

Bay Area Air District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 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 1:04 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.

/s/Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards