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First meeting of Air District’s Community Advisory Council to be held January 13

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Community Advisory Council will hold its first meeting January 13 at 6 p.m.

In a historic moment, the Air District Board of Directors approved the formation of the Air District’s first Community Advisory Council on November 17, 2021. The Community Advisory Council will advise the Air District’s Board of Directors on environmental justice and equity-based policy and is the first body of its kind at the Bay Area Air District.

“We are excited to launch this new council which brings a community voice to Air District program and policy matters,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “As we continue to build air quality equity by addressing communities most overburdened by pollution, we see the Community Advisory Council as a major step toward resolving these disparities. The input and unique perspectives of representatives and advocates who live, work and are directly affected by air pollution will help lead to better and long-lasting solutions.”

The Community Advisory Council is a Brown Act Committee and consists of 17 community members from across the Bay Area. The councilmembers reflect the diversity of the communities in the Bay Area and the lived experiences of those living in communities heavily impacted by air pollution. The individuals on the council have diverse skill sets and a range of relevant knowledge and technical experience.

The Community Advisory Council was created at the request of the community and will provide input on key Air District initiatives. The Air District is working to support racial equity and environmental justice throughout its work under the direction of Veronica Eady, senior deputy executive officer of policy & equity.

“Environmental injustice is not a thing of the past, but an ongoing challenge in the Bay Area,” said Veronica Eady, senior deputy executive officer of the Air District. “The Community Advisory Council will bring diverse voices from our region’s most impacted communities to the table to address these pollution-based health disparities and inform our equity-forward policy agenda.”

WHAT: First meeting of the Air District’s Community Advisory Council

WHO: Community Advisory Councilmembers

WHEN: Thursday, January 13, 2022, 6 – 9 p.m.

WHERE: Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83545993948>
Webinar ID: 835 4599 3948

The public may join and participate in the CAC meeting via Zoom. The agenda packet may be found here: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/about-the-air-district/community-advisory-council>

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