

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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DRAFT MINUTES

Richmond – No. Richmond – San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee

August 26, 2024, 5:30 P.M

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The Richmond – No. Richmond – San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee (CSC or Committee) Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Present: Co-Chair Dr. Omoniyi Omotoso, Co-Chair Nancy Aguirre, Co-Chair Marisol Cantú, Y’Anad Burrell, Suzanne Coffee, Michelle Gomez Garcia, Lizbeth Ibarra, Jeffrey Kilbreth, Jessica Range, Dave Severy, Heidi Swillinger, Hakim Johnson (non-voting), BK White (non-voting)

Absent: Luna Angulo-Castro, Lucia Castello, Kevin Ruano Hernandez, Simren Sandhu, Franklin Ungo, Sandra Castaneda (non-voting),

Also Present: Air District Staff, Alison Kirk, Diana Ruiz, Dan Alrick, Greg Nudd, Laura Cackette, Karissa White, Nervana Fadle, Nina Garde, Samuel Garcia, Grace Leung, Suma Peesapati, Viet Tran; MIG staff, Joey Nielsen, Ramona McCabe; Interpreter Norma Herrera; Members of the Public Adam Springer, Michelle (no last name provided)

2. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

Public Comments

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 24, 2024

00:12:28

The Committee reviewed the meeting agenda and approved the June 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes with a roll-call vote.

Committee Comments

None

Staff Comments

None

Committee Action

Committee Member Suzanne Coffee made a motion, seconded by Y'Anad Burrell, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Co-Chairs Dr. Omoniyi Omotoso, Nancy Aguirre, Marisol Cantú, and Members Y'Anad Burrell, Suzanne Coffee, Michelle Gomez Garcia, Lizbeth Ibarra, Jeffrey Kilbreth, Dave Severy, Heidi Swillinger

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Jessica Range

ABSENT: Alfredo Rafael Angulo-Castro, Lucia Castello, Kevin Ruano Hernandez, Simren Sandhu, Franklin Ungo

Public Comments

None.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES: FUEL REFINING AD HOC

00:15:05

The Path to Clean Air Steering Committee and the public received updates from the Fuel Refining Ad Hoc presented by Committee Member BK White.

Committee Comment

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth mentioned that Governor Newsom vetoed SB 674 last week and discussed that the veto was disappointing. He brought up that an element of the plan incorporated requirements from SB 674 with regard to refineries.

Co-Chair Marisol Cantú thanked BK and asked if he would be able to attend the next meeting and provide a report back to the committee.

Committee Member BK White confirmed that he would be able to attend.

Committee Member Dave Severy asked BK to repeat the bill number that tripled the penalties.

Committee Member BK White informed the committee that the bill that tripled the penalties was AB 1465.

Public Comment

None.

5. CSC LEADS ONGOING UPDATES

00:24:41

The Committee received updates from the CSC Co-Leads.

Committee Comment

Committee Member Y'Anad Burrell asked about the excessive attendance absences prior to the new charter and how they were being addressed. She also asked if the committee could pull together a timeline to fill the vacancies.

Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso let the committee know that they have reached out to the committee members who had three absences previous to the new charter to see if they could still provide support. He also discussed the frustrating process of filling vacancies from different government agencies and the process that would still need to take place to vet people.

Committee Member Y'Anad Burrell brought up the vetting process before the new charter and shared that she had previously expressed interest in participating but had not been included. She volunteered to be a part of the interview committee for the new vetting process. She also discussed how the updated process would look and how the committee would be formed.

Co-Chair Nancy Aguirre thanked Y'Anad for bringing up those questions and informed her that the co-chairs have been discussing the process and have been reviewing the governance ad-hoc notes to review the vetting process, and plan to then open up the vetting process to the broader committee.

Committee Member BK White asked about the process of determining excused versus unexcused absences.

Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso let the committee know that they have to determine if the committee member has the capacity to participate in the CSC even if absences are excused.

Co-Chair Nancy Aguirre mentioned that they would be reviewing the charter and that currently there are three absences allowed in a calendar year which began in August 2024.

Co-Chair Marisol Cantú let the committee know that for the next meeting they would be coming back with an unexcused versus excused policy and if that involved an amendment to the charter then they would be providing the committee with the details of that process.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. OVERVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

00:35:10

The Committee and the public received an overview of the implementation framework process.

Committee Comments

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth asked for clarification on action FR 2.4 and mentioned that the longer version of the strategy was different than what was on the slide deck. He mentioned that the longer version of the strategy mentioned improving incident response and reducing flaring and asked if those were two separate things.

Air District Staff Laura Cackette mentioned that the action was called “reduce persistent flaring and improve incident response,” and that the language was added to call out how incident response also addressed flaring. She mentioned that committee members could look at appendix A for details for that action.

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth discussed how reducing flaring and incident response were different strategies and asked which action he should vote for if he wanted to see reduced flaring and which he should vote for if he wanted to see incident response.

Air District Staff Laura Cackette shared that FR 2.4 is more geared towards the incident response strategy.

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth brought up how the discrepancy between the PowerPoint and the longer document was a problem because the only action that talks about reducing flaring was strategy 2.4

Air District Staff mentioned that if the committee members reference page 18 they can find specific actions that have not been started but would be discussed in the September meeting.

Air District Staff Diana Ruiz provided additional clarification on the naming of the action and discussed how there were many strategies under that action that could address flaring.

Committee Member Heidi Swillinger asked for clarification on the “started” actions and if the committee members would have a review and sign-off process.

Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso let Heidi know that the intention of the meeting was to begin prioritizing the actions that the committee members would want to be involved with.

Committee Member Jessica Range asked about the strategies that the committee didn’t choose to be involved with and if there would be status updates provided to the committee.

Dr. Omotoso let the committee know that they would receive updates on those other strategies, but that the committee only had the capacity to be directly involved in 10 strategies.

Air District Staff shared that committee members could also get individually engaged in any actions that were ongoing and also had an engagement component.

Co-Chair Nancy Aguirre informed the committee that this part of the implementation phase heavily involved the Air District, but that if there are certain strategies that the committee felt strongly about then they could become involved individually.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. **BREAKOUT ACTIVITY: PRIORITIZATION EXERCISE**

0:59:08

The Committee received an overview of the first breakout activity process, then proceeded to break out for discussions and the prioritization of the strategies and actions.

Committee Comments

None.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. **OUTCOME OF PRIORITIZATION EXERCISE**

01:31:06

The Committee and the public received an update from Air District staff on the final tally of votes from the prioritization exercise.

Committee Comment

Co-chair Nancy Aguirre asked about getting the tally of votes and who voted for strategies that were not included in the top 10 to follow up with those committee members on how they can become involved in those strategies.

Air District Staff Karissa White let Nancy know that they could share the final tally sheet to see who voted for what actions.

Committee Member BK White reiterated that just because a strategy didn't make the top 10 doesn't make them any less important.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

9. **PRIORITIZATION RESULTS BREAKOUT DISCUSSION**

01:35:4

The Committee broke out into breakout discussions to discuss the results of the prioritization exercise.

Committee Comment

None.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

01:59:44

The September CSC meeting will be a hybrid format and will be held on September 23, 2024, at 5:30pm. The on-site location will be 4114 Lakeside Dr., Richmond CA 94806, and a Zoom link will be provided to the public and on the BAAQMD website for those who wish to join virtually.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

02:00:03

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, Members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda for the meeting will have two minutes each to address the Committee.

Public Comment

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso at 7:36 pm.

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