

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Special Meeting  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

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Bay Area Air Quality Management District at  
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### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Opening Comments:** Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Vicki Veenker, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center (375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Temazcal Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson Vicki Veenker; Committee Vice Chairperson Sergio Lopez; and Directors Ken Carlson and Noelia Corzo.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Ava Community Energy, Conference Room 3, 1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2300, Oakland, CA 94612): Director Juan González III.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Erin Hannigan, and Katie Rice.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2024**

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

### Committee Comments

None.

### Committee Action

Director Corzo made a motion, seconded by Director Carlson, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of May 15, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gonzalez, Lopez, Veenker.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Abe-Koga, Hannigan, Rice.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4. PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS WITH PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS OVER \$500,000**

Dr. Chad White, Supervising Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Projects and Contracts with Proposed Grant Awards Over \$500,000*, including: action items; outline; Carl Moyer Program (CMP)/Mobile Source Incentive Fund (MSIF), Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives, and Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emissions Reductions (FARMER); Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA); proposed projects; incentive funds awarded and remaining since July 2023, by project category and county; benefits to priority areas since July 2023; and recommendations.

### Public Comments

No requests received.

### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the cost breakdown for a project that replaces diesel school buses with electric ones *and* installs supporting infrastructure (does the vehicle replacement or its supporting infrastructure cost more); why certain school bus projects are awarded more funds than others; the alignment between project scoring and equity goals (how household and/or school district of an area income factor in); commuter benefit programs that are funded under TFCA; whether the \$48.5M that was not allocated roll over to the next funding cycle; and appreciation for staff's measuring of cost-effectiveness of projects.

### Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to **approve** five recommended projects with proposed grant awards over \$500,000 and **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gonzalez, Lopez, Veenker.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Hannigan, Rice.

5. **RECONSIDERATION OF BOARD-APPROVED POSITION FOR SENATE BILL (SB) 1298 (CORTESE)**

Viet Tran, Deputy Executive Officer of Public Affairs, gave the staff presentation *Reconsideration of Board-Approved Position for Senate Bill (SB) 1298 (Cortese)*, including: outcome; requested action; bill summary; reason for consideration; bill status; and recap of requested action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the amendment to the bill requiring facilities' backup generation technology meets best available control technology requirements prohibits future diesel generation; and whether other agencies and organizations that originally opposed this bill are also changing their positions, due to the bill's amended language.

Committee Action

Director Gonzáles made a motion, seconded by Director Corzo, to recommend the Board of Directors do the following:

Change a former Board approved position on current legislation: Remove the Air District's current Board-approved position of "Oppose Unless Amended" and move to a "Neutral" position for SB 1298 (Cortese) - Certification of thermal powerplants: data centers.

The motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gonzalez, Lopez, Veenker.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Hannigan, Rice.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

6. **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Tran gave the staff presentation *State and Federal Legislative Update*, including: presentation for information only; outline; outline; Air District-sponsored and co-sponsored bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 1465 (Wicks) – Nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties, AB 2298 (Hart, et al.) – coastal resources: Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies program, SB 382 (Becker) – single family residential property: disclosures, SB 1095 (Becker) – Cozy Homes Cleanup Act: building standards: gas-fuel-burning appliances; Board-approved position bills: AB 817 (Pacheco) – open meetings: teleconferencing:

subsidiary body, AB 1894 (Ta); nonvehicular air pollution: civil penalties, AB 2522 (Carrillo) – air districts: governing boards: compensation, AB 2851 (Bonta) – metal shredding facilities: fenceline air quality monitoring, AB 2958 (Calderon) – State Air Resources Board: board members: compensation, SB 537 (Becker) – Department of General Services: memorial to forcibly deported Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants (no longer pertains to the Air District), SB 674 (Gonzalez) – air pollution: covered facilities: community air monitoring systems: fenceline monitoring systems, SB 1158 (Archuleta) – Carl Moyer Program Air Quality Standards Attainment Program, SB 1193 (Menjivar) – airports: leaded aviation gasoline; other bills of interest: SB 1234 (Allen) – hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities; State Budget update Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025; and recent federal activities: pending federal legislation, House subcommittee testimony.

Mr. Tran then provided an update on pending federal legislative activity not listed in presentation: H.R. 8726 (IH) - Alan S. Lowenthal Blue Whales, Blue Skies Act (Carbajal and Huffman); and Proposition 4, a climate bond which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10 billion toward safe drinking water and groundwater, wildfire and forest programs, and to combat sea level rise.

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed

- AB 817 (Pacheco) – whether anyone is supporting this bill;
- AB 2522 (Carrillo) – whether any air districts are supporting this bill;
- SB 1193 (Menjivar) – concern regarding duplicative efforts between this bill and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and whether this bill could override FAA regulations; and whether incentive dollars can be used to offset the costs of Supplemental Type Certificates;
- AB 2851 (Bonta) – whether this bill is anticipated to be approved by both houses during the current legislative session.

#### Committee Action

No action taken.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

#### **8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director González thanked Air District staff for the explanations of the legislative items on this agenda.

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
Marcy Hiratzka  
Clerk of the Boards