

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 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:** Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Vicki Veenker, called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson Vicki Veenker; Board Chairperson Davina Hurt; and Vice Chairperson Sergio Lopez.

Present, In-Person (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor Ken Carlson, 2255 Contra Costa Blvd., Suite 202, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523): Director Ken Carlson.

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

Present, In-Person (San Leandro City Hall, 835 E. 14th Street, 2nd Floor, San Leandro, CA 94577): Director Juan González III.

Absent: Directors Margret Abe-Koga, Noelia Corzo, Erin Hannigan, and Katie Rice.

NOTE: *Prior to this meeting, Board Chairperson Davina Hurt appointed herself to be a member of the Committee pursuant to Section 3.4 of the Administrative Code. Chairperson Hurt subsequently removed herself from the Committee.*

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2024

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Carlson, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of October 16, 2024; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEMS

4. PROPOSED 2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, as well as Ben Miller and Mark Kadash, from Kadash & Associates, LLC, gave the presentation *Proposed 2025 Legislative Platform*, including: action requested; outline; overview of Air District Legislative Platform; State Budget; State Legislation; federal legislation and regulatory activity; and recap: action requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the status of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) development of zero-emission greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for new space and water heaters sold in California; hope that Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding allocations will continue to go towards cost-effective programs that reduce greenhouse gases, short-lived climate pollutants, and related air pollution and exposure; whether there is federal funding allocated for clean air centers; the suggestion of partnering with Representative Jared Huffman, as he sits on the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources; Bay Area Congressional members' committee assignments; the ways in which the Air District plans to brief new members of Congress on the Air District's priorities and areas of advocacy; the fact that on December 18, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted waivers to implement and enforce CARB's Advanced Clean Cars II regulations for light-duty vehicles, and its "Omnibus" low-NOx regulation

for heavy-duty highway and off-road vehicles and engines, and whether the new Presidential Administration can reserve those actions; federal and state aspects of adopting additional regulatory and incentive programs to promote use of lower lead and no-lead alternatives at general aviation airports; whether there are legal impediments that would prevent the Air District from prohibiting and/or regulating fireplace woodsmoke more aggressively; and whether air districts are able to regulate indoor air quality.

Committee Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Board Chair Hurt, to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed 2025 Legislative Platform below:

Proposed 2025 Legislative Platform

State Budget

1. *State Funding for Clean Air Projects*
2. *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund*
3. *Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Protection Program Implementation & Incentive Funding*
4. *Wildfire Mitigation and Public Health Response*
5. *Clean Tech Financing*
6. *Low-Carbon Transportation Incentives*

State Legislation

1. *Cap and Trade Reauthorization*
2. *Address Legal Barriers to Environmental Justice*
3. *AB 617 Community Air Protection Program*
4. *Vehicle Emissions and Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled*
5. *Climate Change*
6. *Green and Healthy Buildings*
7. *Wildfire Smoke Public Health Response*
8. *Emergency Backup Generation*
9. *Toxic Air Emissions*
10. *Wildfire Smoke Mitigation/Prescribed Fire*
11. *Stationary Source Greenhouse Gas Authority*
12. *Land Use*

Federal Legislation and Regulatory Activity

1. *Federal Funding for Air District Clean Air Programs*
2. *Wildfire Smoke Public Health Response*
3. *Clean Transportation Programs*
4. *Clean Energy Programs*
5. *Particulate Matter Standards*
6. *Vehicle Emission Standards*
7. *Climate Change*
8. *Green and Healthy Buildings*
9. *Leaded Aviation Gas*

The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

5. PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR 2025

Mr. Abbs gave the staff presentation *Proposed Legislative Activities for 2025*, including: action requested; summary; key dates and deadlines; proposed legislative activities; and recap: action requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Stephen Rosenblum, Palo Alto resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether it is anticipated that the third attempt to pass a bill regarding Vessel Speed Reduction for Ocean-Going Vessels will also result in the bill being held and dying in a legislative appropriations committee; the suggestion of changing the name of the bill regarding Vessel Speed Reduction for Ocean-Going Vessels to one that is less sentimental (compared to former titles); how to best mitigate anticipated pushback and perceived risk associated with bills that would limit the abilities of homeowners associations; whether the Air District should continue to consider a position on the issue of CARB Air District Board Member Compensation; and bills of interest to the Air District that were passed during the most recent Legislative Session.

Committee Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed legislative activities for the 2025 Legislative Session below:

1. *Vessel Speed Reduction: Ocean-Going Vessels (co-sponsor)*
2. *Homeowners Association Limitations (continue discussions with legislative offices and propose sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or support any legislative efforts to address these concerns)*
3. *California Air Resources Board Air District Board Member Compensation (support or co-sponsor)*

The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

6. TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR PROGRAM (TFCA) AUDIT #25 RESULTS

Air District audit partner, Joseph Moussa, from Simpson & Simpson LLP, gave the presentation *Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Audit #25 Results*, including: background on TFCA; agenda; Auditor’s required communications Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114; Auditor’s results and highlights of the Schedule of Expenditures; and other program compliance review (agreed-upon procedures.)

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee congratulated Air District staff on a clean audit.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.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 2:56 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards