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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020

This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the committee participated by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) on Equity, Access, and Inclusion Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Davina Hurt; and Directors John Bauters, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Tyrone Jue, Nate Miley, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Shamann Walton, Lori Wilson, and Shirlee Zane.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Board Chair Rod Sinks.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Zane, to **approve** the Minutes of November 5, 2020; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Gioia, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Rice, Ross, Sinks, Walton, Wilson, Zane.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

3. REPORT BACK FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVINA HURT'S COMMUNITY MEETING

Chair Hurt reported on the second meeting between herself, community advocates, and Air District staff, held on December 1, 2020. Representatives from organizations and groups from Vallejo, Bayview/Hunters Point, Richmond, and East and West Oakland were present. The meeting format provided an open forum for a candid conversation with community. The meeting's purpose was to develop a platform for community members to share their thoughts on the 2021 Work Plan, but instead, discussions on the following topics occurred: the challenges of and opportunities for working with the Air District; outstanding information requests from community members; the need for the Air District to *work with* the community, rather than *speaking at* the community; the roles of the Air District's (current "scientific" and upcoming "community") Advisory Councils; the Community Benefit Fund; equity training (internally and externally at the Air District); disproportionate health impacts of air pollution by race and the subsequent aggregated Air District funding data by race and ethnicity; the request that the Air District analyzes air pollution from stationary sources in African American communities; and equity challenges regarding the Richmond/San Pablo Community Design Team process.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

The Committee welcomed Jada Delany and Katherine Funes from New Voices are Rising, a program of The Rose Foundation. Ms. Delany and Funes gave the presentation *Youth and Oakland's Air Quality*, including: who we are; AB 617 in East Oakland; COVID-19 cases in Oakland; and mapping tree work.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Andres Soto, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE); Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council.

Committee Comments

Director Miley expressed his desire to meet with the members of New Voices Are Rising to discuss activities in East Oakland.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING FORMATION OF A BOARD-APPOINTED COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE RICHMOND-NORTH RICHMOND-SAN PABLO COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN (CERP)

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the staff presentation *AB 617 Richmond/San Pablo: Path to Clean Air Action Items*, including: path to Clear Air timeline and history; Community Design Team concerns and issues; timeline to a CERP Steering Committee; and recommended actions.

Ms. Eady then introduced the ten Richmond/San Pablo CERP Steering Committee Design Team members: Janet Johnson, Janis Hashe, Julia Walsh, Andreas Soto, Linda Whitmore, Matt Holmes, Dr. Naama Raz-Yaseef, Oscar Garcia, Randy Joseph, and Willie Robinson. These individuals voiced their perspectives and concerns regarding meetings they have had with Air District staff since March 2020 to guide development of a CERP Steering Committee for Richmond/San Pablo.

Public Comments

Public Comments were given by Jan Mignone; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Cheryl Mayer Dabney (Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council); Vernon Whitmore (Santa Fe Neighborhood Council); Doris Mason; Lonnie Mason; and Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the Board-appointed Community Steering Committee for the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo CERP should be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act; concerns about the level of involvement of the oil industry regarding the development of the CERP Steering Committee; concerns about an Air District staff member serving as a CERP Steering Committee co-chair; the suggestion that the CERP Steering Committee have two voting co-chairs who must be members of the community; and whether new recommendations can be made prior to the creation of the CERP Steering Committee if a recommendation is not made at this meeting, and if so, how much that would delay the process.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Zane, to recommend that the Board **create** the Richmond/San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee to be governed by the Ralph M. Brown Act, and **appoint** the Steering Committee members, including two voting Co-Chairs who must be members from the community, who have equal authority over planning and facilitating meetings; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Gioia, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Rice, Ross, Sinks, Walton, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Groom, Zane.

6. COMPOSITION OF THE RICHMOND-NORTH RICHMOND-SAN PABLO ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN (CERP) COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

The Committee was to receive the staff presentation *Assembly Bill 617 Richmond/San Pablo Path to Clean Air Discussion Items*. However, rather than asking Air District staff to give the presentation, the consensus of the Committee members that were present was that the matter should be postponed. There was discussion concerning the level of involvement that the industry should have on the proposed Steering Committee, and which of the Board's committees would be most appropriate to interview the Steering Committee candidates prior to making recommendations on selections to the Board. The Committee requested that this item be returned on a future agenda following further discussion with the Richmond and San Pablo Communities.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Willie Robinson, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Andres Soto, CBE; and Janet Johnson, Sunflower Alliance.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the fact that the Board members who will be making the recommendation to the Board (currently those that make up the Personnel Committee) regarding this item were not all present for this meeting; the suggestion that the Air District's Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion, and/or the Personnel Committee select the CERP Steering Committee members; concerns about representatives of the oil industry serving as members of the CERP Steering Committee, and whether there is a designated seat for industry on the CERP Steering Committee; the suggestion that the Air District's Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion be made into a standing (versus ad hoc committee).

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; and Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that the next meeting would be at the Call of the Chair. After the meeting adjourned, the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion became part of the Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee, which would first meet on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards