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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Climate Protection Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2016

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Climate Protection Committee (Committee) Vice Chairperson, John Avalos, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Vice-Chairperson John Avalos, and Directors Teresa Barrett, Scott Haggerty, Katie Rice, and Rod Sinks.

Absent: Chairperson Jan Pepper, and Directors David J. Canepa, John Gioia, and Mark Ross.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Janet Stromberg, 350 Bay Area, recognized the fact that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has stated at a recent Scoping Plan meeting that CARB will welcome local jurisdictions' efforts to help meet the State's 2030 goals.

Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area, expressed his hope that the Climate Protection Committee will be the primary entity overseeing the preparation of the Regional Climate Protection Strategy, and that the Bay Area will create robust, innovative climate solutions that will serve as examples to the country.

### **3. SOLAR ENERGY MASTER PLANS FOR BAY AREA SCHOOLS (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 4)**

NOTED PRESENT: Director Haggerty was noted present at 10:00 a.m.

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Climate Protection introduced Tom Kelly, Executive Director of KyotoUSA, who gave the presentation *Solar in Schools: Solar Master Plans for Bay Area Schools*, including: BAAQMD-KyotoUSA partnership; Bay Area school districts face challenges to going solar; how the project helps schools overcome these challenges; benefits of solar on schools; navigating potential funding sources; Solar Master Plan examples and environmental benefits in Novato and San Ramon Valley Unified School Districts; BAAQMD-KyotoUSA partnership key outcomes; and thanks to the District.

#### Public Comments:

Alamo resident, Lisa Mason, described her family's involvement with the KyotoUSA solar panel project at Monte Vista High School within the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, and the school's evolving outlook on renewable energy projects, thanks to student participation.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the probability of public private partnership projects being successful, as the cost of solar has gone down; the benefit of KyotoUSA partnering with Bay Area Community Choice Aggregation agencies prior to reaching out to school districts; power generation trends in schools and corresponding utility incentives; the reluctance of municipal-owned utilities to support the solarization of schools; methods of evaluating candidacy and enhanced outreach to ideal school candidates; barriers for schools that wish to implement solar; the fact that the San Francisco Unified School District's partnered with the California Public Utilities Commission to install solar systems; the reasons why only 19 of the 68 school districts that were assessed developed full solar master plans, despite KyotoUSA's outreach, and which school districts were the most accommodating; the Committee members' interest in reaching out to the school districts in their own jurisdictions to ensure that no interest was left unnoticed; water requirements for natural gas producing electricity; whether or not each county in the Bay Area has access to utility grants for energy efficiency upgrades, and whether or not the District promotes and supports such municipal programs.

Committee Action:

None; receive and file.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 (ITEM 3)**

Public Comments:

No requests received.

Committee Comments:

None.

Committee Action:

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Director Rice, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2016; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Avalos, Barrett, Haggerty, Rice, and Sinks.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Canepa, Gioia, Pepper, and Ross.

**5. SUMMARY OF CLIMATE FORWARD BAY AREA: A LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy Executive Officer, introduced Lisa Fasano, Communications Officer, who gave the staff presentation *Climate Forward Bay Area: A Leadership Forum*, including: survey responses; forum highlights; breakout session; keynote results and responses; lessons learned, and by the numbers. Ms. Fasano thanked Director Rice and Director Haggerty for facilitating two of the four breakout sessions.

Public Comments:

Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area, thanked the District for the changes that were made to accommodate 350 Bay Area's request for equal representation at the conference, said that he was pleasantly surprised at the tenor of the discussions, and that, after hearing the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) views on reducing transportation emissions, he hopes that the District will be able to influence MTC into different ways of thinking.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the effectiveness of Van Jones' keynote speech and Committee's request to post the video on the District's website; the District's plan to host a brown bag event at which the recordings of the three plenary sessions and Mr. Jones' speech would be shown in order to generate further discussion from the public; how the conference's collaboration of organizations and general success exceeded the Committee's expectations; the need for higher attendance in the future, especially representation from the technology industry, and perhaps drawing on an audience from outside the Bay Area; poor timing, due to election season; and the number of scholarships and discounted rates that were issued.

Committee Action:

None; receive and file.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Avalos announced that this is his final Climate Protection Committee meeting serving as Committee member, as he will be terming out of office in January 2017. He thanked the Committee, staff, and the public, where upon, the Committee thanked Director Avalos for his contributions and leadership on this Committee.

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

Thursday, January 19, 2017, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Headquarters, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hirtzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards