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## AIR QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

### 2019 Annual Report

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 5:30 – 8:00 pm  
222 LaPorte Avenue, Colorado River Room (first floor)

The Air Quality Advisory Board was formed in 1994. In 2019, AQAB members discussed and provided recommendations to Council regarding various topics related to current and future air quality, in alignment with the Board's 2019 Work Plan.

Members who served in 2019 included:

- Arsineh Hecobian (chair, January – July)
- Greg Clark (vice-chair, January – July; chair, August)
- Jakob Lindaas (chair, September – December)
- Matt Tribby (vice - chair, September – December)
- Jim Dennison
- Jason Miller
- Harry Edwards
- Karen Artell
- Chris Wood (January)

Staff and Council representatives included:

- City Council Liaison: Councilmember Ross Cunniff (January – April); Councilmember Pignataro (May – December)
- Staff Liaison: Cassie Archuleta, Air Quality Program Manager

**Topics addressed during AQAB meetings for specific work plan items are listed below.**

#### **1. WORK PLAN ITEM 1 (PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, PLANNING AND CONTRACTING)**

- The Board received an update regarding use of the City's Triple Bottom Line tool, and participated in a joint Board meeting to test implementation of the tool on a Housing Implementation topic. The tool is expected to be used by staff to evaluate major topics that come before the Board and Council.

#### **2. WORK PLAN ITEM 2 (CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND RELATED INITIATIVES)**

- The Board discussed carbon emissions inventory updates, and the Our Climate Future Planning process. Our Climate Future planning will continue into 2020.

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### 3. WORK PLAN ITEM 3 (AIR QUALITY PLAN)

- In 2018, Air Quality priority pollutants were reviewed. In 2019, the Board received updates on plan development and reviewed plan drafts. A final plan will be published in January 2020.

### 4. WORK PLAN ITEM 4 (REGIONAL HAZE AND OZONE)

- The Board discussed data updates regarding regional haze and ozone, and discussed potential engagement in planning processes by the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC), who are charged with developing implementation plans for ozone attainment.

### 5. WORK PLAN ITEM 5 (INDOOR AIR QUALITY)

- The Board reviewed staff's 2019 radon work plan, and provided Council with a memo requesting consideration of adoption of additional testing and mitigation requirements. Radon was named one of Council's air quality priorities in July 2019.

### 6. WORK PLAN ITEM 6 (BUDGET)

- The Board discussed potential use of the "City Give" Program for philanthropic donations for air quality related items.

### 7. WORK PLAN ITEM 7 (TRANSPORTATION, DUST, WILDFIRES, WOOD SMOKE)

- The Board reviewed and supported a pilot program proposal for e-bikes on trails, and the City's Electric Vehicle readiness roadmap. The Board also toured the Traffic Operations Center.
- The Board reviewed the first year of implementation for new outdoor wood burning fires.

### 8. WORK PLAN ITEM 8 (COUNCIL REQUESTS)

- Councilmember Pignataro attended a Board meeting to discuss alignment between Board and Council priorities.
- The Board discussed and supported a process to consider new regulations related to oil and gas development, which was named a Council priority in July 2019.

### 9. WORK PLAN ITEM 9 (BOARD ALIGNMENT)

- Several Board members attended and observed other Boards and Commissions meetings including the Natural Resources Advisory Board and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

### 10. WORK PLAN ITEM 6 (REGIONAL JURISTICTION ALIGNMENT)

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- Some Board members attended Regional Air Quality Council meetings, and brought back updates regarding development of implementation plans for ozone attainment.

The table below lists the major agenda topics, presenters, and formal actions taken by the AQAB for each of the 2019 meetings.

Date	Major Agenda Topics (and invited presenters)	Formal Action(s) taken
1/28/19	E-Bikes (Jamie Gaskill)	Supported implementation of proposed e-bike program.
	City Plan and Air Quality Plan update (Aaron Iverson and Cassie Archuleta)	
2/25/19	2018 Annual Report	Adopted 2018 Annual Report.
	Board Orientation and Issue Index Overview	
	Radon planning update (Megan DeMasters and Selina Lujan)	
3/18/19	Outdoor Burning (Cassie Archuleta)	Recommended adoption of nuisance code changes and bans on high pollution advisory days.
	Triple-Bottom Line Scan Overview (Kirk Longstein)	
	Electric Vehicle Readiness Roadmap (Amanda Mansfield)	
4/11/19	Elections	Arsineh Hecobian elected as Chair Greg Clark elected as Vice Chair
	<i>Joint Board Meeting (TBL scan tool and City Plan Housing Implementation)</i>	
4/15/19	Radon	Adopted radon recommendations memo encouraging more outreach, and consideration of increased certification and testing requirements.
5/20/19	Operations Center Tour (Martina Wilkinson)	
6/17/19	Council alignment discussion (Councilmember Pignataro)	
	Climate and Energy Planning (Lindsay Ex)	
7/15/19	Climate Inventory Update (Molly Saylor)	
	AQ priority discussion	
8/19/19	2020 Work Plan	2020 Work Plan Approved
	City Give Program (Nina Bodenhamer)	
9/16/19	Chair/Vice Chair Elections	Jakob Lindaas elected as Chair Matt Tribby elected as Vice-Chair
	Oil and Gas Update (Cassie Archuleta)	

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		regulations following regional regulatory rulemaking processes
<b>10/14/19</b>	Air Quality Plan Update (Cassie Archuleta)	
<b>11/18/19</b>	<i>Joint Board Meeting – Climate Planning</i>	
<b>11/18/19</b>	Oil and Gas Update (Cassie Archuleta and Kelly Smith)	
<b>12/16/19</b>	Outdoor Residential Burning (Jason Komes)	
<b>12/16/19</b>	Air Quality Data Update (Cassie Archuleta)	