

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 4, 2021

AGENDA NO. 23

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee held a meeting remotely, Friday, May 14, 2021. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Ben J. Benoit, Chairman
Administrative Committee

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Committee Members

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Ben Benoit, Chairman
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti

Absent: Dr. William A. Burke

Chairman Benoit appointed the following Board Members to the Committee for the meeting:

Senator Vanessa Delgado, Vice Chair
Gideon Kracov
Supervisor Janice Rutherford

Call to Order

Chairman Benoit called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** There were no concerns to report.
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** There was no travel to report.
3. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** There was no travel to report.

4. **Review June 4, 2021 Governing Board Agenda:** There were no comments to report.

5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member**

Assistant(s)/Consultant(s): Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti has added Wes Reutimann as a Board Consultant and is requesting amendments to existing contracts with current Board Consultants/Assistants: William Glazier, Frank Cardenas, Tim Sandoval, Jose Zavala, Sho Tay, and Ben Wong.

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Delgado, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

6. **Update on South Coast AQMD Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Efforts:**

Anissa (Cessa) Heard-Johnson, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, summarized her efforts to learn about our organization, described what has occurred to date and what is planned for the next fiscal year. Several events have been held since January: Lunar New Year, African American Heritage Month, a Stop the Hate rally, Persian New Year, Interrupting Bias Training, and Women's History month. The Administrative Code is being updated and she is working on a timeline for future actions.

On May 20 there will be a lunch-and-learn about the Asian Pacific Islander Plus affinity group that is forming and on May 28 we will have a guest speaker to talk with staff about the history of Angel Island. The plan for the upcoming fiscal year is to look at agency procedures and protocols and provide training, including a Book Club.

Board Member Kracov noted his appreciation for the presentation and efforts and indicated he plans to support this work at the agency. Chairman Benoit inquired whether there would be training for Board Members, and Ms. Heard-Johnson noted that Dr. Burke had suggested such training be potentially offered at an upcoming Board Retreat. Vice Chair Delgado inquired whether an event to commemorate Ramadan had been offered. Ms. Heard-Johnson responded that she had not gotten a request from staff but noted that religious celebrations may not be appropriate for a workplace setting.

7. **Budget and Economic Outlook Update:** Jill Whynot, Chief Operating Officer, reported that the trends we have seen for the last several months are continuing and staff is tracking key indicators. She also reported that staff is closely monitoring expenditures and working to reduce the vacancy rate.

8. **Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management:** Ron Moskowitz, Chief Information Officer/Information Management, reported that a new version of FIND has been deployed and a cyber security online training library is now available to staff. He also reported that we deployed the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students website last week.
9. **South Coast AQMD's FY 2020-21 Third Quarter ended March 31, 2021 Budget vs. Actual (Unaudited):** Sujata Jain, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, reported on budgeted versus actual results for the Third Quarter that ended on March 31, 2021. She provided summaries and explanations of revenue and expenditures and discussed the five-year projection.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested clarification on the vacancy rate, which prompted Chairman Benoit to specifically inquire about LPAM vacancies and whether additional staff positions are needed for outreach on the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (ISR). Mr. Alatorre responded that one or two additional positions would be helpful in enhancing outreach. Ms. Whynot added that revenue from the ISR fees will help to fund those and other positions needed to implement the ISR.

ACTION ITEMS:

10. **Recognize Revenue, Transfer and Appropriate Funds, Issue a Solicitation and Execute Contracts and/or Purchase Orders to Meet Operational Needs for Rule 1180 and Community Scale Monitoring Programs:** Andrea Polidori, Atmospheric Measurements Manager, Science & Technology Advancement, reported that the recommended actions for this item is to transfer and appropriate funds to obtain additional resources that are required to continue the development and operation of Rule 1180 community and refinery fenceline monitoring. Mr. Polidori indicated the item is to issue sole source purchase orders for quality assurance equipment verification and equipment replacement. Issue a request for proposal and based on the results of this RFP, execute contracts and purchase order for any independent audit to verify the performance of the fenceline or monitoring systems. Lastly, this item is to recognize and appropriate funds to conduct additional community or monitoring activities to fully satisfy the goals and objectives of an EPA Community scale grant.

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Delgado, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
 Noes: None
 Absent: Burke

11. **Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Execute Contract for Cybersecurity Assessment:** Mr. Moskowitz reported that this item is to transfer and appropriate funds for upcoming separate security assessment and execute a contract with the selected vendor. Funds are available in the budget.

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Delgado, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

12. **Establish List of Prequalified Vendors for Janitorial Supplies:** John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human Resources, reported that this item is to approve a list of prequalified vendors for janitorial supplies. This was a result of a Board-approved RFP. The list would be good for three years. Funds for purchasing the supplies are available in this year's budget and they will be requested in subsequent years' budgets.

MPT Cacciotti inquired whether staff verifies that janitorial contractors are using compliant products as they service the agency premises. Mr. Olvera affirmed that AHR staff frequently observes their efforts at various times of day/night to confirm such compliance

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Rutherford, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

13. **Authorize Entering into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Printing Equipment and Multi-Function Devices:** Mr. Olvera reported that this item is for a cooperative purchase agreement for our Print Shop, which includes printing equipment and our multifunction devices/copiers. The South Coast AQMD has a contract currently that is set to expire on December 31, 2021. Using a cooperative purchase agreement, the current provider has offered us a proposal that would end the existing contract early without any penalty or costs and update our existing equipment and copiers and include some new software so we can have some new functionality. This proposal would improve the efficiency in the work that we are doing in the Print Shop and will result in some cost savings. This action would terminate the existing contract with MRC Smart Technology Solutions, which is a Xerox company, and it would execute a new five-year lease and maintenance agreement with the same vendor to begin on July 1. The five-year cost of the

lease is not to exceed \$802,000 and the agency's procurement policy allows for the use of a cooperative purchase program in lieu of an RFP process when the items available meet the needs of the South Coast AQMD. Funding is included in this year's budget and will be requested in subsequent years' budgets.

Chairman Benoit asked whether vendors other than Xerox had submitted bids for this equipment. Mr. Olvera responded that Xerox was selected based on a statewide cooperative purchase program which negotiates for the most competitive price on behalf of agencies such as South Coast AQMD.

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Kracov, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

14. **Remove Various Fixed Assets from South Coast AQMD Inventory:** Ms. Jain reported that this is a routine item brought for Board approval annually to remove fixed assets that become obsolete or inoperable. This item is asking authorization to remove these fixed assets.

On Vice Chair Delgado's inquiry on whether surplus equipment was donated to schools, Ms. Jain confirmed that we donate equipment when we can, or use the equipment for parts in maintaining the agency's laboratory equipment.

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Delgado, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

15. **Recommend Renewing Memberships to South Coast AQMD Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group:** Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media, Counsel, reported that this item is to renew the membership of two existing Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group members: Eddy Marquez who is representing the Roofing Contractors Association and is considered a Public Member and Rachelle Arizmendi from the city of Sierra Madre who is representing Local Government.

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Delgado, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

16. **Appoint Members to South Coast AQMD Hearing Board:** The Committee interviewed candidates for the Attorney Member (and alternate member) and Engineer Member (and alternate member) and considered their professional backgrounds and experience, and discussed efficiency issues within the Hearing Board operation, and continuity.

After interviewing the Engineering Member candidates, Board Member Kracov moved to reappoint Mohan Balagopalan as Engineering Member, and Dr. Maria Slaughter as Alternate Engineer Member; seconded Cacciotti.

Ayes: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

After interviewing the Attorney Member candidates, Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti moved to reappoint Julie Prussack as Attorney Member, and Adrienne Macklin as Alternate Attorney Member.

Public comment was made by Nancy Feldman, Edward Camarena, and Mark Abramowitz, which centered on the critical importance of the Attorney Member position, as well as their positive impressions of the incumbent Attorney Member. Upon consideration of the public comments and upon further discussion of the extremely high caliber of the candidate pool, Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti withdrew his previous motion. Chairman Benoit offered a substitute motion appointing Robert Pearman as Attorney member, and Adrienne Macklin as Alternate Attorney Member; seconded by Rutherford.

Ayes: Benoit, Delgado, Kracov, Rutherford
Abstention: Cacciotti
Noes: None
Absent: Burke

WRITTEN REPORTS:

17. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the March 12, 2021 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.

18. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the February 26, 2021 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.

OTHER MATTERS:

19. **Other Business:** There was no other business to report.
20. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments to report.
21. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regular Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Attachments

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for
March 12, 2021
Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for February 26, 2021



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Benoit, LGSBA Chairman (Board Member)
Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz
Thomas Gross, Board Member Consultant (*Benoit*)
Debra Mendelsohn, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)
Dan McGivney, SoCal Gas
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)
Ruthanne Taylor-Berger, Board Member Consultant (*Benoit*)
Ross Zelen, Board Member Consultant (*Kracov*)

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Jill Whynot, Chief Operating Officer
Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Daphne Hsu, Senior Deputy District Counsel
Mark Henninger, Information Technology Manager
Michael Morris, Planning & Rules Manager
Al Baez, Program Supervisor
Uyen-Uyen Vo, Program Supervisor
Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor
Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist

Bahareh Farahani, Senior Air Quality Engineer
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist
Stacy Day, Legislative Assistant

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Benoit called for approval of the February 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Bill LaMarr commented that Michael Regan was appointed Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), which was mentioned in the minutes. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

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

No follow-up or action items.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Guidelines

Mr. Al Baez provided an update on the Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) Guidelines approved by the Governing Board on February 2021.

Ms. Rita Loof commented that, although ultraviolet and electron beam (UV/EV) coatings may have a higher cost on a per-gallon basis, they become cost-effective in the long term as they contain 100% solids. Ms. Loof then asked if there is a process for South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) to relay information and findings to U.S. EPA. Mr. Baez replied that there are periodic meetings with both California Air Resources Board (CARB) and U.S. EPA. South Coast AQMD has been working with CARB to establish the BACT and Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) clearinghouse under the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 program. Additionally, U.S. EPA has its own BACT/BARCT and Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) clearinghouse. South Coast AQMD continues to work with both agencies and will be providing them with BACT determinations for major and minor sources in the future.

Mr. LaMarr stated that business industry representatives expressed concern at a recent CARB meeting where there was discussion of Air Toxic Control Measures (ATCM) and the transition from hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) to trivalent chromium (Cr(III)) and inquired if trivalent chromium would be considered BACT soon. Mr. LaMarr asked if this could be addressed through rule amendments, to which Mr. Baez replied yes.

Mr. Paul Avila referenced the guitar manufacturer in Corona and asked if the apparatus for clean air is for both fiberglass and oils. Mr. Baez said that facility manufactures wood guitars and was not aware of any fiberglass operations.

Ms. Loof said that facility added a UV coater to the existing system, which is vented to the thermal oxidizer.

Agenda Item #5 – Overview of Adopted Rule 1407.1: Control of Toxic Air Contaminant Emissions from Chromium Alloy Melting Operations

Ms. Uyen-Uyen Vo provided an overview on recently adopted Rule 1407.1, which applies to chromium metal melting operations.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

Mr. LaMarr asked about the results of the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V). Mr. Alatorre stated that staff will email the Advisory Group with the status of MATES V.

Action item #1: Email the Advisory Group with the status of MATES V.

Mr. Avila referenced the Coalition for Clean Air program allowing funding of up to \$8,000 for low or zero emissions cars and asked if it is a grant or a loan and how would one qualify. Mr. Alatorre stated that CARB's Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, which is South Coast AQMD's Replace Your Ride Program, is a grant and eligibility is dependent on income and requires scrapping of a qualifying older vehicle.

Ms. Loof requested a follow-up on South Coast AQMD's permitting requirements for facilities using hybrid coating systems, where a UV coater is added to a solvent-based coating system and vented to an afterburner.

Follow-up Item: Provide Ms. Loof with an update on South Coast AQMD's permitting requirements for hybrid coating systems vented to an afterburner.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular Local Government & Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. John DeWitt asked about in-person meetings. Chair Benoit stated it depends on spacing and there may some hybrid solutions and requested that staff provide the status.

Action item #2: Provide the Advisory Group with an update on future in-person LGSBA meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, February 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), EJAG Chair (Board Member)
Supervisor Janice Rutherford, EJAG Vice Chair (Board Member)
Rhetta Alexander, Valley Interfaith Council
Manuel Arredondo, Coachella Valley School District, Retiree
Dr. Lawrence Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association
Kerry Doi, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College
Dr. Monique Hernandez, California State University, Los Angeles
Dr. Jill Johnston, University of Southern California
Humberto Lugo, Community Member
David McNeill, Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights
Donald Smith, 136th Street Block Club
Rafael Yanez, Community Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Council Member Ben Benoit, Board Member
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harvey Eder
Marilynn Kamimura
Angela Meszaros
Byron Chan
Kareem Gongora

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Daphne Hsu, Senior Deputy District Counsel
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Senior Public Affairs Manager
Thomas Liebel, Senior AQ Engineering Manager
Jack Cheng, Senior Enforcement Manager

Julie Franco, Senior Public Information Specialist
Alicia Lizarraga, Senior Public Information Specialist
Jeanette N. Short, Senior Public Information Specialist
Lindsay McElwain, Senior Administrative Secretary
Aisha Reyes, Senior Administrative Secretary
Brandee Keith, Secretary
Danietra Brown, Career Development Intern

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Ms. Jeanette Short read the housekeeping items and then took roll call.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of October 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chair Delgado called for the approval of the October 23, 2020 meeting minutes. Dr. Lawrence Beeson moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Rafael Yanez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Derrick Alatorre stated there were no action items from the October 23, 2020 meeting.

Agenda Item #4: EJAG Accomplishments 2020

Mr. Alatorre presented a summary of EJAG Accomplishments from 2020.

Ms. Rhetta Alexander stated that she was not at the last meeting and asked if the update to the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) presentation was available on the South Coast AQMD's website. Ms. Alicia Lizarraga offered to send Ms. Alexander the link to the relevant meeting webcast in order to view the presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Send link of the October 23, 2020 EJAG meeting to Ms. Alexander.
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/webcast/live-webcast?ms=urAyu1LU85M>

Agenda Item #5: Federal Legislative Updates

Ms. Lisa Tanaka O'Malley delivered a presentation regarding legislative updates pertaining to South Coast AQMD and environmental justice.

Dr. Beeson asked if there was a backup plan in place in case the federal government did not approve the funding. Ms. Tanaka O'Malley stated that South Coast AQMD was working through appropriations to secure funding.

Chair Delgado inquired on the appointment of Dr. Philip Fine to the federal level, and Mr. Alatorre confirmed Dr. Fine had accepted a Presidential appointment to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Yanez suggested that the funding sources for various priority projects be listed in a manner which would allow AB 617 Community Steering Committees (CSC) to assess and prioritize their own goals accordingly. Mr. Alatorre stated that it's up to the CSCs and Chair Delgado agreed.

Mr. Humberto Lugo requested clarification regarding funding for cleaner diesel, and whether South Coast AQMD would invest in efforts to promote electric vehicle adoption rather than natural gas engines. Mr. Alatorre pointed out that it would depend on the funding source and the criteria established by that source.

Mr. Harvey Eder shared a brief history on efforts to promote solar options and equity in California business.

Agenda Item #6: Update on Quemetco

Mr. Thomas Liebel and Mr. Jack Cheng gave an update on the Quemetco battery recycling facility.

Mr. Yanez asked for a clarification on the resolution of odor complaints, whether there had been any community exposure to harmful substances, and whether the community had been informed of potential exposure. Mr. Jack Cheng confirmed South Coast AQMD inspectors were unable to verify the odors listed in complaints and therefore had to be resolved as “Source Unknown”. He also confirmed that based on monitoring results following a Notice of Violation, there had been no enforcement action taken against the facility.

Dr. Jill Johnston brought up a 2018 draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) regarding Quemetco, in which several community concerns had been brought up, and inquired how those concerns were being addressed. She expressed a desire to see more discussion regarding cumulative burden of air toxics in the area surrounding Quemetco, and to hear a plan outlining how the South Coast AQMD planned to avoid repeating the mistakes that were made with the Exide plant. Mr. Liebel confirmed many of the previous concerns voiced in the draft EIR of 2018 would be under consideration in the current version. Mr. Liebel explained with the initial study, staff have been addressing these concerns in the draft EIR which will be available for public release and review soon. Mr. Liebel informed the members to reach out to Ms. Jillian Wong for any specific questions.

Mr. Yanez expressed concern regarding the inability to address odor complaints when inspectors are unable to confirm the existence of an odor and asked if there was any way to require monitoring by the facility to record incidents objectively. Mr. Liebel stated it would be difficult as most monitoring equipment detects particulate pollution rather than the burning of organic material which results in odor. However, he confirmed there were potential solutions under consideration to apply certain continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS) to detect toxics.

Ms. Monique Hernandez inquired as to the delay between receipt of a complaint and the arrival of an inspector at the site. Mr. Cheng explained how inspectors are dispatched depending on time of complaint, site, location of the inspector at the time of complaint, and inspector workload. He also specified that during off-hours, South Coast AQMD waits until three complaints are received in a certain timeframe before dispatching an inspector.

Mr. Lugo asked how South Coast AQMD would hold the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) accountable for their actions and enforcement, when DTSC demonstrates an unwillingness to act on the behalf of communities. Mr. Liebel affirmed that South Coast AQMD is committed to doing everything within its power to reduce emissions, and works with DTSC to achieve those reductions, but do not have authority to hold them accountable.

Mr. Yanez suggested that South Coast AQMD's Compliance and Enforcement department prioritize responses to complaints regarding known problem facilities, especially underrepresented communities. He requested to know the average response time to these types of complaints, as it's important that these communities be prioritized.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to provide Mr. Yanez the average response times to complaints.

Public member Ms. Marilyn Kamimura made a statement reminding the South Coast AQMD of Quemetco's application to expand. She cited a 2016 Health Risk Assessment by the South Coast AQMD showing 12,000 households at increased risk for cancer due to levels of arsenic related to Quemetco and pointed out Quemetco has continued to put out increased levels of arsenic in the years since. She requested the South Coast AQMD deny the application for expansion.

Public member Mr. Eder stated the importance of formulating a plan to prevent facilities like Exide and Quemetco from being established near communities. He mentioned efforts for reparations and equity be made for the members of those communities and for the workers who had been harmed by toxic pollution from these facilities.

Public member Ms. Angela Meszaros cited a report issued by Earthjustice in 2021 called "Quemetco's Lead Legacy" and offered to send a copy of the report to Chair Delgado and members of the committee to consider during the permitting process for Quemetco. She stated that Quemetco had a history of emissions output going back to 1959 and urged the South Coast AQMD to consider how it would provide relief to communities living in close proximity to known emitters of air toxics. She also cited Quemetco's known history of violating its permit conditions, which should be taken into consideration when the facility applies for expansion.

Public member Mr. Byron Chan stated that the EPA had labeled Quemetco as a "Significant Non-Complier," showing the facility presents a severe level of concern for the environment. He urged the South Coast AQMD to deny the application for expansion.

Agenda Item #7: Environmental Justice Community Partnership Update

Ms. Lizarraga provided an update on the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP).

Ms. Mary Figueroa stated most of the programs and activities discussed in the presentation appeared to be focused in the Los Angeles area. She inquired whether there were any plans to expand the efforts of the EJCP into the San Bernardino area including Coachella Valley. Ms. Lizarraga stated the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) will be administered to at least four schools in the San Bernardino county and stressed they do not plan on turning down schools interested in participating in the program. She also invited Ms. Figueroa to meet with her to discuss potential breakout topics and future involvement in the Environmental Justice Conference and the Inter-Agency Task Force.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to meet with Ms. Figueroa regarding the Environmental Justice Conference and Inter-Agency Task Force.

Public member Mr. Eder expressed his concerns regarding the dual problems of COVID-19 and climate change.

Public member Mr. Kareem Gongora expressed his support and appreciation for the activities of the EJCP, and echoed Ms. Figueroa's concerns that more activity be brought into the San Bernardino and Riverside areas, including Coachella and the areas surrounding the Salton Sea.

Agenda Item #8: Member Updates

Mr. Lugo mentioned potential action by CARB to end agricultural burning in certain air districts and inquired whether South Coast AQMD could push for a ban of agricultural burning in the Coachella Valley. He further added that it would have a significant reduction in emissions and would improve agricultural practices in the community. Chair Delgado thanked him for his update and informed him that she would pass on his concerns. He also provided the following link in the chat feature related to the agricultural burning, and his concerns.

https://calmatters.org/environment/2021/02/san-joaquin-valley-agriculture-burns/?fbclid=IwAR2xhgCec-fZVgeixSd9YIK9xIkIEPi_CH_X1ZJqM2C8s5cKxEavH70G0gI

Mr. Danny Morales expressed his concern regarding railroads in Colton and stated Dr. Joseph Lyou had mentioned to him and Mary Figueroa that there may be investigations against the railroads coming in the future and will get as much information to bring back to the committee.

Agenda Item #9 - Other Business

Ms. Jeanette Short reminded members that the renewal of their memberships goes before the Governing Board on March 5th, and with approval it will extend their membership for another four years. She also announced there would be four new members joining the EJAG and reminded members that their ethics training was due to be completed.

Agenda Item #10- Public Comment

Mr. Eder expressed frustration with the availability of information to the public.

Agenda Item #11: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJAG meeting is on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.