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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

2. Public Meeting Procedure

   The Council Co-Chairs shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Council members.

   Public Comment on Agenda Items: The public may comment on each item on the agenda as the item is taken up. Members of the public who wish to speak on matters on the agenda for the meeting, will have three minutes each to address the Council. No speaker who has already spoken on that item will be entitled to speak to that item again.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 3)

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 30, 2022

   The Council will consider approving the draft minutes of the Community Advisory Council meeting of March 30, 2022.

PRESENTATION(S)

4. Community Advisory Council Meeting Land Acknowledgement in lieu of Pledge of Allegiance

   This is an action item for the Council to consider including a Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of each meeting. This item will be presented by Councilmember Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez.

5. Discussion on the Selection of the Air District’s Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

   This is an informational item only and will be presented by Chair Bauters.
6. Discuss and Develop a List of Desired Qualifications for the Air District’s Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer

This is an action item for the Council to develop a list of qualifications for the Air District Board of Directors to consider including in the job listing for the Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer. This item will be presented by Co-Chair Latasha Washington.

7. Overview of Wildfire Mitigation and Home Air Filtration Program

This is an action item for the Council to consider the proposed expansion strategies to the Home Air Filtration Program for the upcoming wildfire season. This item will be presented by Joshua Abraham, Senior Staff Specialist.

8. Selection of Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Workplan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

This is an action item for the Council to consider selecting members for an ad-hoc committee to develop the Council’s workplan for FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). This item will be presented by Randolph Belle, CAC Meeting Facilitator.

9. Update on Community Air Quality Concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco

This is an informational item only and will be presented by Damian Breen, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Operations.

10. Air District’s Services to Address Community-Identified Air Quality Concerns – Overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and Investigation Process

Air District staff will present on the agency’s process when community submits complaints concerning odor, soil, or air quality issues. This is an informational item only and will be presented by Damian Breen, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Operations.
OTHER BUSINESS

11. Report of the Interim Executive Officer/APCO

12. 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 for the meeting, will have three minutes each to address the Council.

13. Council Member Comments / Other Business

Council members may make a brief announcement, provide a reference to staff about factual information, or ask questions about subsequent meetings.

14. Time and Place of Next Meeting

At the Call of the Co-Chairs.

15. Adjournment

The Council meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair.
Any writing relating to an open session item on this Agenda that is distributed to all, or a majority of all, members of the body to which this Agenda relates shall be made available at the Air District’s offices at 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105, at the time such writing is made available to all, or a majority of all, members of that body.

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Monthly Calendar of Air District Meetings

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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Approval of the Minutes of March 30, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the attached draft minutes of the Community Advisory Council meeting of March 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Attache for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Community Advisory Council meeting of March 30, 2022.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: InterEthnica
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Minutes of the Community Advisory Council Meeting of March 30, 2022
OPENING ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Randolph Belle of Randolph Belle,Artist (RBA) Creative, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.


Absent: None.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Belle introduced Marcy Hiratzka, Clerk of the Boards, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

The Public Meeting Procedure video was played.
CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2022

The Council members requested no edits to the Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2022.

Public Comment

No requests received.

Council Comments

Note: The following Council comments were made after the vote to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2022, and did not pertain to the Minutes of January 13, 2022.

Council member Jefferson shared his concerns about the chat function not being accessible during this meeting and requested that the chat function be in use for future meetings.

Council member Ruano Hernandez requested that a Land Acknowledgement be spoken at the beginning of each meeting, moving forward.

Council member Mendoza requested clarification in regards to gathering contact information from public commenters for follow up purposes, and requested that the Council’s bylaws address the topic.

Council member Jefferson requested that the Pledge of Allegiance not be recited at future meetings.

Council member Harrison noted the recent change in Air District leadership and requested that the Council conveys its interest to the Air District’s Board of Directors in participating in the selection process of the new Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO).

Council Action

Council member Ritterman made a motion, seconded by Council member Gordon to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2022, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:


NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez.

ABSENT: Fernando Campos, Ken Szutu.
8.1 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO

Mr. Belle introduced Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, who introduced Alexander “Sandy” Crockett as the Interim Executive Officer/APCO. Mr. Crockett gave remarks about his commitment to ensure the work of this Council is supported and ongoing during the change in Air District leadership.

Public Comment

No requests received.

Council Comments

None.

Council Action

None; Receive and file.

