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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 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

Executive Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Rod Sinks, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Committee Chairperson Rod Sinks; Committee Vice Chair Cindy Chavez; and Directors John Bauters, John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, David Hudson, Tyrone Jue, Karen Mitchoff, Katie Rice, and Brad Wagenknecht.

Absent: Director Jim Spering.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2020

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchoff, to **approve** the minutes of April 1, 2020; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Chavez, Gioia, Hudson, Jue, Mitchoff, Rice, Sinks.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Haggerty, Spering, Wagenknecht.

3. HEARING BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2020

Valerie Armento, Hearing Board Chairperson, presented Items 3 and 4, noting that no hearings have been held in 2020 thus far.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. HEARING BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT: APRIL – JUNE 2020

Hearing Board Chair Armento also presented this report.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wagenknecht was noted present at 1:09 p.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. BAY AREA REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE (BARC) UPDATE

Lucian Go, Program Coordinator of BARC, gave the presentation *BARC Work Plan Update*, including: BARC Work Plan updates; climate resiliency - state legislative engagement; Assembly Bill (AB) 617: West Oakland Community Action Plan; and building electrification – Community Climate Compass.

Public Comments

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

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the composition of BARC’s Goods Movement Collaborative Working Group, and the suggestion of involving Contra Costa County agencies; why the Port of Oakland did not pursue Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding and the response from the environmental justice community regarding that decision; and types of active transit projects that may be pursued in West Oakland through a new working group.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. AIR DISTRICT EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE REMOTE WORK UPDATE

Wayne Kino, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Operations, introduced Kristine Roselius, Acting Communications Officer, who gave the staff presentation *Air District Efforts to Encourage Remote Work Update*, including: Cut the Commute pledge; remote work outreach; and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Haggerty was noted present at 1:54 p.m.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed to which Committee this presentation will go next; appreciation for collaboration with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and a shared set of metrics; and the concern that people may prefer driving single-occupancy vehicles rather than take transit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. WILDFIRE PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Kino introduced Tracy Lee, Compliance and Enforcement Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Wildfire Program Update*, including: Northern California wildfire forecast; Wildfire Air Quality Response program; Wildfire Prevention Chipping Pilot program; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) AirNow Sensor Pilot project fire and smoke map; Air District Emergency Operations Plan; Regulation 15 – Emergency Episode Plan; cleaner air centers; public health – wildfires during a pandemic; wildfire preparedness tips and messaging; and communications and outreach.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the target audience for the Wildfire Prevention Chipping Pilot program, whether this program was modeled after an existing one, concerns about diesel engine emissions from chippers, and biomass generation; how to share mutual aid during fires; whether the Air District has a wildfire prevention investment strategy; and whether technology that both filters and cools air for large spaces exists.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. CLIMATE TECH FINANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

Damian Breen, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Technology, introduced Derrick Tang, Manager of the Technology Implementation Office, who gave the staff presentation *Climate Tech Finance Program Update*, including: program overview and status; Air District’s first loan guarantee; pre-funded projects (five-year impact); climate project pipeline; and Climate Tech Marketplace 2020.

Public Comments

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

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Air District’s potential default rate; appreciation of Air District staff for taking this effort from a concept to a working program; the request for investment in more hydrogen fueling projects; and the timeline for the completion of the hydrogen fuel cell ferry program (first loan guarantee issued through the program.)

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Sinks reported that the Air District’s Stationary Source Committee, which met just before this meeting, discussed at length amendments to Rule 6-5 to address emissions of particulate matter, specifically from petroleum refinery fluidized catalytic cracking units.

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

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that the next meeting would take place at the Call of the Chair. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka

Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards