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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP

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Friday, January 27, 2023 ◆ 12:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks
(No Motion Required) Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.)
Chair
2. Approval of October 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes
(Motion Required) Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.)
[Attachment 1]
3. Review of Follow-Up/Action Items
(No Motion Required) Derrick J. Alatorre
Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the October 28, 2022, meeting. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor,
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 through 6):

4. **EJAG Accomplishments 2022**
(No Motion Required) Monika Kim
[Attachment 2] Senior Staff Specialist,
Staff will review the EJAG accomplishments throughout 2022. Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
5. **2022 Summary Report on State and Federal Legislation**
(No Motion Required) Philip Crabbe III
[Attachment 3] Senior Public Affairs Manager,
Staff will provide an end-of-year update on State and Federal Legislation and other issues. Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
6. **Update on the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students and Why Healthy Air Matters Program**
(No Motion Required) Monika Kim
Staff will provide an update on the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program.

OTHER MATTERS:

7. Other Business

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9. Next Meeting Date – April 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), EJAG Chair (Board Member)
Veronica Padilla-Campos (Board Member)
Manuel Arredondo
Angie Balderas
Dr. Lawrence Beeson
Suzanne Bilodeau
Kerry Doi
Kareem Gongora
Dr. Afif El-Hasan
Mary Figueroa
Angela GarciaAna Gonzalez
Dr. Monique Hernandez
Rafael Yanez

Members Absent:

Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Elizabeth Alcantar
Rhetta Alexander
Paul Choe
Dr. Jill Johnston
Humberto Lugo
David McNeill
Donald Smith

South Coast AQMD Staff:

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel/Legal
Alicia Lizarraga, Senior Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
Evangelina Barrera, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
Iliana Garcia, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
Alejandra Vega, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Brandee Keith, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Dr. Elaine Shen, Planning and Rules Manager/Planning, Rules Development, and Implementation
Dr. Andrea Polidori, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Monitoring and Analysis
Brisa Lopez, Secretary/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Call To Order/Opening Remarks

Senator Vanessa Delgado called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and roll call was taken.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of August 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chair Delgado called for the approval of the August 26, 2022, meeting minutes.

Moved by Kareem Gongora; seconded by Larry Beeson

Ayes: Delgado, Arredondo, Beeson, Bilodeau, Doi, El-Hassan, Figueroa, Garcia, Gongora, Gonzalez, Yanez

Noes: None

Abstain: Padilla-Campos, Balderas, Hernandez,

Absent: Rutherford, Alcantar, Alexander, Choe, Johnston, Lugo, McNeill, Smith

Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer of Legislative, Public Affairs & Media, reviewed the action items from the August 26, 2022, meeting:

- Staff was requested to provide presentation on South Coast AQMD CEQA guidance.

A presentation on CEQA guidance to be scheduled at a future meeting.

Agenda Item #3: 2023 Goals and Objectives

Alicia Lizarraga, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media reviewed the 2023 Goals and Objectives and opened it for discussion.

Rafael Yanez expressed interest in continued updates on efforts by CARB to meet clean air goals.

Chair Delgado requested an item on the implementation of the WHAM and CAPES programs.

Mr. Gongora suggested adding education and outreach to underserved communities for grant programs such as Carl Moyer.

Governing Board Member Veronica Padilla Campos requested to add updates on Indirect Source Rules.

In public comment Moses Huerta spoke in support of the 2023 Goals and Objectives. Harvey Eder spoke in support of solar energy.

Mr. Gongora motioned to approve the 2023 Goals and Objectives with the changes noted during discussion.

Moved by Mr. Gongora; seconded by Chair Delgado

Ayes: Delgado, Padilla-Campos, Arredondo, Balderas, Beeson, Bilodeau, Doi, El-Hassan, Figueroa, Garcia, Gongora, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Yanez
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Rutherford, Alcantar, Alexander, Choe, Johnston, Lugo, McNeill, Smith

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:04:35

Agenda Item #4: Update on Draft Socioeconomic Report for the Revised Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan

Elaine Shen, Planning and Rules Manager of Planning, Rules Development, and Implementation, presented on the Draft Socioeconomic Report for the Revised Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan.

Ms. Hernandez asked for clarification on the mortality rates of environmental justice communities versus non environmental justice communities.

Mr. Yanez made comments regarding modeling data used in the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP.

Mr. Gongora expressed concern regarding the accuracy of air quality monitoring as visible pollution levels do not seem to be improving.

Mr. Eder gave public comment on solar technology.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:40:11

Agenda Item #5: Update on Air Monitoring

Dr. Andrea Polidori, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Monitoring and Analysis presented an update on the different types of air monitoring used by South Coast AQMD.

Angela Garcia asked about what actions would be taken when air monitoring revealed leaking oil or gas wells and requested clarification on the technology used to gather real-time data.

Mr. Yanez suggested compliance inspectors be equipped with infrared cameras to detect hazardous leaks during investigations.

Ms. Hernandez asked what sort of community alert system was in place to let residents know about hazardous air quality conditions when they happen, as well as to what extent decommissioned wells were also analyzed during monitoring efforts.

Mr. Yanez asked whether South Coast AQMD alerted local emergency services when a hazardous air quality threat is identified. Ms. Garcia suggested ensuring a network of contacts is in place to respond to active hazardous conditions.

Manuel Arredondo asked whether particle pollutants were also monitored, especially during times of storms, high wind conditions, and elevated dust conditions.

Mr. Eder made public comment in support of solar technology. Mr. Huerta spoke in support of continuing and expanding the use of the air monitoring technology.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 01:08:13.

Agenda Item #6- Member Updates/Other Business

There were no new member updates.

Agenda Item #7- Public Comment

Mr. Eder raised concerns on the intersectional issues of environmental justice, homelessness, and racial disparity.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 01:59:33

Agenda Item #8: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJAG meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Alatorre adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



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Environmental Justice Advisory Group 2022 Accomplishments

The mission of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) is to advise and assist South Coast AQMD in protecting and improving public health in South Coast AQMD's most impacted communities through the reduction and prevention of air pollution. The goals of EJAG are to:

- Advise South Coast AQMD on issues related to environmental justice (EJ)
- Create and sustain a positive and productive relationship between South Coast AQMD and community members
- Better inform South Coast AQMD about EJ issues
- Contribute to meaningful progress toward the achievement of environmental justice

EJAG members met quarterly in 2022 to receive updates and discuss environmental justice and air quality issues, with one Special Meeting scheduled in February.

Key Items Addressed in 2022

- **Nomination of Environmental Justice Advisory Group member to South Coast AQMD Advisory Council:** Pursuant to the charter and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel, each advisory group shall appoint one of its members to serve on the District's Advisory Council. The Environmental Justice Advisory Group selected Ana Gonzales for the 2022 Advisory Council Roster.
- **Proposed Rule 2306: Indirect Source Rule for New:** Staff provided a presentation on the development of Rule 2306.
- **Odor Issues at Rendering Facilities:** Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar, City of Cudahy, provided an update on odor issues at rendering facilities. Members voted to submit and sign a letter from EJAG to the Governing Board regarding this matter.
- **Rule 2305: Warehouse Indirect Source Rule – Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program and Outreach:** Staff provided an update on Rule 2305.

- **Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) Update:** Staff provided updates on the F.I.N.D. feature on the South Coast AQMD website including use of facility maps and sorting search results.
- **Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Overview:** Staff provided a brief summary of the Draft 2022 AQMP development, the strategy to attain the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.
- **Rule 403.2 – Fugitive Dust Emissions:** Staff provided a review of South Coast AQMD Rule 403.2, Fugitive Dust Emissions.
- **Update on Draft Socioeconomic Report for the Revised Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan:** Staff provided a presentation on the Draft Socioeconomic Report for the Revised Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan.
- **Update on Air Monitoring:** Staff provided a presentation on the different types of air monitoring used by South Coast AQMD.

Environmental Justice Advisory Group - 2022 End-of-Year Update on State & Federal Legislation



Philip Crabbe III
Sr. Public Affairs Manager
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

January 27, 2023

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State Legislation



AB 2836 (E. Garcia) - Sponsor Bill - Signed into law

- Reauthorizes Carl Moyer and AB 923 programs, to provide incentive funding for cleaner vehicles and equipment to air districts throughout the state, until January 1, 2034.



AB 1749 (C. Garcia) - Key Support Bill - Signed into law

- Allows extension of time, from 1 to 2 years, to develop a CERP for AB 617 Community, with CARB and CSC approval.



AB 2141 (E. Garcia) - Sponsor Bill - Died

- Secure ongoing funding for AB 617 incentives and implementation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the amount of 20% of annual proceeds, but not to exceed \$600 million.

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State Budget



AB 617 Budget Allocation

FY 22-23 Budget: \$300M in AB 617 incentive and implementation funding

Also, a commitment for \$300M for AB 617 from General Fund for FY 23-24

Potential ongoing annual baseline funding

Advocacy to obtain additional funding

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Federal Legislation

H.R. 5376, Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA)

\$600M for Clean Class 6 & 7 Vehicles with additional \$400M for Nonattainment Areas	\$2.25B to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports plus \$750M for Nonattainment Areas	\$7B for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	\$60M for Diesel Emission Reduction Act
Over \$215M for Air Monitoring/Sensors, Regulatory, and Related Activities (Section 103/105)	\$37.5M to Monitor and Reduce Air Pollution & GHGs at Schools	\$3B for Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants	\$9B in Consumer Home Energy Rebate Programs
Consumer Tax Credits for Home Energy Efficiency	\$4K to \$7.5K Consumer Tax Credit for Clean Vehicles	\$3B for Neighborhood Access & Equity Program	Manufacturer Tax Incentive for Zero-Emission Vehicles

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Federal Issues

U.S. EPA Regulatory Actions

NOx Emissions Standard for Heavy-Duty Trucks – adopted by U.S. EPA in Dec. 2022

Responded to Petition to Address Emissions from Locomotives – developing options and recommendations

Federal Agency Guidance on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and IRA programs

U.S. EPA and other agencies issued Requests for Information on new programs – of note, are Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Transportation Programs (Ports), Funding to Address Air Pollution, Low Emissions Electricity and other

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Pending Federal Legislation

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations

South Coast AQMD was included in Omnibus Appropriations bill for \$500K Congressionally Directed Spending funds for hydrogen fuel cell line haul locomotive project



(In Millions)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
DERA Grants	\$87	\$90	\$92	\$100
Targeted Airshed Grants	\$56.3	\$59	\$62	\$69.9
Section 103/105	\$228.2	\$229.5	\$231.5 plus \$100M	\$249

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Thank You



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