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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2021

This meeting was conducted under procedures in accordance with Government Code Section 54593. 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 9:33 a.m.

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

Absent: Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; and Director Shamann Walton.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Constantine, to **approve** the Minutes of September 2, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

3. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Committee Co-Chair Hurt introduced Mykela Patton, an East Oakland Youth Organizer for Communities for a Better Environment (CBE). Ms. Patton discussed her work with Communities for a Better Environment to support Assembly Bill 617 (Community Health Protection) goals, and also described her family history, academic endeavors, and observations as a female African American environmental justice activist living in Oakland.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the importance of providing access to healthy, sustainable, long-term options to those in disadvantaged communities, beyond closing windows on polluted air.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE FUNDING PROJECT

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, gave the staff presentation *Transparent & Equitable Funding Project*, including: requested action; outline; transparent and equitable funding project; community request; funding distribution (expenditures); Air District expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending 2020; advancing transparency and equity in funding; define equity objectives; improve data collection; communicate funding opportunities; implement best practices; next steps; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed whether the demographics of the participants in the Clean Cars for All Program match the grant's intended targeted audience; expenditures paid to locations outside the Bay Area; and the ratio of incentive funding for individuals versus businesses.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. DISCUSSION ON PROCESS OF FILLING VACANT SEATS FOR THE PATH TO CLEAN AIR COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the staff presentation *Discussion on Process of Filling Vacant Seats for the Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee*, including: requested action; outline; background; need for filling vacant seats; composition of Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee; geographic representation of Steering Committee compared to total population in preliminary Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) boundary; racial/ethnic composition of Steering Committee compared to preliminary CERP boundary; current sectors represented on the Steering Committee; composition of existing applicant pool; geographic representation; racial/ethnic composition; Steering Committee recommendations; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed concerns about overrepresentation of sectors/designations selected by current Steering Committee members, and the intended use of the sectors/designations by Air District staff; consideration of possible target audiences when opening the recruitment to fill the vacancies, how much to revise the application, and whether to ask prior applicants and current Steering Committee members to complete revised portions of the application; the reason for vacancies occurring on the Steering Committee and how to avoid this in the future; the need to appoint extra reserve members to the Steering Committee; and the status of recruitment outreach.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Hurt reported the following:

- The recruitment for the Air District’s first Community Advisory Council yielded 40 potential candidates, and those appointed will hopefully be seated in November 2021.
- The Board members will receive training on the link between structural racism and environmental injustice during the October 20th Board meeting.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards