

Bay Area Air District  
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

## **APPROVED 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 1:22 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Directors 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; and Director Steve Young.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Solano County Administration Building, 675 N. Texas St. Room A168, Fairfield, CA 94533): Director Monica Brown.

Absent: Director Noelia Corozo.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

None.

#### **Committee Action**

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Director Brown, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of November 12, 2025; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Brown, Gioia, Gallagher, Sell, Walton, Young.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Corzo.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **4. UPDATE ON THE EAST OAKLAND AIR MONITORING PROJECT**

Adele Watts, NorCal Program Co-Director for Communities for a Better Environment, and Dan Alrick, Principal Air and Meteorological Monitoring Specialist in the Meteorology and Measurement Division, gave the presentation *Updates on the East Oakland Air Monitoring Project*, including: overview; project motivation; Particulate Matter (PM)<sub>2.5</sub> Sensor Network – purpose, recruitment, installation, ongoing outreach, and data examples; mobile air monitoring – purpose, capabilities, project design, current status, and using the data; project next steps; and funding acknowledgment.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed the manner in which the data from the community-based sensor network and the Air District's air monitoring van are being interpreted and provided to the public, in real-time; next steps after areas that have higher levels of emissions are identified by the Air District; and appreciation for bringing the Air District's monitoring the van to the January 28, 2026 Board Retreat.

Committee Action

No action taken.

**5. BAY AREA REGIONAL EVALUATION OF AIR TOXICS AND HEALTH EFFECTS**

Dr. Andrea Polidori, Deputy Executive Officer of Science, gave the staff presentation *Study Proposal: Bay Area Regional Evaluation of Air Toxics and Health Effects: B(A)REATHE*, including: criteria pollutants; air toxics pollutants; ambient air monitoring; air toxics efforts in the Bay Area; South Coast Air Quality Management District's Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) Program; MATES V: summary of results; proposed B(A)REATHE Study (site selection, continuous monitoring, emission inventory, modeling, and health effects, proposed Budget (Fiscal Year (FY) 2027), cost breakdown, potential timeline, and strengths and benefits.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Peter Okurowski, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed why the proposed budgetary options sometimes include the San Pablo station; the importance of the placement of air toxics monitoring instruments; the manner in which the Air District models air pollution in areas in which monitoring air quality is not currently feasible; the reasons for the varying budget (option) costs; whether any policy changes occurred as the result from the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) Program; and the request or an explanation of future site recommendations.

Committee Action

No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

**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:

- Kimberly Leefatt started on Monday, February 9 as the Air District’s Civil Rights Officer. See the press release [here](#).
- In recognition of Black History Month, the Air District is hosting a conversation with Dr. Cornel West on environmental justice, the unequal impacts of air pollution, and their connection to social and economic inequity. This will take place on February 26, 2026, at 3pm, via Zoom. This event is not open to the public.
- Upcoming Assembly Bill 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings:
  - The East Oakland CSC voted on Thursday, February 5, to approve its Draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The draft plan will move to the Board’s Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee in March for consideration, and then to the Board of Directors.
  - The upcoming Bay View Hunters Point CSC meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Meeting details are available on the Air District Calendar of Events.

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

Wednesday, March 11, 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 meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards