State of California Air Resources Board Board Item Summary

Item # 22-4-1: Appointment of New Members to the Assembly Bill 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) approve the proposed resolution appointing two new members to the Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32, Ch. 488, Stats. 2006, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC).

Discussion:

AB 32 directed CARB, through Health and Safety Code section 38591, to convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, of at least three members, to advise the Board in developing the Scoping Plan for achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, as described in statute, and any other pertinent matter in implementing the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The advisory 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, or both. The Board shall appoint the advisory committee members from nominations received from environmental justice organizations and community groups. The Board shall provide reasonable per diem for attendance at advisory committee meetings by advisory committee members from nonprofit organizations.

Pursuant to AB 32, CARB convened the first EJAC Meeting in January 2007 to advise the Board on the development of the initial Scoping Plan. The Board reconvened the EJAC in 2013 to advise the Board on the development of the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan. EJAC was further reconvened in 2015 to advise the Board on the development of the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan. In May 2021, the Board reconvened the EJAC to advise the Board on the development of the 2022 Scoping Plan Update. Two advisory committee members resigned from the committee and CARB staff received replacement nominations for individuals from the same organizations as the resigned committee members.

Summary and Impacts:

Not applicable.