

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

SHIRLEE ZANE – CHAIR TERESA BARRETT JOHN GIOIA LIZ KNISS HILLARY RONEN LORI WILSON MARK ROSS – VICE CHAIR DAVID CANEPA SCOTT HAGGERTY NATE MILEY BRAD WAGENKNECHT

THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2019 9:30 A.M. 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR BOARD ROOM 375 BEALE STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

#### **AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members. The Committee Chair shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3** For the first round of public comment on non-agenda matters at the beginning of the agenda, ten persons selected by a drawing by the Clerk of the Boards from among the Public Comment Cards indicating they wish to speak on matters not on the agenda for the meeting will have two minutes each to address the Board on matters not on the agenda. For this first round of public comments on non-agenda matters, all Public Comment Cards must be submitted in person to the Clerk of the Board at the location of the meeting and prior to commencement of the meeting.

**Staff/Phone (415) 749-**

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Clerk of the Boards/5073

The Committee will consider approving the attached draft minutes of the Public Engagement Committee meeting of February 21, 2019.

# 4. BAY AREA SMOKE IMPACTS FROM WILDLAND FIRES AND LESSONS LEARNED J. Broadbent/5052

jbroadbent@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will receive an overview of Bay Area smoke impacts from wildland fires and lessons learned.

# 5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO FURTHER DEVELOP AN AIR QUALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR THE BAY AREA

J. Broadbent/5052 jbroadbent@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will consider recommending Board of Directors authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to execute a contract with Kearns and West in an amount not to exceed \$540,000, to further develop an air quality technical assistance center for the Bay Area.

# 6. UPDATE ON THE JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-2020 AND UPCOMING ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 CAPACITY BUILDING COMMUNITY GRANTS J. Broadbent/5052

jbroadbent@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will receive an update on the James Cary Smith community grants and upcoming Assembly Bill (AB) 617 capacity building community grants.

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Speakers who did not have the opportunity to address the Board in the first round of comments on non-agenda matters will be allowed two minutes each to address the Board on non-agenda matters.

#### 8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Any member of the Board, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may: ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't Code § 54954.2)

#### 9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

#### 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Committee Chair.

#### **CONTACT:**

#### MANAGER, EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS 375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

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### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (415) 749-4941

# EXECUTIVE OFFICE: MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT ANTICIPATED MEETINGS

### **MARCH 2019**

TYPE OF MEETING	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	TIME	<u>ROOM</u>
Advisory Council Mtg.	Monday	11	10:00 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Community and Public Health Committee	Thursday	14	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Monday	18	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
<b>Board of Directors Executive Committee</b>	Wednesday	20	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Budget and Finance Committee	Friday	22	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor, Board Room
Board of Directors Technology Implementation Office Steering Committee	Monday	25	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
<b>Board of Directors Legislative Committee</b>	Wednesday	27	9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room #109
Board of Directors Mobile Source Committee	Thursday	28	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room

### **APRIL 2019**

TYPE OF MEETING	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	ROOM
<b>Board of Directors Regular Meeting</b>	Wednesday	3	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
<b>Board of Directors Personnel Committee</b>	Friday	5	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
<b>Board of Directors Regular Meeting</b>	Wednesday	17	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Community and Public Health Committee	Thursday	18	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
<b>Board of Directors Climate Protection Committee</b>	Monday	22	9:30 a.m.	1st Floor Board Room
<b>Board of Directors Budget and Finance</b> <b>Committee</b>	Wednesday	24	9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room #109

### **APRIL 2019**

<b>Board of Directors Legislative Committee</b>	Wednesday	24	10:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room #109
Board of Directors Mobile Source Committee	Thursday	25	9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room

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#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Shirlee Zane and Members

of the Community and Public Health Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: March 4, 2019

Re: <u>Approval of the Minutes of February 21, 2019</u>

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve attached draft minutes of the Public Engagement Committee (Committee) meeting of February 21, 2019.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Attached for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Committee meeting of February 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Marcy Hiratzka</u>
Reviewed by: <u>Vanessa Johnson</u>

Attachment 3A: Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting of February 21, 2019.

Draft Minutes – Public Engagement Committee Meeting of February 21, 2019

Bay Area Air Quality Management District 375 Beale Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, California 94105 (415) 749-5073

#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors Public Engagement Committee Meeting Thursday, February 21, 2019

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Public Engagement Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Shirlee Zane, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer and Air Pollution Control Officer, stated Board of Directors Chairperson Rice's intention to officially change the name of the Committee to "Community and Public Health Committee", as she would like the Committee's focus to shift to public health.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Chairperson Shirlee Zane; Vice Chairperson Mark Ross; and Directors Teresa

Barrett, Scott Haggerty, Lori Wilson, and Brad Wagenknecht.

Absent: Directors David J. Canepa, John Gioia, Liz Kniss, Nate Miley, and Hillary

Ronen.

Also Present: Board of Directors Chairperson, Katie Rice

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

No requests received.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2018

**Public Comments** 

No requests received.

**Committee Comments** 

None.

#### Committee Action

Vice Chair Ross made a motion, seconded by Director Barrett, to **approve** the Minutes of October 19, 2018; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barrett, Haggerty, Rice, Ross, Wilson, Zane.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Canepa, Gioia, Kniss, Miley, Ronen, Wagenknecht.

# 4. 2019 WORKPLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mr. Broadbent introduced Elizabeth Yura, Director of Community Engagement and Policy, who gave the staff presentation 2019 Workplan for the Community and Public Health Committee, including: reimagining public engagement; 2019 Committee workplan; Assembly Bill (AB) 617 priority communities; why West Oakland and Richmond; building a community-led process in Richmond; capacity building; AB 617 2019 milestones; and wildfire response strategy.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed how the measured air quality in Richmond does not fully explain observed health issues there; upcoming source-apportionment studies and additional monitoring efforts in Richmond; the request for technology to alert the public of approaching plumes of pollutants; the suggestion that Air District staff makes recommendations to agencies that have authority where the Air District does not, regarding certain capacity-building strategies; the request for staff to use smoke transport from the 2018 Camp Fire to model general air transport in the basin, and determine whether air currents actually follow their predicted trends; the request for a presentation on how meteorology affects public health; whether proposed clean air centers will be regulated by the facilities themselves or by the Air District; and the feasibility of acquiring State funding for microsatellites.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wagenknecht was noted present at 9:59 a.m.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

#### 5. OVERVIEW OF AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH IMPACTS

Chair Zane asked Air District Health Officer, Judith Cutino, to introduce herself and summarize what her position entails. Ms. Cutino did so, and then introduced Tammy Lee, Community Epidemiologist with the Alameda County Public Health Department, who gave the presentation *Air Pollution and Public Health*, including: what puts people at risk of health impacts from air

pollution; air quality is influenced by multiple factors, including proximity to highways, railways, truck routes, seaports, and airports; high levels of Diesel Particulate Matter concentrate near Port of Oakland and airport, along the Interstate-880 corridor, and where highways and truck routes meet in East County; West and East Oakland, as well as Emeryville, have a high burden of asthma emergency department visits; Emeryville, West, and East Oakland have the highest rates of asthma hospitalizations; West and East Oakland have the highest rates of children-under-five-years-old asthma hospitalizations; asthma hospitalizations have gone down, but asthma emergency department visits increased; multiple factors may be contributing to the declining trend in asthma hospitalizations; cancer death rates are especially high in areas of West and East Oakland, as well as other parts of the county; heart disease death rates are notably high in parts of West and East Oakland, as well as Cherryland and Hayward; stroke death rates are highest in parts of Emeryville, West and East Oakland; cancer, heart disease, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory disease are top five leading causes of death; reflecting cumulative health risks and impacts, life expectancy is especially low in West and East Oakland, as well as parts of unincorporated Central County; health inequities did not happen overnight – they have deep historical roots; long-standing disinvestment and persistent poverty means fewer resources and weaker infrastructure to support health; racism impacts who has to live in high-poverty neighborhoods with barriers to good health; African Americans are especially exposed to and impacted by cumulative health risks; and to improve air quality and health, we must reduce air pollution exposures and maximize health co-benefits in our most impacted communities.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed whether hospitals in the same sub-regions share data; the fact that a lack of medical services in one area can result in higher numbers of emergency department visits and hospitalizations in other areas; data suppression; correlations between cognitive health and air pollution exposure; factors that contribute to health impacts form air pollution; the suggestion that a future Committee meetings be held at the Port of Oakland; and the request for a staff report on data from the Air District's Livermore monitoring station.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOL AIR FILTER SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Ms. Cutino gave the staff presentation *Prioritization Framework for School Air Filter Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)*, including: background; IQAir North America (IQAir); screening criteria; other considerations; example; Pittsburg-Bay Point; timeline; and next steps.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed the request that Air District staff includes refineries on maps of community-based projects, to display the proximity of such stationary sources; the cost to build air filtration systems into the new construction of schools (versus retrofitting existing buildings); the request that Air District staff considers Lawrence Elementary and Junction Avenue Middle Schools as potential sites for retrofitting of air filtration systems; the anticipated life of the air filtration systems, and how extreme smoke events can shorten the life of the technology; concerns that school staff having to learn how to replace and maintain the new filtration systems would impact their regular tasks and school budgets; how to ensure that schools will continue to replace the filters in the new systems, and continue their maintenance contracts; and the consideration of different minimum efficiency reporting value ratings of the filters, depending on the needs of the area.

#### Committee Action

Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Wagenknecht, to **approve** the Air District's entering into contract with IQAir North America for the installation of air filtration systems in sensitive receptor facilities, specifically local schools, in Bay Area communities; and criteria that will be used to select local schools for installation of air filtration systems; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barrett, Haggerty, Rice, Ross, Wagenknecht, Wilson, Zane.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Canepa, Gioia, Kniss, Miley, Ronen.

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 6)

No requests received.

#### 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Wilson asked if this committee would be the appropriate one to reach out to youth, and if so, whether the Committee could meet on days when they could attend. Air District staff responded that the Air District will hold two "Youth for the Environment and Sustainability" (YES) Conferences in 2019; one for youth and one for educators. Director Haggerty suggested that the Committee hold a meeting at the YES Conference to give the youth an opportunity to see a public meeting and give public comments.

Board Chair Rice asked Air District staff for a status update on the March 6 presentation that will be given by author Richard Rothstein.

#### 9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Zane announced that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2019, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Office, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Marcy Hiratzka Clerk of the Boards

AGENDA: 4

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Shirlee Zane and Members

of the Community and Public Health Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: March 5, 2019

Re: Bay Area Smoke Impacts from Wildland Fires and Lessons Learned

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

#### BACKGROUND

California has historically experienced wildland fires during the hot dry summer months. Typically, fires occur in remote forest lands, burn for several days or weeks and are brought under control by local firefighters and CalFire. However, in recent years, wildfire season has lengthened, becoming a nearly year-round concern. Recent wildfires have crossed into the urban/wildland fire interface devastating whole communities and producing heavy smoke that moves well beyond the local impacted area, fouling the air in cities, counties and states far away from the fire's origin.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The changing climate impacts the amount of rain in the winter months and the level of heat in the summer months. Years of prolonged drought, coupled with hotter summers have created unfavorable conditions that lead to longer, more devastating and faster moving wildfires. Recent wildfires have created their own weather phenomena fueling wildfire advancement and impacts of heavy smoke on downwind communities.

These fires are devastating in the number of the homes, businesses and lives lost, and significant smoke impacts on the entire region. The Bay Area has been impacted by smoke from fires within California and fires in Oregon, Washington and Canada. The Air District is working with city, county and statewide agencies to develop better preparedness and impacts strategies for the public.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS/FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

### Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Lisa Fasano</u> Reviewed by: <u>Wayne Kino</u>

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Shirlee Zane and Members

of the Community and Public Health Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: March 8, 2019

Re: Approval of Contract to Further Develop an Air Quality Technical Assistance Center

for the Bay Area

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend Board of Directors authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to execute a contract with Kearns and West in an amount not to exceed \$540,000, to develop a technical assistance center for use by Bay Area community members.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In carrying out its mission to improve air quality in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Air District seeks to develop new and improved ways to provide air quality related technical assistance throughout the region. This technical assistance center will be designed to respond to, and encourage, community interest in air quality, and to provide technical assistance to help define and achieve project goals set by the community. It is essential that the Air District have a structured program in place to work in partnership with the public to manage these efforts and assist in interpreting the resulting data.

#### **DISCUSSION**

On July 2, 2018, the Air District issued a request for qualifications (RFQs) for this project. The Air District received submissions from three entities: Kearns & West, Sonoma Technology Inc., and Ramboll. The Ramboll application was deemed incomplete, therefore Kearns & West and Sonoma Technology, Inc., were the only two to move forward in the evaluation and interview process. Criteria for selection of a contractor included demonstration of previous work with the Air District or other agencies on similar services as requested by RFQ that demonstrated understanding of Air District work and ability to complete the project (including number and complexity/diversity of projects). Based on the evaluation and firm interviews, staff recommended Kearns & West (with technical guidance provided by TD Environmental and Technical and Business Systems) as the contractor to establish this technical assistance center.

This center will act as a resource that the public can use for community-led air quality projects with technical components. The table below outlines the services that the center could provide to the Air District and the general public.

Engagement Type/Service	Description	Examples	
Advisory Role	Provide guidance on one or more aspects (i.e., a la carte) of air monitoring or other technical support – planning, training, analysis, interpretation, etc.  Answer "one-off" questions and provide information.	Work with a prospective grant applicant to create a viable and technically sound approach.  Work with community members to evaluate and interpret data that has already been collected.  Work with community members to help with selecting a sensor, siting it, and using data management tools.	
Education/Training	Design and conduct educational program(s) to build capacity and awareness.	Develop and make available a variety of educational materials, such as "Air Quality 101" fact sheets.	
End-to-End Support	Assist with all aspects of technical projects from inception, monitoring, analysis, and next steps.	Support a community group in setting up a monitoring program to build technical capacity or investigate their concerns.	

As the center develops further over the next few months, interaction with a few projects the Air District is already involved with will help inform and refine the processes and services offered. A launch to the public is anticipated in late Spring 2019.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the first phase of this contract is included in the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2019 budget. Remaining funds required for this contract will be allocated from FYE 2020 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Elizabeth Yura and Eric Stevenson</u>

Reviewed by: Greg Nudd

AGENDA: 6

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Shirlee Zane and Members

of the Community and Public Health Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: March 8, 2019

Re: Update on the James Cary Smith Community Grants for Fiscal Year Ending (FYE)

2019- 2020 and Upcoming Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Capacity Building Community

Grants

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

#### Recommend Board of Directors:

- 1. Approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) for \$100,000 for the Local Air Pollution Capacity Building focus area of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program; and
- 2. Approve an RFP for \$250,000 for community-led capacity building efforts in AB 617 communities.

#### BACKGROUND

The James Cary Smith Community Grant Program was established in 2015 to promote and support efforts to reduce air pollution through direct collaboration and participation with community members in the protection of local health and our shared regional environment. Three primary focus areas of the Grant Program are: Education and Engagement; Local Air Pollution Capacity Building Projects; and Community-Based Participatory Research.

In addition to the James Carey Smith Community Grant Program, the Air District has money available this fiscal year for community-led capacity building efforts in AB 617 communities.

In this presentation, staff will provide information on the results of the Education grants from the program. Staff are also requesting Board of Directors authorization to move forward with two RFPs. One for small grants for community projects not directly associated with AB 617. The second RFP will be for larger efforts specifically intended to support communities to partner with the Air District in the implementation of AB 617.

#### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the Education and Engagement focus area, the Air District released the guidelines for the School Community Grants Program in December of 2018. These grants award up to \$2,500 for teachers, student leaders, and parent leaders in public K-12 schools in the Bay Area. The primary purpose of this grant program is to increase the knowledge about the science of air quality, the relationships between air quality and public health, and the impact of air pollution on the global climate. The Air District contacted school districts in all nine Bay Area counties in December as part of the outreach process, which included, sending a press release to media outlets, two e-blasts, and community engagement staff promoting the grants at regional community meetings such as the Spare the Air Resource team meetings and the Spare the Air Youth Technical Advisory Committee. The application deadline was January 31, 2019, and the Air District received 39 applications from the following counties: Alameda, Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, and San Mateo. Up to 22 applicants will receive funding.

After a thorough review process by an Air District interdivisional staff scoring team, 15 proposals from the School Community Grants Program were selected for Phase I (Non-Technical Projects) funding, totaling \$37,161. Attached is a table with a summary of the selected projects. These grants will serve to encourage collaborative partnerships between the Air District and school communities in air pollution reduction and we are pleased to support this enthusiastic group of school communities throughout the region. Furthermore, the Community Engagement Section at the Air District will work with grantees to provide youth leadership training at the 2019 Youth for Environment and Sustainability (YES) Summits and to prepare youth leaders for presenting their projects to regional partners at the 2020 YES Conference, which is currently slated for February 2020.

