

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2014

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Chairperson John Avalos called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Present: Chairperson John Avalos; and Directors Susan Adams, Teresa Barrett, John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, Jan Pepper and Mark Ross.

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Ash Kalra; and Director Shirlee Zane.

Also Present: None.

2. Public Comment Period:

NOTED PRESENT: Director Pepper was noted present at 9:38 a.m.

Martin MacKerel addressed the Climate Protection Committee (Committee) regarding the Air Quality Leadership Proposal to commend the progress made and note the need for a greater focus on public health and sustainability through the implementation of a predictable emissions reduction schedule.

Aaron Reaven, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee regarding his disappointment at the Board of Directors (Board) meeting on June 4, 2014, in relation to the staff recommendation to phase-in the greenhouse gas (GHG) fee increase and to object to the form of the rule-making public process.

The Committee and staff discussed the history of the rule-making process and the form of public meetings.

Floyd Earl Smith, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee regarding the desire to hear industry's suggestion regarding a phase-in of the GHG fee increase earlier in the rule-making process so the public would have an opportunity to respond at a public workshop; to note the delivery of the Air Quality Leadership Plan and Path to Reduce GHG Emissions to the Committee members directly late yesterday; and to provide a summary of each document.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2014

Committee Comments: None.

Public Comments: No requests received.

Committee Action:

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Adams, to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2014; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Avalos, Barrett, Gioia, Pepper and Ross.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Haggerty, Kalra and Zane.

4. State and Federal Climate Policy Update

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules and Research, who gave the staff presentation *Update on Key Federal and State Climate Policies*, including the President's climate action plan; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency power plant standards; scoping plan update; cap and trade revenue; and next steps.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Haggerty was noted present at 9:52 a.m.

The Committee and staff discussed, at slide 7, *Scoping Plan Update, Key Scoping Plan Policies*, the number of utility companies in the Bay Area and the renewable portfolio progress by Pacific Gas & Electric.

Mr. Hilken continued the presentation.

Director Gioia provided, at slide 8, *Scoping Plan Update, Adopted by California Air Resources Board (ARB) May 22, 2014*, an update on discussions at the ARB regarding mid-term targets and the role of the ARB and State Legislature in their implementation.

Mr. Hilken concluded the presentation.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 69 (Perea) and whether the Air District should take a position on the bill which seeks to remove transportation fuels from the cap and trade program; the inadequate treatment of carbon sequestration; how mining operations will be treated under reduction programs; CalEnviroScreen information received and needed; the suggestion that the broader economic impacts of proposed reductions be included in materials

prepared by Air District staff; California Environmental Protection Agency concerns stemming from the use of CalEnviroScreen as the screening tool; how federal standards compare to and interact with State standards in terms of the actual impact for the Bay Area; energy demand and use reductions as an under-realized component of meeting various reduction targets; and the importance of the Air District promoting technical innovation.

Public Comments: No requests received.

Committee Action: None; receive and file.

5. Regional Climate Protection Work Program Update

Ms. Roggenkamp introduced Abby Young, Principal Environmental Planner, who gave the staff presentation, *Regional Climate Protection Work Program (Work Program) Update*, including the Air District climate protection resolution, regional planning process and Work Program; policy approaches; assistance to local governments; details of the technical program; and next steps.

The Committee and staff discussed, at slide 10, *Assist Local Governments, Support & Enhance Local Action*, vehicle miles travelled data compilation and uses; the timeline for the launch of the climate change and public health initiative; and an electric vehicle readiness update.

Ms. Young continued the presentation.

The Committee and staff discussed, at slide 12, *Technical Program*, how a consumption-based inventory might be generated, organized and utilized.

Ms. Young concluded the presentation.

Public Comments:

Janice Blumenkrantz, League of Women Voters Bay Area, distributed material to and addressed the Committee to read the same in support of the Work Program.

Floyd Earl Smith, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee in support of the Work Program; requested that all fee proposals that result in six-figure budgetary considerations be shared at a public meeting and decided upon at a subsequent public meeting; and to urge the use of unifying, not dividing, dialogue.

Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee in support of the Work Program; to suggest a reduction in GHG emissions through reductions in demand brought about by requiring that rooftop solar photovoltaic systems with battery storage as a component of all new construction; and to advocate for Air District opposition to AB 2145 (Bradford) as well as a potential amendment proposing to limit community choice aggregates (CCA).

The Committee and staff discussed Air District lobbying activities relative to AB 2145 (Bradford).

Marilyn Bardet, Benicians for a Safe and Healthy Community, addressed the Committee in support of the Work Program; to note the importance of the Air District's work and the value of 350 Bay Area's proposal; and explained the difficult experience public interest groups have engaging in the draft environmental impact report process.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the need for a presentation relative to AB 2145 (Bradford); the incorporation of 350 Bay Area's suggestions in the Work Program; and staff's need to obtain the material referenced as being delivered by 350 Bay Area to the Committee members directly.

Director Gioia requested a presentation to the Board by Richard Corey, Executive Officer, ARB, regarding the details of issues related to climate change and information about the use of cap and trade revenue.

Director Adams requested a staff presentation regarding the Marin Carbon Sequestration project at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee and staff discussed the amount of work left to be done relative to the fracking debate in California and the pending resolution in Alameda County to ban the practice altogether.

Chairperson Avalos requested a staff presentation regarding micro-scale energy grids and the work of the Climate Resources Institute at a future Committee meeting. Director Gioia suggested the presentation include a portion regarding CCA.

Committee Action: None; receive and file.

6. Committee Members' Comments: None.

7. Time and Place of Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 18, 2014, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 94109 at 9:30 a.m.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

15/ Sean Gallagher

Sean Gallagher
Clerk of the Boards