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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Climate Protection Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 20, 2018

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Climate Protection Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Teresa Barrett, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Teresa Barrett; Vice Chair Hillary Ronen; and Directors John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, Doug Kim, Liz Kniss, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, and Rod Sinks

Absent: Directors Brad Wagenknecht and Shirlee Zane.

Also Present: None.

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

Public comments were given by Janet Stromberg, 350 Bay Area.

NOTED PRESENT: Vice Chair Ronen was noted present at 9:33 a.m.

### **3. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF RULE 13-1: SIGNIFICANT METHANE RELEASES (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 4)**

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced William Saltz, Senior Air Quality Specialist, who gave the staff presentation *Regulation 13: Climate Pollutants, Rule 1: Significant Methane Releases*, including: outline; why focus on methane; methane rule development; stakeholder outreach effort; general concepts; regulatory review; and next steps.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Kniss was noted present at 9:35 a.m., Director Ross was noted present at 9:36 a.m., and Directors Haggerty and Kim were noted present at 9:39 a.m.

#### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Janet Stromberg and Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the timeline and locations of the public stakeholder workshops for this rule; the requirement that the source of a recurring release be shut down until replaced upon experiencing a third significant release; the fact that construction (including improvements or expansions to a facility) are not considered eligible for limited exemptions of methane emissions; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's control requirements for petroleum refinery flaring operations as a limited exemption of methane emissions included in the Air District's Draft Rule 13:1; reasons for the historical underestimation of and under-reporting on methane emissions; the Air District's practice of identifying the best opportunities for emissions reductions when prioritizing rulemakings for large sources, and utilizing the size of the current emissions inventory to guide rulemakings; other Air District regulations currently under development that will address methane emissions following Draft Rule 13:1; the fact that landfills are currently the biggest source of methane in the Bay Area.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Gioia was noted present at 9:48 a.m.

### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

## **4. ORGANIC RECOVERY STRATEGY (ITEM 5)**

Mr. Nudd introduced Dr. Chad White, Senior Planner, who gave the staff presentation *Organics Recovery Strategy*, including: key points; drivers; achieving 75% diversion; recovery options; vision; strategy; engagement examples; Regulation 13: methane; planning and policy support; and takeaway points.

### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman and Janet Stromberg, 350 Bay Area.

### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how the Air District's efforts to reduce methane emissions are aligned the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) 2017 Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy; facilitating capture of carbon credits for sequestration; how Assembly Bill 398 reduced the Air District's ability to apply command and control regulation to carbon dioxide emissions and the greenhouse gas emissions inventory; the concern that new landfill facilities, or expansions to existing facilities, may result in emission violations, and how the Air District can be proactive in preventing that from happening; the comparison of the cost-effectiveness of different organics recovery methods; how to track the reduction of methane emissions over the lifecycle of organic matter; and the prevention of waste during production/packaging phases of consumer goods.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2018 (ITEM 3)**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Ronen, to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2018; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Barrett, Gioia, Haggerty, Kim, Ronen, Ross, and Sinks.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Kniss, Rice, Wagenknecht, and Zane.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

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

None.

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

The next meeting of the Climate Protection Committee meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards