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#### **AGENDA: 4**

# Selection of a Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee

Community Advisory Council Special Meeting July 25, 2024

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### **Presentation Outcome**



Formation of a Community Advisory Council (CAC)
 Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee

### **Requested Action**



 Please select CAC Members for a compliance and enforcement ad hoc committee to develop an agenda of compliance and enforcement topics to be discussed during the 2025 CAC meetings.

### **Presentation Outline**



- Air District compliance and enforcement leadership
- Air District compliance and enforcement programs
- Background on CAC compliance and enforcement topics
- Purpose of compliance and enforcement ad hoc committee
- Process of compliance and enforcement ad hoc committee
- Ad hoc committee selection
- Council vote

# Air District Compliance and Enforcement Leadership



- Dr. Meredith Bauer, Deputy Executive Officer of Engineering and Compliance
  - Jeff Gove, Director of Compliance and Enforcement Division
- Greg Nudd, Deputy Executive Officer for Science and Policy
  - Dr. Ranyee Chiang, Director of Meteorology and Measurement (Monitoring and Source Test program)
- Alexander (Sandy) Crockett, General Counsel
  - Alexandra Kamel, Senior Assistant Counsel for Enforcement

#### **Air District Compliance and Enforcement Programs**



Objective: ensure facilities comply with air quality rules and regulations, and hold violators accountable, leveraging cross-divisional input and collaboration.

- Compliance & Enforcement Division: Facility/source inspections and investigations; air quality complaint program.
- Meteorology and Measurement Division: Conduct/review source tests and oversee compliance monitoring.
- Legal: Take appropriate legal action to hold violators accountable.

# Background CAC Compliance and Enforcement Topics



- Since its formation, the CAC has sought to improve community understanding, access, and utilization of the Air District's compliance and enforcement efforts.
- The CAC Co-Chairs and some members worked closely since 2022 with Air District staff on the development of seven (7) presentations covering topics related to the Air District's compliance and enforcement programs.
- On March 21, 2024, the CAC adopted its 2024-2025 Work Plan, which reflects the CAC's priorities and guides the Co-Chairs in selecting agenda items for council meetings.

# Background (cont.) CAC Compliance and Enforcement Topics



Compliance and Enforcement Topics Covered in Previous CAC Meetings

Meeting Date	Item Title
June 30, 2022	<ul> <li>Air District's Services to Address Community-Identified Air Quality Concerns – Overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and Investigation Process (Part I)</li> <li>Update on Community Air Quality Concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco (Part I)</li> </ul>
September 8, 2022	<ul> <li>Air District's Services to Address Community-Identified Air Quality Concerns – Overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and Investigation Process (Part II)</li> <li>Update on Community Air Quality Concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco (Part II)</li> </ul>

# Background (cont.) CAC Compliance and Enforcement Topics



Compliance and Enforcement Topics Covered in Previous CAC Meetings

Meeting Date	Item Title
November 17, 2022	Ideas For Community Engaged Incident Response and Enforcement
July 20, 2023	<ul> <li>Compliance &amp; Enforcement Update: Air Quality Complaint Data and Program Review</li> </ul>
January 18, 2024	Compliance & Enforcement Update: Green Sage Case Study

### Purpose Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee



- The CAC seeks to form a compliance and enforcement ad hoc committee to collaborate with Air District staff and community stakeholders in developing an agenda of compliance and enforcement topics to be discussed during the 2025 CAC meetings.
- Additionally, this ad hoc committee will develop a process to respond to and share real-time compliance and enforcement information on the set of priorities established by the ad hoc committee.

## Process Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee



- The compliance and enforcement ad hoc committee is expected to meet biweekly.
- Council members will be compensated for their time attending meetings, according to the CAC Compensation Policy.
- Currently, up to seven (7) CAC members can serve on the ad hoc committee.
- Ad hoc committee members are allowed to miss three (3) meetings every two (2) consecutive months.



### **QUESTIONS?**



#### AD HOC COMMITTEE SELECTION



#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**



#### PROPOSED MOTION

Form a Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Co-Chair Szutu, Council Member Gordon, Council Member Ritterman, Co-Chair Jefferson (alternate), and Council Member Goodwin (alternate)



#### **COUNCIL VOTE**



#### **RESULTS**



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#### **AGENDA: 5**

### Strategic Plan Update

Community Advisory Council Special Meeting July 25, 2024

Dr. Philip M. Fine Executive Officer/ Air Pollution Control Officer <a href="mailto:pfine@baaqmd.gov">pfine@baaqmd.gov</a>

#### **Presentation Overview**

- Purpose and Scope of Strategic Plan
- Community Advisory Council (CAC) and CAC Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Ad Hoc committee roles
  - CAC's Nine Environmental Justice Priorities
  - CAC EJ Policy Ad Hoc priority areas: data, permitting, enforcement
- Draft Strategic Plan
- Reflections on the Benefits of Collaboration
- Next Steps



#### Strategic Plan: Purpose and Scope

- Purpose
  - Align Board of Directors, Community Advisory Council, staff, and public on mission, vision, values
  - Set goals and objectives for next 5 years
  - Develop strategies
  - Create accountability mechanism
- Scope
  - Focus internally and externally
  - Change how we work
  - Identify new work and provide necessary resources



#### A Vision for Change

- 2024-2029 Strategic Plan provides a new direction for the Air District.
- Unique partnership with community
- Vision for next 5 years:

The Air District will transform its workforce, operations, community engagement, and programs to improve air quality, increase public trust, and demonstrate leadership in equity-centered environmental stewardship.



# EJ Solutions and EJ Priorities are the foundation of the Strategic Plan



Winter – Spring

2023

Desired Impacts of EJ Solutions

September 2023



January 2024

EJ Ad Hoc Strategies and Actions – 3 priority areas



Strategies
Supporting
All 9 EJ
Priorities



Draft Strategic Plan for Review

Summer 2024



#### Partnership with Community Advisory Council

- The EJ Policy Ad Hoc Committee was established by the CAC in September 2022.
- Shared learning about Air District functions and finding common ground on community EJ priorities began in 2023.
- CAC Retreat in September 2023 led to creation of EJ Priorities.
- Conversations among EJ Policy Ad Hoc and DEOs/Division Directors in Fall 2023 led to strategy and action ideas for Strategic Plan.
- Presentation of EJ Priorities to Board of Directors in January 2024 confirmed EJ Priorities as foundation of 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.



#### **Environmental Justice Priorities & Goals**

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#### Goals

Achieve impact

Advance Environmental Justice

Foster cohesion and inclusion

Be an effective, accountable, and customer-oriented organization



### Partnership with CAC EJ Policy Ad Hoc

- Ad Hoc selected three priority areas for strategy and action cocreation:
  - Data collection and usage
  - Permitting
  - Enforcement
- Ad Hoc and Air District Deputy Executive Officers worked together to create strategies and draft initial actions: January April 2024.



### Partnership with CAC EJ Policy Ad Hoc (cont'd)

- Ad Hoc and DEOs collaborated further during May 15 workshop, especially on transformation from regional to local approach to improving air quality.
- Result: 80% of Strategic Plan Strategies support one or more EJ Priorities.



#### Reflections on the Benefits of Collaboration

DEOs and Members of the CAC EJ Policy Ad Hoc committee reflect on their experiences thus far collaborating on EJ strategies and actions.



### Accountability: Resource Alignment and Progress

#### **Resource Alignment**

- Align with the budget process
- Identify resources needed to support priorities

#### **Progress**

- Annual progress report
- Update Strategic Plan every 5 years



### **Accountability:** Action Plans

- Action Plans turn strategies into results on the ground.
- Action Plans will include metrics and milestones.
- Continue action plan development with EJ Ad Hoc in September.
- Actions are already under way in all four Goals.



### Actions already under way: examples

- Changing Approach to Air Quality: regional 

  local
  - Neighborhood-scale modeling of air pollution sources in West Oakland and Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo: identify sources driving exposures
  - Evaluating Purple Air monitoring data for location-specific information
  - Mobile monitoring van sent to Richmond; East Oakland study is next.
- Transparent permit process: developing public dashboard on permit application status.
- Directing penalty funds to community: policy adopted, implementation starting.



#### **Next Steps**

- Public comment open through August 5
- Public workshops July 30 and August 1
- Present to Board of Directors to consider for adoption
   September 4
- Action planning resumes with EJ Ad Hoc in September



#### **Public Comment**



# Questions from Community Advisory Council

