

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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, Noelia Corzo, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Directors Mark Salinas 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): Chairperson Noelia Corzo and Ray Mueller.

Present, In-Person (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, Conference Room, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Vice Chairperson John Gioia; and Directors Dionne Adams and Steve Young.

Absent: Directors Brian Barnacle, Monica Brown, and Brian Colbert.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2024**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Director Salinas, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Community, Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of December 11, 2024; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, Mueller, Salinas, Walton, Young.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barnacle, Brown, Colbert.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Cynthia Prieto-Diaz, Public Health Analyst, Certified Public Health Ambassador, and member of the Air District's Community Advisory Council, gave the presentation *From MedTech to Environmental Justice (EJ) Using Science for Advocacy & Community Empowerment*, including: disclaimer; biography; intersection of public health and environmental justice; this life chose me; we are all public health; mitigation efforts; community-driven and evidence based solutions; using the scientific method to advance solutions; community impact projects; reflections with a call to action; addressing root causes; pitching proposals; quote; and references.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed best practices of how to reflect the realities of public health impacts for jurisdictions that are updating land use elements in their General Plans; the difference that community and individual advocacy can make; ways to engage with youth regarding EJ issues; the importance of both qualitative and quantitative public health impact data; and Temtop M2000C and Temtop LKC-1000S portable air monitors on loan for City of San Leandro Library patrons.

Committee Action

No action taken.

5. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

Miriam Torres, Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, and Lisa Flores, Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Community Advisory Council Recruitment and Selection Process*, including: outcome; background; CAC terms; CAC seats; recruitment and outreach; process and timeline; CAC's role in selection process; Board of Directors' role in selection process; and Board of Directors selection criteria.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; and Janniece Murray, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the geographic representation of the current CAC members who work or live in Alameda County; the desire for representation from the southwestern Alameda County communities of Union City, Hayward, Newark, and San Leandro; the suggestion of sending recruitment notices to cities' and counties' sustainability committees; the reason why there is only one CAC seat for Solano County; whether there are geographic requirements within the candidate criteria; whether the City of Vallejo is considered "overburdened"; which current CAC members' term are expiring; how the Air District plans to balance the number of incumbents with new candidates; lessons learned from the first CAC membership recruitment; and a request for clarification about the recommendation process (whether incumbents are involved with making recommendations which could be seen as a conflict of interest.)

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

8. 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 will have a retreat on May 16 and 17, 2025 (location yet to be determined.)
- The next meeting of the Richmond Area Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee will be held on February 24, 2025 at the Air District Richmond Headquarters.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards