by September 2022.

Council Comments:

Council member Ruano Hernandez asked to know more about Chair Bauters and Vice Chair Hurt. Council member Molina asked to see the prior job description for the APCO position.

Chair Bauters said that he would find examples for similar job descriptions, but that the prior description for this role was created over 20 years ago and is not updated to reflect current laws.

Council member Mendoza stated that seeing job descriptions from other agencies would be helpful.

Council member Jefferson asked whether the class code for APCO (1B101) has been revised since 2008.

District Counsel, Alexander Crockett, will look into this question.

Public Comment:

Ms. Williams asked for clarification regarding the position and wants to ensure that the Air District is looking into the person's background to see their ability to respect the public's opinion and work with the public to bring benefits to the communities.

Council Comments Continued:

Council member Mendoza asked whether the CAC may be included in the review of the interview questions and job announcement before it is finalized.

Chair Bauters stated that there will be discussions with a consultant to develop interview questions.

Council Action

None; Receive and file.

6. DISCUSS AND DEVELOP A LIST OF DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AIR DISTRICT'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER / AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

Mr. Belle introduced Co-chair Washington, who gave the presentation *Discuss and Develop a List of Desired Qualifications for the Air District's Executive Officer Air Pollution Control Officer*, including Requested Action and Process. Co-chair Washington shared that this is an action item for the Council to develop a list of qualifications for the Air District Board of Directors to consider including in the job description for the Executive Officer / APCO.

Co-chair Washington shared that the list the Council develops will be voted on by the Council, and then presented to the Board of Directors in the form of a letter for the Board's consideration. Co-chair Washington reminded Council members to please avoid qualifications that could discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), national origin, age, or disability.

Council members utilized the virtual platform "Jamboard" to develop their collective desired qualifications of the APCO. Some of the Jamboard-noted qualifications, included integrity, lack of arrogance, experience working with non-profit agencies, knows the difference between equity and equality, high level communication skills, experience working with a CAC, visionary, anti-racist, familiar with Bay Area environmental justice, ability to lead transformative regulatory efforts, knowledge of air quality regulatory and incentive programs, previous experience working with underserved communities and ethnic minorities, lived experience and prioritizing social and racial justice, dynamic and articulate, results-oriented leader, acknowledge racism, understands

urgency to prioritize adaptation measures to climate change, track record of hiring, retaining and promoting staff of color, anticipate issues and policy questions, approachable and receptive to new ideas, high degree of inventiveness, imagination and innovation, uses analytical tools, familiar with diversity, inclusion and equity planning & implementation, acknowledge that white privilege exists, etc.

Staff summarized the Jamboard comments into a list to be voted on by the council.

Public Comments

Ms. Williams asked who has decision making power should staff and CAC recommendations not align.

Council Questions

None.

Council Comments

Interim APCO, Sharon L. Landers, shared suggestions to the Council, stating that “people of color” might be a phrase that triggers legal consequences.

Council member Mendoza shared her concern about “people of color” as a trigger word and asked clarification from the APCO.

Mr. Crockett noted that “people of color” is not suggesting that any race or ethnicity should be promoted over others.

Council member Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair Gordon, to approve the Council’s collaborative list of desired qualifications for the Executive Officer / APCO, to be included in a letter signed by the Community Advisory Council Co-Chairs and submitted to the Air District Board of Directors, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:	Dr. Juan Aguilera, Fernando Campos, William Goodwin, Ms. Margaret Gordon, Kevin John Jefferson, Arieann Harrison, Cecilia Mejia, Hana Mendoza, Rio Molina, Mayra Pelagio, Dr. Jeff Ritterman, Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez, Violet Saena, Ken Szutu, and Latasha Washington.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Joy Massey, Charles Reed.

9. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY AIR QUALITY CONCERNS AT THE ALICE GRIFFITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT, SAN FRANCISCO

This item is to be continued until the next meeting.

10. **AIR DISTRICT'S SERVICES TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED AIR QUALITY CONCERNS – OVERVIEW OF THE AIR QUALITY COMPLAINT PROGRAM AND INVESTIGATION PROCESS**

This item is to be continued until the next meeting.

11. **REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO**

This item is to be continued until the next meeting.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Public Comments:

None.

13. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

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

At the end of the meeting, the time and place of the next meeting was at the call of the Chairpersons. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., via webcast, teleconference, or Zoom, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas 2021).

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

/s/ Briana Turk

Briana Turk, InterEthnica

Reviewed by: Marcy Hiratzka, Clerk of the Boards