6. VOTE ON STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND WORKPLAN

Mr. Bell introduced Suma Peesapati, Environmental Justice and Community Engagement Officer, who gave the presentation Vote on Structure, Governance, and Work Plan, including Requested Action; Leadership Structure; Chair & Vice-Chair Model; Chair and Officers Model; Two Co-Chair Model; Council Governance Document; Council Charter; Council Bylaws; Council Work Plan; and Requested Actions.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

The Council discussed concerns about the receipt of an email calling for candidates who were interested in a leadership position. Council members Jefferson and Washington had expressed their interest in a leadership position via response to said email. Given the confusion about the email and receipt of such, the Council decided to nominate other candidates for leadership, during the meeting. Council member Mendoza nominated Council member Gordon, and as a result, the Council discussed having a three co-chair leadership structure.

Council Action

Council member Reed made a motion, seconded by Council member Ruano Hernandez, to approve a three co-chair leadership structure; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fernando Campos.

Council member Ruano Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Council member Reed, to approve tabling the vote on the decision concerning governing document structure until the leadership is selected and discusses the options, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:


NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dr. Juan Aguilera, Fernando Campos.

Council member Ruano Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Council member Gordon, to adopt an ad hoc committee (comprised of six Councilmembers) who are to develop the Council's workplan and governance document, and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:


NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fernando Campos.

7. ELECTION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Mr. Belle introduced Ms. Peesapati, who gave the presentation Election of Community Advisory Council Leadership, including Requested Action; Possible Responsibilities; and Statements from Candidates. At this time, Council members Gordon, Jefferson, and Washington gave their candidate statements, regarding their potential leadership, commitment to the work, and experience to support their capabilities.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments
Council members thanked the candidates, acknowledged their capabilities, and congratulated them on their election, as they were the only three candidates seeking leadership positions.

Council Action

Dr. Ritterman made a motion, seconded by Council member Harrison, to elect Council members Gordon, Jefferson, and Washington as the three co-chairs; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Council:


NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fernando Campos.

5. PRESENTATION ON BIOMONITORING FROM THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Mr. Bell introduced Stephanie Jarmul, Senior Environmental Scientist, of the California Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, who gave the presentation Introduction to Biomonitoring and Example Projects including What is Biomonitoring; Biomonitoring California; Why is Biomonitoring Useful?; Types of Projects and Example Findings; East Bay Diesel Project (EBDEP); EBDEP Overview; EBDEP- What Have We Learned So Far?; Stockton Air Pollution Exposure Project (SAPEP); and What’s Next.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

Council member Ruano Hernandez inquired about the projects’ (1) measurement of particulate matter or other pollutants in addition to Diesel, (2) the data found from the Purple monitors in the schools, (3) the projects’ time frame, (4) what produces flame retardants in homes, and the level of difficulty retrieving black carbon data; Council member Ruano Hernandez also suggested this presentation should be brought to the Richmond/San Pablo Community Emission Reduction Plan Steering Committee.

Council member Reed noted his concerns about inequities within the studies presented, asking if any of the studies have been conducted around the unhoused population. He expressed his hope that in the future this Council will be instrumental in holding agencies accountable in conducting studies more equitably. He also inquired about the follow up process used to engage with the studies participants post data collection.
Council member Mendoza inquired about the methodology by which community studies are chosen for the research, about what policies (if any) that result from the findings, and shared her shock about the toxicity of foam.

Council member Harrison suggested that Ms. Jarmul’s organization partners with Dr. Porter and Dr. Dobrin in the Bayview District of San Francisco and to extend tox-screen analysis to include SO2, diuranium, radioactive isotopes, and plutonium.

Council member Mejia inquired whether students, parents, and staff had access to the data from the Purple Air monitors.

Council member Szutu would like to understand the scale of the projects, asking about the capacity of people their program can take. He was also curious about the Purple Air data’s interpretation with Diesel exposure.

Dr. Ritterman asked about the ability for teachers to administer urine samples from children to test for particulate matter in a more automated way and on an ongoing basis.

Council member Jefferson asked about the awareness of CalEnviro Screen and the number of zip codes within communities of color where studies have been conducted. He requested that the Council be shown where studies have been conducted, where future studies will happen, and the methodology of the studies.

Council member Gordon shared that the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project was a participant in one of the studies in 2018, noting her experience/organizational role finding families in the 94607 zip code through community engagement with key child centers. The study started in West Oakland, then included East Oakland, and then Richmond. Council member Gordon shared her frustration that the community is not aware of the public policy (if any) that has been instituted based on the data from the study and sharing policy action based on community study data continues to be an issue.

Council member Washington questioned the possibility of collecting urine samples from children on a broader scale, citing the logistical hurdles that occur when working with children.

Council member Goodwin inquired about how equity is written into the process at the time studies are allocated and questioned how they ensure that an equity lens is always applied.

**Council Action**

None; receive and file.
8.2 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO

Ms. Eady provided a report on the Milpitas odor issue that was raised by the public at the January 13 meeting. Ms. Eady discussed the Air District’s efforts to reach out to the gentlemen who provided public and provided information on variety of work being done currently at the Air District concerning the issue.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

Dr. Ritterman inquired about the communication process with the Milpitas community to keep them informed.

Council member Szutu noted that the Council will want to follow up with the Milpitas community but also should continue to examine the monitoring issue, mentioning that this has been a concern for seven to ten years.

Co-Chair Jefferson reiterated his concern about the use of the chat function and was seeking feedback on the use of the chat function. Council member Massey shared that she would like to utilize the chat to comment (or agree with other comments noted) without raising her hand for formal comment. Council member Massey said that she would like to understand the impact of the chat feature’s use on the Brown Act and would like to know whether Council members may attend other stakeholder/Board meetings.

Council member Reed requested a status update regarding the Aggregate Stone Company and the tracking of its particulate matter and dust in the West Oakland Area.

Council member Harrison requested that the Council addresses the issue of Alice Griffith in San Francisco’s Bayview District, which has been inundated with chemicals.

Council Action

None; Receive and file.
9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

None.

Council Action

None; receive and file.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

Co-Chair Gordon requested: (1) a full report on Alice Griffith, including an explanation as to why it took so long for the City Attorney to shut down the process and why it was not under the Air District’s purview, (2) a presentation on the air monitoring studies among the nine Bay Area counties, and (3) an orientation on the services and connectivity of the Compliance & Enforcement and Meteorology & Measurement Divisions, including their processes when the community brings forth issues concerning odor, soil, or air issues within some communities.

Council member Mendoza requested that the Council makes biomonitoring a focus and a future discussion regarding how the Council can support this work in more communities, with more people, and to ensure that policies are resulting from those findings.

Dr. Ritterman requested a report about the restrictions of gas and oil drilling in Contra Costa County. Council member Ruano Hernandez offered to provide a presentation to the Council about his knowledge on this topic.

Council member Szutu requested that the Council creates a process to prioritize agenda items for the sake of time and effort to ensure there is a focus on items where Council member input and guidance where be most valuable. He also wondered whether the issue of enforcement and compliance should be handled in an ad hoc committee amongst Council members who are most interested, working closely with staff.

Council Action

None; receive and file.
11. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Belle noted that Air District Staff will coordinate the Co-Chairs to set the date and time of the next meeting, likely sometime in June, and that Council members should expect an email from Air District staff, regarding forms for stipends.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Council Comments

The Council discussed the potential benefits and disadvantages of a monthly meeting schedule, the level of work and dedication they have made in their past and current roles serving on other commissions or boards, and noted that the leadership structure of three co-chairs should help balance leadership responsibilities.

Council Action

None; receive and file.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Belle adjourned the meeting at 9:48 P.M.
MEMORANDUM

AGENDA: 4.

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Community Advisory Council Meeting Land Acknowledgement in lieu of Pledge of Allegiance

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Participate in a Land Acknowledgement in lieu of the Pledge of Allegiance.

BACKGROUND

A land acknowledgement is an act of reconciliation that involves making a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called the land home before the arrival of European settlers, and in many cases still call it home.

DISCUSSION

The Community Advisory Council will discuss participating in a Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of each council meeting. At the beginning of each meeting, a Community Advisory Council Co-Chair can acknowledge the land by making a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories. Additionally, any other council member calling in from a location outside the San Francisco Bay Area, can make a statement acknowledging their individual location.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers  
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by:          Brian Butler  
Reviewed by:          Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:

None
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Discussion on the Selection of the Air District’s Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) expressed interest in learning about and engaging in the Air District’s Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) hiring process and requested an update.

DISCUSSION

Chair Bauters and Vice Chair Hurt will provide an update on the status of the Executive Officer / APCO hiring process and possible next steps.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Lisa Flores
Reviewed by: Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:
None
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Discuss and Develop a List of Desired Qualifications for the Air District’s Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Develop and approve a list of desired qualifications for the Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer to be included in a letter signed by the Community Advisory Council Co-Chairs and submitted to the Air District Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

The Air District Board of Directors invited the Community Advisory Council (CAC) to submit a letter of desired qualifications for the Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO). The letter must be submitted by the CAC Co-Chairs on or before August 15th, 2022.

DISCUSSION

Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chair Latasha Washington will present the process to develop a list of desired qualifications for the Executive Officer / APCO. The CAC will engage in a virtual exercise to contribute their perspectives on ideal, community-oriented qualifications. The CAC will vote on the list of qualifications to be included in a letter signed by the CAC Co-Chairs. The letter will be submitted to the Air District Board of Directors to consider including it in the job listing for the Executive Officer / APCO.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers  
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Miriam Torres  
Reviewed by: Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:

None
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Overview of Wildfire Mitigation and Home Air Filtration Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend approval of the proposed strategy and recommend the proposed program strategy for the $1 million Wildfire Mitigation Designation to the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

Following the North Bay fires in 2017, the Air District implemented the Wildfire Air Quality Response Program (WAQRP) to help the region better prepare for and respond to wildfires through five (5) strategies: Legislative Initiatives, Air District Rules and Regulations, Community Information and Resources, Partnerships and Regional Alliance, and Grants Programs and Incentives. The Air District’s Clean Air Filtration Program (CAF) is the District’s Grants Programs and Incentives and includes several initiatives focused on providing air filtration in the following ways:

- School Air Filtration
- Home Air Filtration
- Cleaner Air Centers
- Evacuation and Sheltering Facilities

In 2019, the Air District began an initiative to provide school air filtration through a $2 million Supplemental Environmental Project grant from CARB in East and West Oakland, Eastern San Francisco, Pittsburg and Bay Point, Livermore and San Leandro. The Air District could not install air filtration in Richmond-San Pablo because the school district declined to continue at the time.

On June 16, 2021, the Air District Board of Directors (Board) unanimously approved authorization of $250,000 in funding for the Air District’s Home Air Filtration Program. Through a partnership with Regional Asthma Management and Prevention, the program aims to provide air filtration units to low-income individuals suffering from severe asthma and enrolled in the state’s Asthma Mitigation Project (AMP), a program that provides in-home asthma care visits. The program includes patients living in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San

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Mateo, Sonoma, and Santa Clara counties. The AMP partners include: Alameda County Public Health Department Asthma Start Program, Breathe California, Contra Costa Health Services, Lifelong Medical Care, Roots Community Clinic, San Mateo County Family Health Services, Santa Rosa Community Health Centers.

In September 2021, the Board authorized the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to allocate an additional $1 million to the Wildfire Mitigation Designation and to reduce the Pandemic Reserves Designation by $1 million. Staff continued existing partnerships and began making initial inquiries with West Oakland Health Council, Ole Health (Napa County), La Clinica (Vallejo) and Marin County Community Clinic (Marin County Community Clinic did not express interest). In early 2022, the Home Air filtration Program transitioned to the Community Engagement Office from the Compliance & Enforcement Division.

The AMP partners have distributed 875 home air filters so far with over 70% of recipients reporting their race/ethnicity as Latinx/Latino or Hispanic and African American or Black. The District also distributed 293 air filters in a pilot to the following community groups for redistribution to low-income community members: All Positives Possible (Vallejo), Healing Impacted Communities (Bayo Vista, Rodeo), West Oakland Health Council, Belle Haven (Menlo Park), City of Millbrae, United Council (Pier 94, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco).

**DISCUSSION**

In preparation for this year’s upcoming wildfire season, Community Engagement staff held various focus groups with community members in late March and early April to obtain feedback and suggestions on ways to expand access to air filtration through School partnerships and the Home Air Filtration Program, discuss community priorities, address gaps and barriers, potential partnerships and how to best and equitably utilize existing funding and resources. Attendees included (in alphabetical order by last name):

- Esther Goolsby, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)
- Ms. Margaret Gordon, The West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) and Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chair
- Arieann Harrison, The Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Inc. and CAC Councilmember
- John Kevin Jefferson III, CAC Co-Chair
- Mayra Pelagio, Latinos United for a New America (LUNA) and CAC Councilmember
- Latasha Washington, CAC Co-Chair
- LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible

Community members supported the District’s efforts and emphasized the need for a localized focus (prioritizing the unhoused, locations with high percentage of historically marginalized communities, such as neighborhoods located next to freeways, undocumented communities/worker camps, professions that would benefit from air filtration and indigenous communities), non-competitive funding, the need for a comprehensive plan that integrates existing work (asset map), a way to distribute resource information to communities, and data that explicitly states why these communities are being selected.
Proposed Strategies

Staff propose the use of the $1 million Wildfire Mitigation Designation funds by building and expanding on the existing Home and School Air Filtration Programs for 2022. The Home and School Air Filtration Program seeks to ameliorate the impact of wildfire smoke and poor air quality on vulnerable populations which include children, populations with pre-existing conditions such as respiratory illnesses, elders, outdoor workers, and communities who are experiencing other environmental or health burdens through local partnerships in four (4) key areas. The proposed strategies and estimated costs are shown in the table below with a focus on low-income individuals, people diagnosed with respiratory illness and/or AB 617 communities.

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<th>Regional Asthma Mitigation and Prevention</th>
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<td>$300,000 to expand partnership with Regional Asthma Management and Prevention and the Asthma Mitigation Program partners, to including all clients with asthma or respiratory disease, create educational materials and case study</td>
<td>$300,000 to expand outreach to local health centers in AB 617 communities to distribute to low-income clients with asthma or respiratory illness</td>
<td>$300,000 in combination with remaining SEP grant funds to expand to elementary schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District (Richmond-San Pablo), which has not received air filtration through existing efforts yet</td>
<td>$100,000 to work with James Cary Smith Community Grantees doing capacity-building work to apply to distribute in AB 617 communities and Santa Clara County-East San Jose (Community Agency for Resources, Advocacy and Services (CARAS))</td>
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Evaluation

After the program is implemented, staff will evaluate the program outcomes through the data collected from the partners and reach out to project partners to determine how the project can be improved, as well as discuss any aspects that can be modified for the next wildfire season.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for this program strategy is proposed to be allocated from the $1 million Wildfire Mitigation Designation that was designated in September 2021.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers  
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Lisa Flores  
Reviewed by: Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:

None
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers  
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Selection of Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Workplan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Vote on the creation of an ad-hoc committee to develop the Community Advisory Council’s (Council) workplan for FY 2023.

BACKGROUND

This is an action item for the Council to consider selecting members for an ad-hoc committee that will develop the Council’s workplan for FY 2023, which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION

The Council’s workplan will establish a shared vision for the Council’s work and goals to achieve in FY 2023. In adherence with the Brown Act, the Council can select up to 8 councilmembers to serve on a workplan ad-hoc committee. The Council will have the opportunity to vote to establish an ad hoc committee to develop a work plan.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None; stipends for the work of the Community Advisory Council members selected to participate in the ad-hoc committee have been included in the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2022 and FYE 2023 budgets.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers  
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by:  
Brian Butler

Reviewed by:  
Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:

None
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Update on Community Air Quality Concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Residents of the Alice Griffith Housing Development and members of the community have expressed concerns about health and quality of living impacts from air pollution emitted by facilities and construction activities near this Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. Material handling facilities to the residents’ east and past and present construction activities within and around the surrounding area contributed to particulate matter (PM) pollution including dust and PM2.5 and raised concerns of exposure to naturally occurring asbestos (NOA).

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide an update on the actions taken by Air District staff and other partnering agencies to address community air quality concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco. The presentation will include a discussion of the Air District’s enforcement process, an overview of the regulated facilities adjacent to the housing development, a discussion of neighborhood air quality concerns, and an overview of the actions taken to address these air quality concerns over the past year.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: John Marvin
Reviewed by: Jeff Gove

ATTACHMENTS:

None
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Members of the Community Advisory Council

From: Sharon L. Landers
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 30, 2022

Re: Air District’s Services to Address Community-Identified Air Quality Concerns – Overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and Investigation Process

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

The Air Quality Complaint Program is a core program of the Compliance & Enforcement Division that provides an avenue for members of the public to communicate air quality concerns to the Air District. The Air District investigates every air pollution complaint received to achieve early intervention in resolving air quality problems and identifying violations of State or Federal law or Air District regulations. Air pollution complaints are an important part of the daily work of Inspectors, and it is essential that complaint investigations are handled in an objective, efficient, and professional manner. The Air District investigates all air pollution complaints as an impartial party to determine facts and circumstances surrounding alleged air emission releases and takes appropriate enforcement actions for violations of air quality regulations. Mitigating and resolving community air pollution concerns through the Air Quality Complaint Program continues to be a top priority for the Air District.

DISCUSSION

The presentation will provide an overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and highlight the different steps in the complaint investigation process to ensure compliance with air quality regulations. Staff will speak to the program goals and objectives, how the public may report a complaint via phone and online, and how Inspectors investigate a complaint at an alleged site/facility to determine and identify the potential source(s) of emissions. The presentation will explain the role of the Air District Inspector and the actions taken to document an alleged complaint, investigation findings and enforcement actions when non-compliance is discovered.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.
Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Landers  
Interim Executive Officer/APCO

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Reviewed by:  Damian Breen and Veronica Eady

ATTACHMENTS:

None