As part of the Local Air Pollution Capacity Building focus area and Education and Engagement focus area of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program, the Air District is proposing to release an RFP for \$10,000 Community Grants for non-profit partners and community-based organizations that implement community-based solutions that address air pollution. These grants will focus on funding activities such as active transportation or idle free educational campaigns, urban greening projects, and environmental justice outreach projects; these grants are not targeted towards funding technical projects. A total of \$100,000 will be available for these projects and application guidelines will be made available in April of 2019. Staff is planning to release additional funding for community-based participatory research (i.e., technical projects) later this year.

In addition to the James Carey Smith Community Grant Program, the Air District has approximately \$250,000 this fiscal year for community-led capacity building efforts in AB 617 communities. The Air District is also proposing to release an RFP informed by the community later this Spring. Because each community has distinct needs, the request will be broad enough to encompass a variety of capacity-building activities such as raising awareness about air quality and health and identifying/eliminating barriers for community member participation. The goal is to start or continue building relationships in each of these communities, to begin identifying interested stakeholders, and to ready the communities for partnering with the Air District when selected for AB 617 emission reduction plans or monitoring plans.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Elizabeth Yura</u> Reviewed by: <u>Greg Nudd</u>

Attachment 6A: 2019 School Community Grant Awardees

### 2019 School Community Grant Awardees

### **Phase 1: Non-Technical Projects\***

	School	Project Name	City (Bold = CARE)	Funding Requested	Description
1	Woodrow Wilson Elementary School	Woodrow Wilson Air Quality	Daly City	\$2,500	Greening project and Earth Day student poster contest.
2	Gordon Lau Elementary School	Spare the Air Community Project	San Francisco	\$2,500	Educational outreach to parents and caregivers on air quality, health, and sustainable transportation options. Trained leaders will organize a Spare the Air Family Biking Fair in April-May 2020.
3	John Yehall Chin Elementary School	Spare the Air Community Project	San Francisco	\$2,500	Educational outreach to parents and caregivers on air quality, health, and sustainable transportation options. Trained leaders will organize a Spare the Air Family Biking Fair in April-May 2020.
4	Roseland University Prep	Climate Hope in Roseland	Santa Rosa	\$2,500	Environmental campaigns on climate change awareness and education outreach, bike/walk to school, and tree planting on Arbor Day.
5	Irene Snow Elementary	Idle Free Campaign	Napa	\$2,500	Spare the Air Idle Free Campaign by the Jr. Classroom leadership program.
6	Shearer Elementary	Idle Free Campaign	Napa	\$2,500	Spare the Air Idle Free Campaign by the Jr. Classroom leadership program.
7	Hillcrest Elementary School	Defending Public Health Through Urban Green Spaces	San Francisco	\$2,500	Green Team students will complete a series of lessons on outdoor education; tending the community garden; composting; photosynthesis; global climate change; air quality; air pollution reduction; and public and community health.
8	Harvest Middle School	Idle Free Schools Campaign	Napa	\$2,500	Volunteer student-led Idle Free Campaign with STEM build a bike activity.
9	Silverado Middle School	Idle Free Schools Campaign	Napa	\$2,500	Volunteer student-led Idle Free Campaign with STEM build a bike activity.
10	Valley Oak High School	Everything is Connected	Napa	\$2,301	Creation of an edible orchard on campus and partnering with Napa County Resource Conservation District to develop the Oxbow Preserve Park.

11	Loma Vista	Carbon Sink Planting	Petaluma	\$2,490	Tree, shrub, and vine planting on school campus for carbon sink,
	Immersion	Project			shade, and wild-life habitat, with classroom lessons and
	Academy				discussions on local air quality.
12	Cragmont	Cut the Idle	Berkeley	\$2,500	PTA Idle Free campaign with classroom lessons on air quality
	Elementary				and health.
13	Santa Rosa Middle	Air Pollution	Santa Rosa	\$2,370	Students investigate and measure particulate matter in the air
	School	Investigation			using the Flinn Scientific Air Pollution Investigation Kit.
14	Acorn Woodland	The Mosaic Project	Oakland	\$2,500	Student leaders go on EJ toxic tour and training sessions to
	Elementary School				interview community members to develop a narrative and
					storybook.
15	Lipman Middle	Clean Air, Balanced	Brisbane	\$2,500	Tree planting on campus and The Soil Story curriculum on
	School	Climate Program			carbon sequestration and air quality remediation.
				\$37,161	

<sup>\*</sup> The Air District received 7 additional applications for projects that included technical components; these projects are still undergoing technical review, and if these projects meet program criteria they will move forward.