

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024

AGENDA NO. 19

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee held a hybrid meeting on Friday, January 12, 2024. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Vanessa Delgado, Chair
Administrative Committee

SN:cb

Committee Members

Present: Chair Vanessa Delgado, Committee Chair
Vice Chair Michael Cacciotti
Board Member Gideon Kracov
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Call to Order

Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

For additional details of the Administrative Committee Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** Supervisor Perez commented about the process for violations and fines and suggested that staff look into opportunities to educate and provide entities with tools to do a better job to comply so we are partners in improving air quality, particularly in his area where the sources are primarily agricultural and landscapers. Chair Delgado asked if Supervisor Perez's issue pertained to small businesses. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 5:21](#).

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media, commented about South Coast AQMD's incentive program which includes outreach to landscapers. Mr. Alatorre commented that the South Coast AQMD wants to expand outreach to landscapers in Coachella Valley. Executive Officer Wayne Nastri confirmed that the goal of the agency is to work with the public to help achieve compliance. Vice Chair Cacciotti discussed ordinances on gas leaf blowers in his jurisdiction.

2. **Chair's Report of Approved Travel:** There was travel reported for Board Member Kracov to Sacramento as the CARB representative.
3. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** There was no out-of-country travel to report.
4. **Review February 2, 2024 Governing Board Agenda:** Board Member Kracov confirmed that we have a presentation on the Permit Enhancement Program and public hearings on the mobile fueling operation and BACT guidelines. Mr. Nastri confirmed and noted for Board Member awareness that there will be a set hearing for a Coachella Valley contingency measure SIP revision for the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 18:36](#).
5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** There were two new consultant proposals and three modifications for compensation for Board Member Assistants/Consultants. This item was moved to Action Items as approval from the Administrative Committee is needed. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 19:23](#).
6. **Update on South Coast AQMD Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Efforts:** Anissa Heard-Johnson, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Officer/DEI with Community Air Programs, provided an update on agency efforts, seasonal events, cultural displays, Statewide DEI Working Group, and discussed Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte for Fabulous Female Friday. Vice Chair Cacciotti asked to be informed if we go out to the community in Boyle Heights again to spend time with Monsignor Moretta at Resurrection Church. Board Member Kracov agreed. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 20:12](#).

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented on a low-income solar equity program from 40 years ago, litigation on anti-competitive aspects and owning and controlling businesses.

7. **Review Recommended Appointments of New Members to South Coast AQMD's Young Leader's Advisory Council (YLAC):** Dr. Heard-Johnson stated that staff is recommending to add two new members representing Orange County to YLAC. She confirmed that the YLAC membership is now full and the first meeting is February 20, 2024. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 31:21](#).
8. **Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management:** Ron Moskowitz, Chief Information Officer/Information Management, reported on the status of various projects and projects that have been completed. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 32:03](#).

David Rothbart, Clean Water SoCal/Air Quality Committee Chair, commented on the timeline to obtain permits and some suggestions on the permit process. Mr. Nastri commented that staff has met with Mr. Rothbart. Jason Aspell, Deputy Executive Officer/Engineering & Permitting stated that a Permit Streamlining Task Force meeting will be held on January 24, 2024 and that staff vacancies have affected permit processing. Mr. Aspell commented that projects such as Chiquita Canyon and Sunshine Canyon have impacted the permitting and compliance process as well.

Alison Torres, Clean Water SoCal/Vice Chair of Air Quality Committee, provided public comment and echoed Mr. Rothbart on permitting priority.

Chair Delgado said she would be listening in to the Permit Streamlining Task Force meeting. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 33:25](#).

ACTION ITEMS:

5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** There was one new proposal for Board Member Kracov's Board Consultant, Ernesto Castillo and one new proposal for Supervisor Perez's Board Consultant, Brian Nestande. There were two proposals to modify the compensation for Mayor Solache's Board Consultants, Marisela Santana and Uduak-Joe Ntuk and one proposal to modify the compensation for Board Member Kracov's Board Consultant, Destiny Rodriguez. The contracts and modifications will be effective from January 2024 through June 30, 2024. Board Member Kracov provided some background on his new consultant. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 19:23](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Perez
Noes: None

9. **Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware and Software:** Mr. Moskowitz had this item for a list of prequalified vendors. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 44:57](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov Perez
Noes: None

10. **Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment:** Dr. Jason Low, Deputy Executive Officer, Monitoring & Analysis, had this item for purchase orders of air monitoring equipment. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 45:36](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Perez
Noes: None

WRITTEN REPORT:

11. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the January 27, 2023 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
12. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the April 28, 2023 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
13. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the August 25, 2023 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.

OTHER MATTERS:

14. **Other Business:** Board Member Kracov confirmed that staff is going to DC in early February. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 46:47](#).
15. **Public Comment:** Mr. Eder provided public comment regarding fossil fuels and changes needed in the climate and politics.

Rita Loof, Rad Tech International/Director of Environmental Affairs, provided public comment regarding a quorum in the Local Government Small Business Assistance Advisory Group (LGSBA) and past practices. Chair Delgado acknowledged Ms. Loof's public comment and will follow up with the Chair of LGSBA, Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez.

Bill LaMarr, California Alliance, Executive Director, provided public comment regarding the value of the LGSBA group and concern of disbanding the group. Chair Delgado confirmed that LGSBA would not be disbanded and Mr. Nastri added that we are seeking to revise the charter to address membership and the quorum issue and other aspects to get the full benefit of the business community.

For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 47:24](#).

16. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regular Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



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MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado, Advisory Group Chair (Board Member)
Veronica Padilla-Campos (Board Member)
Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar
Angelica Balderas
Dr. Lawrence Beeson
Suzanne Bilodeau
Dr. Afif El-Hasan
Mary Figueroa
Angela Garcia
Kareem Gongora
Ana Gonzalez
Dr. Jill Johnston
David McNeill
Rafael Yanez

Members Absent:

Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Rhetta Alexander
Manuel Arredondo
Paul Choe
Kerry Doi
Dr. Monique Hernandez
Humberto Lugo
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
Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
Phillip Crabbe, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media
Evangelina Barrera, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media
Brandee Keith, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media
Brisa Lopez, Secretary, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Call to Order/Opening Remarks

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

Agenda Item #1: Approval of the October 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chair Delgado called for the approval of the October 28, 2022, meeting minutes.

Moved to approve by Kareem Gongora; seconded by Angela Garcia

Ayes: Delgado, Padilla-Campos, Alcantar, Balderas, Beeson, Bilodeau, El-Hasan, Figueroa, Garcia, Gongora, Gonzalez, McNeill Johnston, Yanez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Rutherford, Alexander, Arredondo, Choe, Doi, Hernandez, Lugo, Smith

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

Mr. Alatorre reported that there were no action items from the October 28, 2022 meeting.

Agenda Item #3: EJAG Accomplishments 2022

Ms. Kim, Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, presented an update on EJAG's Accomplishments in 2022.

Rafael Yanez expressed interest in focusing on odor mitigation and supporting AB 617 communities.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 08:30.

Agenda Item #4: 2022 Summary Report on State and Federal Legislation

Phillip Crabbe, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, presented a summary report on state and federal legislation.

Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos asked whether funds specified under the Inflation Reduction Act were available nationwide to multiple entities. Mr. Crabbe clarified that some funds would be available based on formulas and competitive grants.

David McNeill asked how he could apply for funds for local groups and projects. He was referred to South Coast AQMD's Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Department.

Mr. Yanez volunteered his expertise to assist in applying for funds.

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked if South Coast AQMD would be taking a stance on U.S. EPA's proposed determination prohibiting lead from certain aircraft.

Action Item: Staff to bring the matter up to the attention of the Executive Officer.

Angela Garcia asked for the legislation number allocating funds to the Salton Sea. She was referred to the Inflation Reduction Act.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 13:05.

Agenda Item #5: Update on the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and Why Healthy Air Matters Program (WHAM)

Ms. Kim presented an update on CAPES and WHAM.

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked if there was a calendar of events.

Action Item: Staff to provide Board Member Padilla-Campos with a calendar of events for CAPES and WHAM.

Chair Delgado asked whether the programs would continue while changes were discussed and implemented in autumn. The future structure and format of the program is under review by the team.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 31:05.

Agenda Item #6: Member Updates/Other Business

Chair Delgado requested an update from staff regarding rendering plants.

Action Item: Staff to schedule a general overview on rendering facilities at the next meeting.

Mr. Yanez requested an update on transportation rulemaking by CARB.

Action Item: Staff to check with CARB on availability for an update.

Mary Figueroa requested an update on projects in the Inland Empire and Riverside County.

Action Item: Staff to provide an update on the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule efforts in the Inland Empire and Riverside County.

Ms. Figueroa shared a developing situation in Riverside concerning the building of a new elementary school and a major transportation/mobility hub to be built nearby.

Mark Abramowitz made a public comment encouraging members to become engaged in South Coast AQMD's efforts to update the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:35:05.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #8: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJAG meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Delgado adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



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MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Governing Board Members:

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair

Supervisor Curt Hagman

Councilmember José Luis Solache

Manuel Arredondo

Dr. Lawrence Beeson

Dr. Afif El-Hasan

Rafael Yanez

Donald Smith

Members Absent:

Senator (Reg) Vanessa Delgado, (Governing Board Member)

Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar

Rhett Alexander

Angelica Balderas

Suzanne Bilodeau

Paul Choe

Kerry Doi

Mary Figueroa

Angela Garcia

Kareem Gongora

Ana Gonzalez

Dr. Monique Hernandez

Dr. Jill Johnston

Humberto Lugo

David McNeill

South Coast AQMD Staff:

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel, Legal

Michael Krause, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Implementation

Barbara Radlein, Program Supervisor, Planning, Rule Development & Implementation

Crystal Villanueva, Senior Enforcement Manager, Office of Compliance & Enforcement

Evangelina Barrera, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

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

Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., and roll call was taken.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of the January 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Due to the lack of quorum, this item was continued to the next meeting.

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

Derrick Alatorre, reviewed the action items from the January 27, 2023, meeting:

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked if South Coast AQMD would be taking a stance on an EPA-backed measure regarding airport emissions and jet fuel. **Staff to bring the matter up to the attention of the Executive Officer and the Governing Board.**

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked if there was a calendar of events. **Lisa Tanaka O'Malley shared it on February 14, 2023.**

Senator Vanessa Delgado requested a future update from staff regarding rendering plants. **This item is on the April 28, 2023 EJAG agenda.**

Mr. Rafael Yanez requested an update on transportation rulemaking by CARB. **CARB to present at the August 25, 2023, meeting.**

Agenda Item #3: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance and South Coast AQMD's Roles

Barbara Radlein, Program Supervisor in Planning, Rule Development & Implementation presented on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance and South Coast AQMD's roles.

Rafael Yanez asked how the lead agency is determined. Ms. Radlein explained that it is usually the agency who will do the primary approvals for the case in question.

Board Member José Luis Solache expressed his interest in future developments and applications of CEQA.

Dr. Afif El-Hassan asked if CEQA has jurisdiction over water projects. He also asked if the potential future use of land near projects was taken into consideration during the review process. Staff responded that hydrology and water quality are one of the key environmental topics that are evaluated under CEQA.

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked if any of the working group meetings have already been held. Staff responded that three working group meetings have been held and the presentations are on the website.

Angela Garcia asked if any CEQA challenges had been received regarding greenhouse gasses. Staff responded that South Coast AQMD has not had any CEQA challenges related to greenhouse gasses.

Mr. Yanez asked at what point findings are considered in the process of permit renewals. Staff responded that permits are not issued until the CEQA process is completed.

Manuel Arredondo shared some of the major concerns in desert communities, including dust.

Action Item: Staff to contact Mr. Arredondo for the address of the facility in concern.

Moses Huerta requested clarification on whether rules were applied and enforced on projects during the review process.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:06:21.

Agenda Item #4: Update on Rendering Plants

Crystal Villanueva, Supervisor, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, delivered an update on rendering plants.

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked what brought about the improvement in odor conditions. Staff responded that rule implementation requiring containment and odor mitigation have made a significant difference. Board Member Padilla-Campos inquired about the definition of 'yellow grease.'

Ms. Garcia asked if the rendering plants have permits. She asked if the permits delineated a schedule for inspection.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 01:03:20.

Agenda Item #5: Member Updates/Other Business

Dr. El-Hasan announced that the American Lung Association had released the annual State of the Air report. He stated that anyone in the group who could help him track down data regarding school attendance as another factor to consider in environmental justice to reach out to him directly.

Mr. Yanez announced he'd recently attended the DTSC community meeting on the Exide cleanup.

Mr. Arredondo shared efforts in his area through AB 617 and related interests outside the AB 617 community in making changes as well.

For further details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 01:18:02.

Agenda Item #6: Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #7: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJAG meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Member Padilla-Campos adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.



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MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Curt Hagman

Members Present:

Angelica Balderas
Dr. Lawrence Beeson
Kerry Doi
Rafael Yanez

Members Absent:

Chair Vanessa Delgado
Councilmember José Luis Solache
Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair
Elizabeth Alcantar
Manuel Arredondo
Suzanne Bilodeau
Paul Choe
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Aisha Reyes, Senior Administrative Assistant, Legislative, Public Affairs, & Media
Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Brandee Keith, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media
Brisa Lopez, Administrative Assistant, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Derrick Alatorre called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., and roll call was taken.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of the January 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, this item was continued to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of the April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, this item was continued to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #3: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Mr. Alatorre reviewed the action items from the April 28, 2023, meeting:

Follow-up with Manuel Arredondo for address of site with dust. **Staff followed up with Mr. Arredondo and he informed staff that that the area was fenced off and sprayed down with a green chemical.**

Agenda Item #4: California Air Resources Board (CARB) Overview on Transportation Rules

Michael Benjamin, Chief of the Air Quality Planning and Science Division at CARB, delivered an update on CARB's Transportation Rules.

Supervisor Curt Hagman asked why the South Coast region was having difficulty in meeting federal standards. Mr. Benjamin responded that the convergence of port activity, transportation activity, and geography contribute to a heavier amount of pollution in the region.

Supervisor Hagman asked whether there were more actions to be taken beyond requesting stronger federal involvement, such as requesting more resources. Mr. Benjamin responded that several avenues are possible and are being pursued at different levels.

Dr. Lawrence Beeson asked how compliance is verified in oceangoing vessels when asked to switch to cleaner fuels within a certain distance to the coast. Mr. Benjamin responded that CARB has a team to inspect the fuel usage and fuel usage records.

Rafael Yanez discussed the importance of meeting emissions reduction goals to combat the advancement of climate change and global temperature rise.

Harvey Eder advocated for regulatory agencies to favor renewable solar energy.

Moses Huerta, resident of Paramount, voiced support for stronger advocacy of federal action to help address emissions reductions.

Mr. Yanez suggested monitoring GHGs specifically in areas of high transportation traffic to present empirical field data to federal and even international regulatory authorities.

For more information, please refer to webcast at [00:06:00](#)

Agenda Item #5: Update on the South Coast AQMD's 9th Annual Environmental Justice Conference

Monika Kim delivered an update on South Coast AQMD's 9th Annual Environmental Justice Conference.

There was no discussion of this item.

For further details, please refer to the webcast at [01:02:45](#)

Agenda Item #6- Member Updates/Other Business

There were no member updates.

Agenda Item #7- Public Comment

Mr. Eder advocated for EJAG to reestablish their support for a ports and railyard ISR as opposed to MOUs to address transportation emissions reduction.

Agenda Item #8: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJAG meeting is on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Alatorre adjourned the meeting at 01:15:00 p.m.