

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Special Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 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:** Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Vicki Veenker, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Chair Veenker announced that since the meeting agenda was published, Director Ray Mueller was added to the Committee.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center (375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson Vicki Veenker; and Director Ken Carlson.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 3, Office of Supervisor Lena Tam, 101 Callan Avenue, Suite #103, San Leandro, CA 94577): Director Lena Tam.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (City of San Leandro City Hall, 835 E. 14th Street, 2nd Floor, Room 201, San Leandro, CA 94577): Director Juan González III.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Heritage House, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566): Director David Haubert.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee, 70 W Hedding Street, East Wing, 10th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110): Directors Otto Lee and Ray Mueller.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Joelle Gallagher, and Sergio Lopez.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2024

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of December 18, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Carlson, González, Haubert, Lee, Mueller, Tam, Veenker.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Abe-Koga, Gallagher, Lopez.

ACTION ITEMS

4. FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 5)

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *Federal and State Legislative Updates*, including: action requested; outline; Part I: Federal Updates and Pending Legislation: recent federal updates; pending legislation – Cleaner Air Spaces Act; Part II: State Legislation: state legislation overview; Assembly Bill (AB) 14 Hart; Senate Bill (SB) 282 (Wiener); AB 907 (Chen); AB 222 (Bauer-Kahan); AB 339 (Ortega); AB 546 (Caloza); SB 30 (Cortese); SB 34 (Richardson); Part III: State Budget: state budget update; recap: action requested.

Public Comments

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

Committee Comments

In addition to Cap and Trade program reauthorization, the Committee and staff discussed the following:

Regarding AB 546 (Caloza) - Health care coverage: portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifiers and filters: whether any pregnant person would receive coverage for portable HEPA purifiers and filters, even if they do not have asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and concern about supporting a bill that touches on insurance plans and premiums.

Regarding January 20, 2025 Executive Order "Unleashing American Energy": concern about how the pausing of the disbursement of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds would affect electrification efforts.

Regarding AB 222 (Bauer-Kahan) - Data centers: energy usage reporting and modeling: the total energy used to develop a covered model; and to whom reports are to be submitted; and potential interest a position of support for this bill.

Regarding SB 34 (Richardson) - Ports: emissions: intermodal goods movement stakeholder group: why the Air District would adopt a position of neutral instead of oppose.

Committee Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to recommend that the Board **adopt** the following positions on current legislation:

Federal Legislation introduced in the United States House of Representatives (H.R.) or United States Senate (S.):

1. Support H.R.566 (Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]) – Cleaner Air Spaces Act
2. Support S.147 (Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]) – Cleaner Air Spaces Act

State Legislation introduced in the California State Senate (SB) or California State Assembly (AB):

1. Support AB 546 (Caloza) – Health care coverage: portable HEPA purifiers and filters.

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

AYES: Carlson, González, Haubert, Lee, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Gallagher, Lopez, Mueller.

5. **REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR (TFCA) PROJECTS EXPENDITURES AND EFFECTIVENESS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING (FYE) 2024 AND AUTHORIZATION OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS LIMITS FOR AIR DISTRICT-SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMENCING FYE 2026 (ITEM 4)**

Linda Hui, Supervising Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Report on Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Projects Expenditures and Effectiveness for Fiscal Year Ending 2024*, including: action item; outline; TFCA; summary of project and program results FYE 2024 TFCA expenditures; TFCA Regional Fund expenditures by project category; effectiveness and emissions reductions; key report findings for Board effectiveness determination; cost effectiveness for Air District-sponsored programs; next steps; and recommendation.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the Air District's current focus is on reducing Particulate Matter (PM)_{2.5} or PM₁₀; whether there are any changes between the proposed cost-effectiveness limit for the Air District-sponsored programs commencing FYE 2026 and the limits from FYE 2025; whether the Air District is focused on the emissions reductions of reactive organic gas, nitrogen oxides, and PM equally, versus one of these criteria pollutants in particular; the number of TFCA projects that did not exceed the cost-effective threshold from FYE 2024; and potential impacts to Air District funding for projects that reduce pollutants and greenhouse gases from mobile sources, due to federal funding cuts.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Lee, to recommend the Board **adopt** a determination that the Fiscal Year Ending 2024 Transportation Fund for Clean Air 60% Fund expenditures were effective in improving air quality, based on Staff's report and presentation, and **authorize** the proposed cost-effectiveness limit for the Air District-sponsored programs commencing FYE 2026; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, González, Haubert, Lee, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Gallagher, Lopez, Mueller.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards