



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee
April 8, 2026

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**Bay Area Metro Center
1st Floor Yerba Buena
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105**

**Office of Contra Costa County
Supervisor John Gioia
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11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D
El Cerrito, CA 94530**

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1195 Third Street, Suite 310
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Napa, CA 94559**

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675 N. Texas St. Room A168
Fairfield, CA 94533**

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San Diego, CA 92110**

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COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

1:00 PM

Chairperson, John Gioia

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 3)

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items that may be approved together as a group by one action of the Committee. Any Committee member or member of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of March 11, 2026

The Committee will consider approving the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting of March 11, 2026.

ACTION ITEM(S)

4. Recommendations to Strengthen Collaboration between the Board of Directors and the Community Advisory Council

The Committee will discuss the Community Advisory Council's recommendations to strengthen communication and collaboration with the Board of Directors, and will consider forwarding the recommendations to the Board for consideration and potential direction to staff. The Community Advisory Council adopted these recommendations at its meeting on November 20, 2025. The recommendations were also discussed at the Board retreat on January 28, 2026. This item will be presented by Community Advisory Council Co-Chairs William Goodwin and Latasha Washington, along with Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

5. Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program Update

The Committee will discuss updates on the Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program. Between 2023 and 2025, the Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program awarded scholarships to 28 college students engaged in environmental justice work; the Program is now accepting applications through May 29, 2026, to award an additional 12 scholarships. This item will be presented by Arieann Harrison, Founder and Executive Director of the Marie Harrison Community Foundation, and Daniel S. Madrigal, Senior Staff Specialist in the Environmental Justice Division.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda will be given an opportunity to address the Committee. Members of the public will have two minutes each to address the Committee, unless a different time limit is established by the Chair. The Committee welcomes comments, including criticism, about the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the Air District, or of the acts or omissions of the Committee. Speakers shall not use threatening, profane, or abusive language which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of a Committee meeting. The Air District is committed to maintaining a workplace free of unlawful harassment and is mindful that Air District staff regularly attend Committee meetings. Discriminatory statements or conduct that would potentially violate the Fair Employment and Housing Act – i.e., statements or conduct that is hostile, intimidating, oppressive, or abusive – is per se disruptive to a meeting and will not be tolerated.

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8. Report of the Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs
9. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center and at satellite locations as may be specified on the meeting agenda using a remote teleconferencing link. Members of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

10. Adjournment

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair.

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375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105
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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE:
MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS**

APRIL 2026

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	1	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	8	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee	Wednesday	8	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	15	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee	Wednesday	15	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Special Budget Hearing	Wednesday	29	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Special Meeting	Wednesday	29	11:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room

MAY 2026

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Advisory Council Meeting	Monday	4	9:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	6	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	13	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee	Wednesday	13	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	20	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee	Wednesday	20	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room

MAY 2026 (cont'd)

Community Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday

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6:00 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room

JUNE 2026

TYPE OF MEETING

DAY

DATE

TIME

ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday

3

10:00 a.m.

1st Floor Board Room

Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee

Wednesday

10

10:00 a.m.

1st Floor, Yerba Buena Room

Board of Directors Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

Wednesday

10

1:00 p.m.

1st Floor, Yerba Buena Room

Advisory Council Meeting

Monday

15

9:00 a.m.

1st Floor Board Room

Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee

Wednesday

17

10:00 a.m.

1st Floor Board Room

Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee

Wednesday

17

1:00 p.m.

1st Floor Board Room

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BAY AREA AIR DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: April 8, 2026

Re: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice
Committee Meeting of March 11, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of March 11, 2026.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of March 11, 2026.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Marcy Hiratzka
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Minutes of the Community Equity Health and Justice Committee Meeting of March 11, 2026

Bay Area Air District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 749-5073

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air District at [Board Resolutions, Agendas, and Minutes](#)

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Directors Monica Brown, Linda Sell, and Shamann Walton.

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

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Pittsburg City Hall, 65 Civic Ave., Room, 301A, Pittsburg, CA 94565): Vice Chairperson Dionne Adams.

Absent: Director Steve Young.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Director Sell, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of February 11, 2026; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Brown, Gioia, Gallagher, Sell, Walton.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Young.

ACTION ITEMS

4. FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN (CERP) FOR EAST OAKLAND

Manuel Oliva, Community Planning Manager, and Anna Lee, Environmental Justice Manager, gave the staff presentation *Final Draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan for East Oakland*, including: recommended action; East Oakland Assembly Bill (AB) 617 community; East Oakland Community Steering Committee (CSC); CERP development process; East Oakland community engagement; Final Draft CERP goals; Final Draft CERP strategy development; Final Draft CERP focus areas; community concerns and action highlights; CERP public review; CSC approval; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance; and recommended actions.

Members of the East Oakland CSC were then invited to share their reflections and statement of support (Mr. Charles Reed, Marina Munoz, Cecilia Cunningham, Njeri McGee-Tyner, and Aiyahna Johnson).

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Mr. Charles Reed, Oakland resident; and Patrick Messac, Oakland resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the desire for improved public engagement/outreach and access to East Oakland CERP meetings; the Air District-generated emissions inventory that analyzed East Oakland air pollution from local stationary and mobile sources, including data for nearly 400 permitted facilities, and whether inventories have been generated for the other Bay Area designated AB 617 communities (Richmond, West Oakland, and Bayview Hunters Point); the desire for a balance of qualitative versus quantitative goals; the suggestion of using local industrial pollution sources for baseline monitoring, and how the Air District would reduce emissions if they were found to be high; whether the proposed Draft CERP focus area of

“public health and community wellness” is quantifiable; and whether the Air District conducts modeling analyses of exposures from all known sources in all Bay Area communities.

Committee Action

Director Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Director Walton, to recommend the Board (i) adopt the Final Draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan for East Oakland and (ii) approve the determination that adoption of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Brown, Gallagher, Sell, Walton.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Young.

5. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL'S (CAC) COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee reviewed seven Community Advisory Council recommendations that aim to improve coordination, documentation, and communication in compliance and enforcement efforts to increase efficiency and emission reduction outcomes. The Committee considered forwarding them to the Board of Directors for consideration and potential direction to staff. At its meeting on November 20, 2025, the Community Advisory Council recommended this item to the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee.

Air District Community Advisory Council Members, Ken Szutu and Patrick Messac, gave the presentation *Community Advisory Council's Compliance and Enforcement Recommendations*, including: outline; recommended action; Crown Hill Materials: community experience; why a case study; case study resources; community perspective: complaint report; complaints without consequences; Recommendation #1 (Customer-Centered Complaint Process); enforcement gap: rules vs results; Recommendation #2 (Enforceable Rules); Recommendation #3 (Modernize Evidence Collection); Recommendation #4 (Transparent Permitting); impact over intention; Recommendation #5 (Protective Permitting Safeguards); Recommendation #6 (Strengthen Learning through Case Studies); beyond Crown Hill Materials: continuous improvement; Recommendation #7 (Top Community Concerns Framework); and recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Aiyahna Johnson, Oakland resident; Mr. Charles Reed, Oakland resident; and Marina Munoz, Oakland resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Air District’s response to the proposed recommendations (desire for high-level prioritization); and the anticipated timeframe of when the recommendations will come before the full Board.

Committee Action

Director Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Director Sell, to recommend the Board consider the following seven recommendations that were proposed by the Air District’s Community Advisory Council, and provide potential direction to staff:

1. Implement a customer-centered complaint process that provides clear communication, feedback, and closure to complainants
2. Adopt and implement rules that can be enforced more consistently and effectively
3. Evaluate opportunities to incorporate modern technology for real-time evidence collection where legally and operationally appropriate
4. Improve public access to permitting and exemption information for facilities under Air District jurisdiction by publishing facility permits and exemptions online through a community-facing dashboard
5. Revise permitting regulations to incorporate stronger safeguards for fence-line communities by ensuring that permit and exemption determinations are based on verified equipment capacity data and enforceable operational limits
6. Partner with overburdened communities to co-develop a “Top Community Concerns” list, by county, that combines community feedback with agency data such as complaints, inspections, emissions, health indicators, and facility operations to identify recurring air quality issues and guide proactive enforcement
7. Institutionalize the CAC’s case-study approach as a structured framework for learning, transparency, and ongoing program improvement across Air District programs, applying it to permitting in 2026

The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Brown, Gallagher, Sell, Walton.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Young.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

6. CALENVIROSCREEN UPDATES

Dr. David Holstius, Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, gave the staff presentation *CalEnviroScreen Updates*, including: background on CalEnviroScreen; CalEnviroScreen internals; applications at the Air District; community designations; unpacking and accounting for changes; and Air District engagement.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; Patrick Messac, Oakland resident; and Mr. Charles Reed, Oakland resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed interpreting map changes of Contra Costa County.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Roger Lin, Center for Biological Diversity; Meya Saenz Zagar, Center for Biological Diversity; Aiyahna Johnson, Oakland resident; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; Masheika Allgood, Sunnyvale resident; and Marina Munoz, Oakland resident.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. 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 Air District has hired an Officer of Civil Rights, Kimberly Leefatt, and Temporary Designated Officer for the CAC, Anyania Muse.
- The People’s Air Grant Program supports projects in impacted communities that improve air quality and reduce local air pollution disparities, equip impacted communities with tools and resources to reduce air pollution and improve public health outcomes, and support health care resources and services for people experiencing health impacts related to air pollution exposure. The maximum amount for an individual grant is \$400,000 over two years. **Applications are now open.** Community-based groups, local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and California Native American Tribes serving Bay Area environmental justice communities are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due by 5:00 PM Pacific Time on Friday, May 29, 2026.** For questions or assistance with the application, please contact peoplesairgrant@baaqmd.gov.
- The date of the CAC’s next meeting will take place on March 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at Juntos Fruitvale - Unity Auditorium. 3357 International Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94601.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center and at satellite locations as may be specified on the meeting agenda using a remote teleconferencing link. Members of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice

Committee and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards

BAY AREA AIR DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: April 8, 2026

Re: Recommendations to Strengthen Collaboration between the Board of
Directors and the Community Advisory Council

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss the Community Advisory Council's recommendations to strengthen communication and collaboration between the Board of Directors and the Council and consider forwarding them to the Board of Directors for the Board's consideration and potential direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

Members of the Community Advisory Council have expressed interest in having more meetings with the leadership of the Air District's Board of Directors and developing ongoing communication pathways for the Community Advisory Council to share information and discuss environmental justice priorities. Currently, the Community Advisory Council and Board of Directors communicate through (1) meetings between the Community Advisory Council Co-Chairs and the Chair of the Board, and (2) formal presentations of informational and action items to the Board of Directors and the Community Equity, Health, and Justice (CEHJ) Committee. This item explores recommendations the Community Advisory Council has for increasing opportunities for relationship-building, continuous information-sharing, and collaborations.

DISCUSSION

The following are the seven Community Advisory Council recommendations:

1. Council member liaisons participate in Board and/or Standing Committee meetings as a non-voting guests in the discussions
2. Board member liaisons participate in CAC meetings as a non-voting guests in the discussions
3. Annual joint retreats are held between the Council and Board of Directors
4. Opportunities are provided for Council members to present informational items at Board and Standing Committee meetings

5. Informal meetings occur every 6 months between Council Co-Chairs, Board Leadership, and Air District staff leadership
6. New Council members have a meet and greet with the Board member(s) representing their geographical area
7. Board members go on a toxic tour of the jurisdiction they represent along with Council members from that area, whenever possible

The Community Advisory Council adopted these recommendations at the Council meeting on November 20, 2025. The recommendations were also previously shared and discussed at the Board of Directors Special / Retreat Meeting on January 28, 2026. During the Board and Council discussion of this item, most recommendations were well received. Two Board members voiced concerns regarding the first recommendation: "Council member liaisons participate in Board and/or Standing Committee meetings as a non-voting guest in the discussions." The discussion also included suggestions from the Council to add community members to the Board composition, have a seat for a Community Advisory Council member on the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee, and add a Report of the Community Advisory Council as a standing agenda item to Board and/or Committee agendas.

Air District staff will share initial staff responses to each of the recommendations, for discussion and consideration by the Committee.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Amy Smith
Reviewed by: Diana Ruiz

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CAC Recommendations for Board of Directors and CAC Collaboration Presentation



Recommendations to Strengthen Collaboration between the Board of Directors and Community Advisory Council

April 8, 2026

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

William Goodwin
Community Advisory Council Co-Chair

Latasha Washington
Community Advisory Council Co-Chair

Arsenio Mataka
Deputy Executive Officer, Equity and Community Programs

Recommended Action

Discuss the Community Advisory Council's (CAC) recommendations to strengthen communication and collaboration between the Board of Directors and the Council and consider forwarding them to the Board of Directors for the Board's consideration and potential direction to staff.

Purpose of Increasing Board and CAC Communication & Collaboration

- Create opportunities for relationship building
- Increase regular communication and information sharing
- Collaborate on policy and program decision-making related to environmental justice

Recap from the Board of Directors Retreat

- Recommendations were discussed at the January 28, 2026, Board of Directors Special / Retreat Meeting
- Summary of the discussion on the seven recommendations:
 - Most recommendations were well received
 - Two Board members voiced concerns with the first recommendation:
 - Council member liaisons participate in Board and/or Standing Committee meetings as a non-voting guest in the discussions

Recap from the Board of Directors Retreat (cont.)

- Discussion included suggestion to:
 - Add community members to the Board composition
 - Have a seat for a Community Advisory Council member on the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee
 - Add a Report of the Community Advisory Council as a standing agenda item to Board and/or Committee agendas

CAC Recommendations to the Board

The CAC adopted the following recommendations on November 20, 2025, to increase communication and collaboration between the Council and the Board:

1. Council member liaisons participate in Board and/or Standing Committee meetings as a non-voting guest in the discussions
2. Board member liaisons participate in CAC meetings as a non-voting guest in the discussions
3. Annual joint retreats are held between the Council and Board
4. Opportunities are provided for Council members to present informational items at Board and Standing Committee meetings

CAC Recommendations to the Board (cont.)

5. Informal meetings occur every 6 months between Council Co-Chairs, Board Leadership, and Air District staff leadership
6. New Council members have a meet and greet with the Board member(s) representing their geographical area
7. Board members go on a toxic tour of the jurisdiction they represent along with Council members from that area, whenever possible

Air District Response



CAC Recommendations to the Board

The CAC adopted the following recommendations on November 20, 2025, to increase communication and collaboration between the Council and the Board:

1. Council member liaisons participate in Board and/or Standing Committee meetings as a non-voting guest in the discussions
 - *This is a Board prerogative. No legal barriers have been identified to date. Broader implementation would require clear roles, participation protocols, and expectations. As an alternative, the Board could consider having CAC members participate in discussions for specific relevant topics, an approach that has been successfully piloted at recent Board meetings*

CAC Recommendations to the Board (cont.)

2. Board member liaisons participate in CAC meetings as a non-voting guest in the discussions
 - *Air District staff support increased Board participation in CAC meetings. Designating a single Board member liaison would help ensure continuity, but allowing for rotation recognizes the time commitment of attending six meetings per year*
3. Annual joint retreats are held between the Council and Board
 - *Air District staff recommend incorporating a standing CAC engagement item into the annual Board of Directors retreat. Alternatively, holding joint retreats every two years may be more feasible given resource considerations*

CAC Recommendations to the Board (cont.)

4. Opportunities are provided for Council members to present informational items at Board and Standing Committee meetings
 - *Opportunities for CAC members to present already exist and should continue under the protocols outlined in the CAC Charter*
5. Informal meetings occur every 6 months between Council Co-Chairs, Board Leadership, and Air District staff leadership
 - *Air District staff support holding check-in meetings every six months between CAC Co-Chairs, Board leadership, and Air District staff leadership; this is a manageable effort with meaningful benefit*

CAC Recommendations to the Board (cont.)

6. New Council members have a meet and greet with the Board member(s) representing their geographical area
 - *Air District staff does not recommend formalizing this as a policy; instead, staff can provide contact information and allow direct coordination*
7. Board members go on a toxic tour of the jurisdiction they represent along with Council members from that area, whenever possible
 - *Air District staff supports participation in environmental justice tours led by environmental justice organizations, consistent with best practice and ensures tours are community-led; there may be practical constraints in areas that lack environmental justice organizational capacity or identified community issues, opportunities for tours may be limited and could require additional staff resources and coordination*

Recommended Action

Discuss the Community Advisory Council's recommendations to strengthen communication and collaboration between the Board of Directors and the Council and consider forwarding them to the Board of Directors for the Board's consideration and potential direction to staff.

Questions & Discussion

For more information:

communityadvisorycouncil@baaqmd.gov

BAY AREA AIR DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: April 8, 2026

Re: Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; the Committee will discuss this item, but no action is requested at this time.

BACKGROUND

The Marie Harrison Environmental Justice scholarship program honors the life, work, and legacy of Marie Harrison, an environmental justice leader from Bayview Hunters Point in San Francisco. Ms. Marie Harrison spent decades working to bring environmental, health and social justice to the Bayview Hunters Point community in San Francisco. For twenty of those years, Ms. Harrison worked with Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice. She then served on Greenaction's Board of Directors until she passed away in May 2019. Ms. Harrison's actions inspired environmental justice communities throughout the Bay Area and California. The Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship program provides \$5,000 in scholarships to college students. Eligible college students must demonstrate a passion for improving environmental health and air quality in overburdened, frontline communities of the Bay Area and who have experience doing environmental justice work.

DISCUSSION

Established in 2023, the Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program has awarded 28 scholarships to students engaged in environmental justice work. In 2025, twelve scholarships of \$5,000 were awarded to Andrea Martinez, Anthony Montano, Brianna Mendoza, Dari Khaidapova, Isabella Rocha, Jamia Garcia, JayDyn Carter, Joel Carrillo, Sarai Garcia-Dennard, Selina Xue, Xion Abiodun, and Yolanda Harris.

In 2026, the Air District continues to support the Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship in the amount of \$87,300, with \$60,000 dedicated to scholarships. The Air District and Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program anticipate awarding an additional 12 scholarships in 2026. Applications are now open through May 29, 2026.

The Marie Harrison Community Foundation and the Air District will conduct outreach across the Bay Area to notify eligible students about the scholarship, including at schools, after-school programs, youth leadership programs, Assembly Bill 617 Community Steering Committees, and James Cary Smith grantee forums. After the application window closes, the scholarship applications will be reviewed, and twelve awardees will be selected. In addition to scholarship funds, awardees receive mentorship and support from the Marie Harrison Community Foundation.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds for this contract were already approved in Program 302 for \$87,300 in Fiscal Year 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program Update Presentation



Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Program Update

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

April 8, 2026

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Logo from the Marie Harrison Community Foundation website: www.canwelve.org

Marie Harrison



MARIE HARRISON, MOTHER OF THE MOVEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

Images from the Marie Harrison Community Foundation website: canwelive.org

Scholarship Goals

- Honor the life of Marie Harrison, an environmental justice leader and supporter of impacted youth, who worked to bring environmental, health and social justice to the Bayview Hunters Point
- Support college students who demonstrate a passion for improving environmental health and air quality in the overburdened frontline communities of the Bay Area
- Support Air District's values of excellence, leadership, collaboration, and equity

Scholarship Criteria

- Demonstrate acceptance to a post-secondary school academic institution, college or university
- Demonstrate need for financial assistance to attend post-secondary school
- Attended high school within the Bay Area of Northern California
- Resided in a neighborhood impacted by environmental pollution
- Applicants interested in social justice, environmental science, environmental justice, law, policy and urban planning are preferred

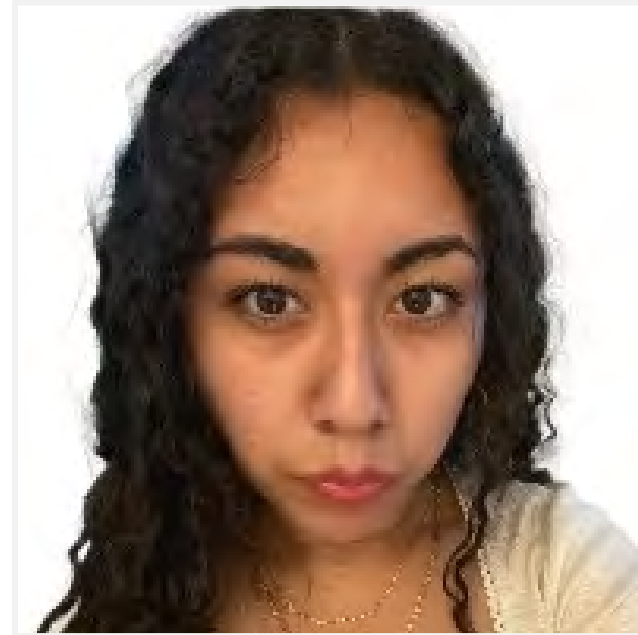
Review of 2025 Scholarships

- \$84,000 provided by the Air District for 2025
- 27 applications received
- Awarded twelve scholarships of \$5,000 for a total of \$60,000
- Worked with awardees to support educational goals

2025 Scholarship Winners



Anthony Montano



Andrea Martinez-Alvarez



Brianna Mendoza



Dari Khaidapova

2025 Scholarship Winners (cont.)



Jamia Garcia



Isabella Rocha



JayDyn Carter



Joel Carrillo

2025 Scholarship Winners (cont.)



Selina Xue



Sarai Garcia-Dennard



Xion Abiodun



Yolanda Harris

Marie Harrison EJ Scholarship Year 4

- Air District Support for Year 4- \$87,300 (Approved for Fiscal Year 2027)
- Scholarship application is open until May 29, 2026
- Next steps:
 - Outreach across the Bay Area to notify eligible students at schools, after school programs, youth leadership programs, Assembly Bill 617 communities, and to James Cary Smith Grantees
 - Review applications, select awardees, and distribute funds
 - Mentor and support scholarship recipients
 - Distribute twelve scholarships of \$5,000 for a total of \$60,000

Questions & Discussion

For more information:

Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Application link:
bit.ly/MHEJ2026

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