

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 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 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson Noelia Corzo; and Directors Mark Salinas and Shamann Walton.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, Conference Room, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Director Steve Young.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Pittsburg City Hall 301A City Manager's Office Mayor/Council Conference Room 65 Civic Ave. – 3rd Floor Pittsburg, CA 94565): Director Dionne Adams.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Offices, 500 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063): Director Ray Mueller.

Absent: Vice Chairperson John Gioia; and Directors Brian Barnacle, Monica Brown, Brian Colbert, and Joelle Gallagher.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2025**

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 March 12, 2025; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEMS

4. COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND DISBURSEMENT PLAN

Community Advisory Council (CAC) Members William Goodwin and Latasha Washington, gave the presentation *Community Benefit Fund Disbursement Plan*, including: outline; requested action; background; March 20, 2025 CAC meeting; processes considered and not selected by the CAC; the “People’s Air Grant Program” (PAGP) elements – grant program goals, eligible applicants and projects, funding tiers, grant administration and accountability; PAGP direct grantmaking process (CAC’s recommendation) – stages 1-3, timeline; next steps; and requested action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Mark Williams, Jr., Environmental Justice League.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the proposed amount of \$300,000 of the Community Benefit Fund intended to serve as administrative costs in the PAGP grantmaking process, and whether the proposed \$1,000 stipend for project reviewers would be taken from the \$300,000; whether particular non-governmental organizations were considered during the development of the foundation-managed grant program option that was proposed to the CAC, and if so, whether those organizations contributed input regarding administrative costs rates; whether the foundation-managed grant program option would include audited budgeting for organizations selected (with the Air District as a fiscal sponsor); whether the PAGP option would have the CAC recommend a slate of proposals to the Committee, and then the full Board of Directors for final approval, and whether the administrative cost of \$300,000 would go to cover Air District staff time; the proposed funding tier structure; project reporting

requirements; the request for a status update to the Committee, once the Board makes its approval of whatever option is selected; the manner in which the CAC would identify and prioritize project types for the PAGP option; and whether the option of allocating monies from the Community Benefit Fund to local governments to distribute on their own was considered, and potential advantages and disadvantages of involving local governments in the PAGP process.

Committee Action

Director Salinas made a motion, seconded by Director Adams, to recommend that the Board approves the CAC's recommendation of "The PAGP" with a direct grantmaking process for the disbursement of the Community Benefit Fund in a total amount of \$3 million; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

5. **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION PROCESS**

Lisa Flores, Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *CAC Selection Process*, including: recommended action; outline; background; Board selection criteria; propose additional guidance for selection of new applicants; proposed additional guidance for selection for existing CAC members reapplying; application for new applicants; application for new applicants; application for existing CAC members; process and timeline; and recommended action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the reason for separate applications for new and returning CAC members; the process for vetting new and returning candidates; whether a single slate of candidates, consisting of both new and returning members will be proposed to the Board; and discussed the use of the word "civility", stemming from the approved language by the inaugural CAC in the CAC's original charter and now referenced in the proposed additional guidance for the selection of new applicants and application for new CAC members.

Committee Action

Director Salinas made a motion, seconded by Director Walton, to **adopt** (without the need for further Board approval) the following guidance for the Community Advisory Council member selection process and application questions for current Community Advisory Council members reapplying and for new candidates:

1. Proposed CAC member selection process;
2. Proposed application questions for new and returning CAC candidates; and
3. Proposed application question for CAC members who are reapplying, with the addition of, *“Share how you have exemplified civility during your tenure on the CAC, describe how you have worked in a professional manner with colleagues, stakeholders, the public, civil servants, and government staff.”*

The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. MARIE HARRISON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Daniel S. Madrigal, Senior Staff Specialist, and Arieann Harrison, Founder and Executive Director of the Marie Harrison Community Foundation (MHCF), gave the presentation *Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program Update*, including: agenda; Marie Harrison; MHCF; scholarship goals and criteria; review of 2024 scholarships; 2024 scholarship winners; Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Year 3; and questions/feedback.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Tonia Randell, MHCF.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed outreach efforts; and trends in applicants and awardees.

Committee Action

No action taken.

Note: At this point in the meeting (2:36 p.m.), the Committee lost quorum of its members, and the meeting was forced to adjourn. Items 7 through 10 will be taken up on the agenda for the next meeting of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee.

7. ASSEMBLY BILL 617 PROGRAM UPDATE

OTHER BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

9. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

10. **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

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

Wednesday, May 14, 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.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards