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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 1, 2021

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

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Co-Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue; Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; and Directors John Bauters, Rich Constantine, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Brad Wagenknecht, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Director Shamann Walton.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Constantine, to **approve** the Minutes of June 3, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Gioia, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Wagenknecht.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Miley, Walton, Wilson.

3. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR HURT AND CO-CHAIR JUE WILL REPORT BACK ON COMMUNITY CONVENING SESSION HELD ON JUNE 23, 2021

The Committee then heard a report from the Committee Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, regarding the Community Convening Session that was held on June 23, 2021. Attendees included the Committee Co-Chairs, Air District staff, and community advocates from various Bay Area communities. The discussion on the proposed formation and seating of the Air District's Community Advisory Council (CAC) continued, trying to find a balance between representing all subregions of the Bay Area while giving special attention to the communities that are highly impacted by air pollution. Criteria for prioritizing potential candidates were discussed. There will not be an August Community Convening session.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Committee Co-Chair Hurt introduced Roxanne Carrillo Garza, who discussed her work as Senior Director for Healthy Richmond, whose initiative is to collectively advocate for policy changes to increase health equity and racial justice in the community, utilizing resident power.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Ashley McClure, Climate Health Now; Y'Anad Burrell, Richmond resident; and Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how to partner with members of the community to collect data; how this data collection model can be replicated in other parts of the Bay Area; the importance of investment in strong community leadership and capacity; the level of customization of the capacity-building trainings; and assessments that were made to determine training types for different groups.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. PROPOSED CONCEPTS TO AMEND THE PERMITTING REGULATION

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Jacob Finkle, Senior Air Quality Specialist, who gave the staff presentation *Proposed Concepts to Amend the Permitting Regulation*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background: exposure and vulnerability; initial rule development concepts; May 12, 2021 Concepts Workshop feedback; tentative timeline; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and Professor Lucas Williams, Golden Gate University.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wilson was noted present at 10:34 a.m.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed the fact that there is a disconnect between the Clean Air Plan and current Air District permit regulation; the acknowledgement of Air District staff's efforts to consider the balance of concerns from both the environmental justice community and industry; how progress on this regulation development is being measured; and the request for a list of community advocates' recommendations.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)

Mr. Nudd gave the staff presentation *Discussion on the Development of the Community Advisory Council*, including: outcome; outline; community outreach and discussion; what we've heard so far; CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (Bay Area, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Solano Counties); CAC composition options; CalEnviroScreen 4.0: census tract demographics; proposed timeline for appointment; and input and next steps.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal; Rhoda Fry, Cupertino resident; and Roxanne Carrillo Garza, Healthy Richmond.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether applicants are required to live in the identified census tracts in which they are applying to represent; how the Air District has collected feedback on the recruitment process; trying to find a balance between representing all subregions of the Bay Area without having an unmanageably large number of members; concerns that the 'ideal candidates' criteria may be too similar to that of the Air District's already-established Advisory Council,

specifically regarding the requirement for ‘technical experience and information’; and whether the two at-large seats should be reserved for wildfire prone and agricultural areas.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. AIR DISTRICT-WIDE EQUITY PLAN UPDATE

Tim Williams, Assistant Manager of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Office, gave the staff presentation *Air District-Wide Equity Plan Update*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; overview; Air District-wide Equity Plan; initial Global Community Advancement Center (GCAC) tasks; Equity Resource Team; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request to create a fellows program for those in impacted communities to work in tandem with Air District staff.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. SPARE THE AIR PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Kristine Roselius, Communications Director, and Kristin Law, Community Engagement Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Spare the Air Program Overview and Recommendations*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; Spare the Air program overview; alerts; Employer Program; resource teams and team projects; Youth Program; program recommendations; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the number of employers in the programs located in highly impacted communities; whether the Spare the Air Resource Team is currently supporting Assembly Bill 617 communities; whether demographic data on awareness of the Spare the Air Program exists, and if so, whether that data indicates the areas in which outreach may be improved; communities in which the Spare the Air program deals with transportation planning; the request to revisit the idea of partnering with transit agencies to make transit more accessible and

affordable; the request for additional data-driven efforts; the suggestion of showcasing how data determines program outreach; the suggestion that Spare the Air Resources Teams identify ways to implement Clean Air Plan objectives; the desire for program outreach to inform the public about Spare the Air programs and the Clean Air Plan, and advertise transit; and what demographics/organizations that would help increase awareness of Spare the Air programs and Air District work.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Ann Harvey, Climate Health Now; Janet Johnson, Sunflower Alliance; and Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

11. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 9:30 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 11:45 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards