State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolution 15-48

September 25, 2015

Agenda Item No.: 15-7-5

WHEREAS, sections 39600 and 39601 of the Health and Safety Code authorize the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) to adopt standards, rules and regulations and to do such acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Board by law;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has adopted and the Governor has signed Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Act), which designates the Board as the State agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming;

WHEREAS, the Act further directs the Board to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions;

WHEREAS, section 38561(a) of the Health and Safety Code directed the Board, on or before January 1, 2009, to prepare and approve a Scoping Plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020;

WHEREAS, section 38591(a) of the Health and Safety Code directed the Board to convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (Committee) of at least three members by July 1, 2007, to advise the Board in developing the scoping plan of emission reduction measures (Scoping Plan) and any other pertinent matter in implementing the Act;

WHEREAS, section 38591(a) of the Health and Safety Code further directs that the Committee shall be comprised of representatives from communities in the state with the most significant exposure to air pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with minority populations or low-income populations;

WHEREAS, section 38591(b) of the Health and Safety Code directs the Board to appoint the Committee members from nominations received from environmental justice organizations and community groups;

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2007, the Board appointed a Committee of ten members and 11 alternates, to advise the Board in developing the initial Scoping Plan;

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2008, the Board approved the 2008 Climate Change Scoping Plan, and re-approved the Scoping Plan on August 24, 2011, following consideration of the Supplement to the Functional Equivalent Document;

WHEREAS, section 38561(h) of the Health and Safety Code directs the Board to update its scoping plan at least once every five years;

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2013, the Board conducted a public hearing to consider reconvening of the Committee to advise the Board in developing the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan;

WHEREAS, at the public hearing held on March 21, 2013, the Board approved Resolution 13-10 reconvening the Committee and appointing nine individuals to serve on the Committee;

WHEREAS, Resolution 13-10 delegated to the Executive Officer, and his or her designee, authority to select and appoint up to three additional Committee members from underrepresented regions of the State, including the Central Valley and the Inland Empire;

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2013, the Executive Officer signed Executive Order G-13-047, appointing three additional Committee members from underrepresented regions of the State, including the Central Valley and the Inland Empire;

WHEREAS, at the public hearing held on June 27, 2013, the Board approved Resolution 13-31 appointing an additional member from the Imperial County to serve on the Committee;

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2014, the Board approved the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan;

WHEREAS, in April 2015, Governor Brown set a new interim statewide target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and directed ARB to further update the Scoping Plan;

WHEREAS, 4 of the13 previously appointed members either changed positions and had to resign from the Committee or were unable to serve, leaving vacancies in communities in the State with significant exposure to air pollution;

WHEREAS, a nomination for the appointment of Colin Bailey of Sacramento County, representing The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, was submitted by Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails;

WHEREAS, a nomination for the appointment of Eleanor Torres of San Bernardino County, representing The Incredible Edible Community Garden, was submitted by The Incredible Edible Community Garden;

WHEREAS, a nomination for the appointment of Sekita Grant of Alameda County, representing The Greenlining Institute, was submitted by The Greenlining Institute;

WHEREAS, a nomination for the appointment of Katie Valenzuela Garcia of Sacramento County, representing Oak Park Neighborhood Association, was submitted by The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the proposed additional members of the Committee were nominated by environmental justice organizations and community groups; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that the proposed additional members of the Committee are representatives from communities in the State with significant exposure to air pollution or a community with a minority population or low-income population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Colin Bailey, Sekita Grant, Eleanor Torres, and Katie Valenzuela Garcia to serve on the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to sections 39515 and 39516 of the Health and Safety Code, the Board delegates to the Executive Officer, or to his or her designee, authority to select and appoint up to one additional Committee member from San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to section 38591(c) of the Health and Safety Code, the Board shall reimburse reasonable travel and per diem expenses, consistent with State travel policy, for advisory committee members from nonprofit organizations for attendance at Environmental Justice Advisory Committee meetings.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 15-48 as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

Tracy Jensen

Tracy Jensen, Clerk of the Board