

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES

*This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the
Bay Area Air Quality Management District at
www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas*

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community, Equity, Health, and Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson John Gioia; Board Chairperson Davina Hurt; and Directors Nate Miley, and Shamann Walton.

Present, In-Person (Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310 Crystal Conference Room, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Present, In-Person (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Offices, 500 County Center - 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063): Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo.

Absent: Director Mark Salinas.

***NOTE:** Prior to this meeting, Board Chairperson Davina Hurt appointed herself and Director Nate Miley to be members of the Committee pursuant to Section 3.4 of the Administrative Code. Chairperson Hurt subsequently removed herself and Director Miley from the Committee pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Administrative Code.*

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Director Miley, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Community, Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of November 13, 2024; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, Miley, Walton.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Hurt, Salinas.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL'S (CAC) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) CALL TO ACTION

The Committee discussed the Community Advisory Council’s *A Call to Action: Charting a New Course Towards Environmental Justice at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District*, a document that builds on the CAC’s nine EJ Priorities and collaborative sessions with the Air District to co-develop EJ strategies and actions in response to EJ community needs.

Vernice Miller-Travis of The Metropolitan Group (MG), and Co-Chairs of the CAC’s EJ Policy Ad Hoc Committee, Rio Molina and Latasha Washington, gave the presentation *Community Advisory Council’s Environmental Justice Call to Action*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; EJ perspectives from the MG; EJ Policy Ad Hoc Committee members from 2022-2024; key milestones in the Air District’s EJ Action Planning; reflections on process from EJ Policy Ad Hoc members; inputs for the CAC’s EJ priorities development; summary of 9 CAC EJ priorities; coordination and alignment with the Air District’s Strategic Plan; CAC EJ priorities and *A Call to Action*; *A Call to Action* Table of Contents; input from the September 19, 2024 CAC meeting; highlights of content edits made since September 19, 2024; acknowledgement of Board Chair Davina Hurt; highlights of design formatting since September 19, 2024; and next steps.

NOTED PRESENT: Board Chair Hurt was noted at 1:18 p.m.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Peter Rauch, Brightline Defense; and Jacob Linde, Brightline Defense.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether Air District staff or the CAC have discussed the varying definitions of “disadvantaged community”; challenges of creating this document; the request for this presentation to be given to the full Board of Directors, especially how to implement items within the plan; whether this document was intended to serve as a model of any kind, or may be used as one; and the hope that this document invites collaboration between jurisdictions and community organizations.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the Committee acknowledged Board Chair Hurt for advocating for frontline communities and advancing EJ at the Air District.

7. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs, made the following announcements:

- The CAC’s Community Benefit Fund Ad Hoc Committee is currently processing a contract so that in March 2025, the CAC can consider a proposal of how to allocate \$3Million of monetary resources for projects in impacted communities to reduce exposure to air pollution and address public health impacts.

Board Chair Hurt suggested that the full Board of Directors be educated about participatory budgeting as quickly as possible.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards