Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
May 5, 2022

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 in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. Members of the Committee participated by teleconference.

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Opening Comments: Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Chairperson Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and introduced the Committee's newest members, Directors Sergio Lopez and Steve Young.

Roll Call:

Present: Committee Chairperson Davina Hurt; Committee Vice Chairperson Tyrone Jue; and Directors John Bauters, John Gioia, Sergio Lopez, and Steve Young.

Absent: Directors David Haubert and Nate Miley.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Meeting Procedure

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 4)

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2022 and April 7, 2022

Public Comments

No requests received.
Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Committee Vice Chairperson Jue made a motion, seconded by Director Young, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022; and April 7, 2022: and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Gioia, Hurt, Jue, Lopez, Young.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Haubert, Miley.

PRESENTATION(S)

5. Community Perspectives

Arieann Harrison, Executive of The Marie Harrison Community Foundation (MHCFI) Inc, gave the presentation Community Perspectives, including: MHCFI; #CanWeLIVE; Arieann Harrison; Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship; biomonitoring projects: tracking cancer clusters; circle of death; toxic screening chart; and what do we want.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Esther Goolsby, Communities for a Better Environment.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the process of how the MHCFI deals with the changing demographics in the Bay View Hunters Point community in regards to the Foundation's work; and the Foundation's relationship with the Air District.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. Appointment of City of San Pablo Representative to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Path to Clean Air Emission Reduction Plan Steering Committee

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer (SDEO) of Policy and Equity, gave the staff presentation Appointment of City of San Pablo Planning Department Representative to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Path to Clean Air Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee, including: outcome; background; and requested action.
Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Young, made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to recommend the Board appoint Elizebeth Tyler as City of San Pablo representative to AB 617 Path to Clean Air Community Emission Reduction Plan Steering Committee; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Gioia, Hurt, Jue, Lopez, Young.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Haubert, Miley.

7. Overview of the Hearing Board of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Adan Schwartz, Acting District Council, gave the staff presentation, California Air District Hearing Boards, including: the Hearing Board; permit appeals; variances; orders of abatement; and public participation at the Hearing Board.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Arieann Harrison, MHCFI.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed a Committee member's disappointment with the proceedings at the hearing regarding the stipulated order of abatement between the Air District and Valero, as details were not provided, as the public had anticipated; the consequences of facilities' non-compliance, the decision-making process to determine if a court mandated injunction is needed after a matter has gone before the Hearing Board, and how the Board of Directors would be informed of such matters; the reasoning behind the anticipated increase of the utilization of the Hearing Board, and how this may affect the amount of fines and penalties collected by the Air District; and concerns that private settlements have resulted in decreased penalties and no oversight.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.
OTHER BUSINESS

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

No requests received.

9. Committee Member Comments

Director Bauters asked whether the Committee will meet during the summer months.

10. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, teleconference, or Zoom, pursuant to procedures in accordance with AB 361 (Rivas 2021).

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

/S/ Luis Espino
Luis Espino
Acting Clerk of the Boards