

Bay Area Air District
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

*This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the
Bay Area Air District at
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CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

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

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.

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

Absent: Director Shamann Walton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2026**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Director Brown, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of April 8, 2026; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. BAY REINVESTING PENALTIES FOR AIR IMPROVEMENT AND RESILIENCE (REPAIR) PROGRESS UPDATE

Emi Wang, Community Investments Officer, gave the staff presentation *Bay Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience (REPAIR) Progress Update*, including: background; penalty allocation breakdown; overview of available funds; Local Community Benefits Fund; grant awards from Benicia and Richmond and their surrounding communities; grant support; grant support webinars; networking sessions; technical assistance services; technical assistance progress as of April 24, 2026; and what's ahead.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Arieann Harrison, Marie Harrison Community Foundation.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed what value prospective applicants may have gained from attending the networking sessions; whether applications are predominantly coming from individual organizations versus collaborative partnerships; whether the \$3.25 million dollars that the Air District fined the Valero Benicia refinery (in April 2026) will be added to the available funds for Round 1 of the Local Community Benefits Fund allocated to Benicia and surrounding communities, and which grant award types qualify for the supplemental funding; the anticipated application scoring information that staff will share with the Board, once staff recommendations are ready for the Board's consideration; the number of Benicia residents that applied to serve on the application review panel; concerns regarding; the belief that nonprofit organizations were discouraged from applying due to limited administrative capacity

and the significant bureaucratic burden associated with the application process; and whether grant writers are allowed to be part of the application process.

Committee Action

No action taken.

5. AIR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Tim Williams, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, gave the staff presentation *Air District Scholarship Program*, including: purpose and vision; overview; selection criteria; cohort model - scholar visibility and community engagement; review process for scholarship; timeline; outreach and equity strategy; success measures; pathway of success – student to employee; building early access and awareness; developing skills and experience; and creating a workforce pipeline.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Patrick Messac.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether this opportunity would be extended to community colleges and colleges outside the nine Bay Area counties; whether Board members will be allowed to participate in the application review process or have opportunities to interact with the selected candidates; and the suggestion of holding informational sessions for perspective applicants.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Meya, Center for Biological Diversity; Roger Lin, Center for Biological Diversity; Jenna Rafla-Yuan, San Francisco resident; Kaitlin Alcontin, Communities for a Better Environment; Patrick Messac; and Danny, Media Justice.

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, reported that, in response to public comments regarding data transparency, the Committee may wish to receive an update on the Open Air Community Data Portal Software Project, which is currently underway and aims to modernize the Air District's public air quality data-sharing platform.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the end of the meeting, the next meeting of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee was scheduled for June 10, 2026. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for July 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards