

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

Note: Audio recordings of the meeting are available on the website of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas

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.

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Rod Sinks, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Rod Sinks; Vice Chairperson Cindy Chavez; Secretary Karen Mitchoff; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Teresa Barrett, John Bauters, David Canepa, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Scott Haggerty, David Hudson, Davina Hurt, Tyrone Jue, Liz Kniss, Nate Miley, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Jim Spering, Brad Wagenknecht, Lori Wilson, and Shirlee Zane.

Absent: Directors Pauline Russo Cutter and Shamann Walton.

PRESENTATIONS

2. **Acceptance of 2020 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds and other Monies from the California Air Resources Board**

NOTED PRESENT: Directors Kniss and Jue were noted present at 11:35 a.m.

Damian Breen, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Technology, and Karen Schkolnick, Director of Strategic Incentives, thanked the Board for assembling to approve this item. Ms. Schkolnick gave the staff presentation *Acceptance of 2020 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds and Other Monies from the California Air Resources Board*, including: overview; background of the Community Air Protection (CAP) Grant program; CAP Year 3 (2020); results of CAP Years 1 and 2; projected grant revenues for Calendar Year 2020; and recommendations.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Ladonna Williams.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the types of trucks that are eligible for grants under the various funding sources; the amount of funding that is in the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) program; and whether there is sufficient penetration of Air District programs within African American communities in the Bay Area.

Board Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to **authorize** the Air District to accept, obligate, and expend new Community Air Protection grant program revenue from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and any additional funds from settlements, penalties or Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund monies from the California Air Resources Board in State Fiscal Year Ending 2020; **approve** the corresponding authorizing resolution; and **authorize** the Executive Officer/APCO to execute the proposed Grant Agreements and amendments for projects with individual grant award amounts up to \$100,000; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Bauters, Canepa, Chavez, Gioia, Groom, Haggerty, Hurt, Kniss, Jue, Miley, Mitchoff, Rice, Ross, Sinks, Spering, Wagenknecht, Wilson, Zane.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Cutter, Hudson, Walton.

3. **Resolution Condemning Racism and Injustice, and Affirming Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion**

Chair Sinks said that a resolution was written to formally recognize the Air District's commitment to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion by incorporating those values into Air District policies, programs, and practices. He added that the resolution language was originated by Air District staff and revised by Chair Sinks and Director Hurt, who Chairs the Air District's Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion. Board members were invited to sign a supplemental signature page, emphasizing their support for the resolution, assuming it would be approved.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Ladonna Williams; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and Dr. Raymond Tompkins.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the request to add the names "Ahmaud Arbery" and "Rayshard Books" to the first paragraph of the resolution; whether to include Asian Americans in this resolution that

focuses solely on African Americans; the need to increase awareness about the correlation of racism and environmental justice; whether Air District staff members would like to address the Board at a future meeting regarding this topic; appreciation for Air District staff for prioritizing this issue, and the observation that the Air District has a responsibility to shed light on this issue; and whether the Board members' electronic signatures may be used on the supplemental signature page.

Board Action

Director Hurt read aloud the original language of the proposed resolution and then made a motion, seconded by Director Bauters, to approve the amended resolution language by adding "Ahmaud Arbery" and "Rayshard Books" to the list of names in the first paragraph; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Bauters, Canepa, Groom, Haggerty, Hudson, Hurt, Kniss, Jue, Miley, Mitchoff, Rice, Ross, Sinks, Spring, Wagenknecht, Wilson, Zane.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Chavez, Cutter, Gioia, Walton.

4. **Legislative Update**

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation, *Legislative Update*, capturing activities pertaining to, and the status of, the State's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed how Assembly Bill 2621 (Mullins), regarding regional climate networks and adaptation action plans, would affect the Air District; and whether the Air District's Legislative Committee will take a position on Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 (Weber), which would repeal Proposition 209, a citizens' initiative approved in 1996, regarding prohibition against discrimination.

Board Action

None; receive and file.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3**

No requests received.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

6. Board Members' Comments

Director Kniss promoted the new COVID-19 testing sites in Palo Alto and encouraged all Bay Area residents to get tested.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Report of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer

Mr. Broadbent announced that Veronica Eady, Assistant Executive Officer for Environmental Justice at the California Air Resources Board, will be assuming the role of Deputy Executive Officer for Policy and Equity at the Air District, beginning in August. Ms. Eady introduced herself.

Director Bauters welcomed Ms. Eady and invited her to attend the next Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion meeting on July 1, 2020.

8. Chairperson's Report

On behalf of Chair Sinks, Mr. Broadbent announced that Director Hudson was reappointed to serve another two-year term by the Contra Costa Mayors Conference.

9. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 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 adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards