#### HYBRID ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **Committee Members**

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

January 12, 2024 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

#### TELECONFERENCE LOCATION

Office of Senator Vanessa Delgado 944 South Greenwood Ave. Montebello, CA 90640 Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez 78015 Main Street, Ste. 205 La Quinta, CA 92253

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Administrative Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, January 12, 2024 through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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#### **AGENDA**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Roll Call

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – Items 1 through 8:**

1.	Board Members' Concerns (No Motion Required)	Chair Vanessa Delgado
	Any member of the Governing Board, on his or her own initiative	
	may raise a concern to the Administrative Committee regarding any	
	South Coast AQMD items or activities.	

2.	Chair's Rer	ort of Approv	ed Travel ( <i>No</i>	Motion Re	auired)
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Chair Delgado pg. 6

3. Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel (*No Motion Required*)

Wayne Nastri Executive Officer

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4. Review February 2, 2024 Governing Board Agenda

Wayne Nastri

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5. Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/
Consultant(s) (Any material, if submitted, will be distributed at the meeting.) (*Motion Requested if Proposal Made*)

Chair Delgado

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6. Update on South Coast AQMD Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Efforts (*No Motion Required*)

Staff will provide an update on current and future efforts for our

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer pgs. 27-34

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internal processes and programs.

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7. Review Recommended Appointments of New Members to South Coast AQMD's Young Leader's Advisory Council (YLAC) (*No Motion Required*)

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Governing Board Chair Delgado requests Committee review before the appointment of two new members from Orange County to serve on the Young Leader's Advisory Council.

8. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management (No Motion Required)
Information Management is responsible for data systems management services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations. This action is to provide the monthly status report on major automation contracts and planned projects.

Ron Moskowitz pgs. 37-42 Chief Information Officer, Information Management

#### ACTION ITEMS – Items 9 through 10:

9. Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware and Software (*Motion Requested*)

Ron Moskowitz

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On November 3, 2023, the Board approved the release of a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. As a result of successful responses to this RFQQ, seven vendors were identified as capable of providing these products. This action is to approve these seven vendors to provide these products for a two-year period. Funds (\$300,000) for these purchases are included in the FY 2023-24 Budget.

10. Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment (Motion Requested) South Coast AQMD is expected to receive grant funds up to \$800,000 from U.S. EPA for the FY 2024-25 (32nd Year) Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Program. This action is to recognize revenue and appropriate funds for the PAMS Program in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets. These actions are also to recognize revenue upon receipt, and appropriate \$73,000 for the PM2.5 Program in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets and to issue solicitations and execute purchase orders for air monitoring equipment.

Jason Low, PhD pgs. 47-54 Deputy Executive Officer, Monitoring & Analysis

#### **WRITTEN REPORTS:**

11. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the January 27, 2023 Meeting (*No Motion Required*)

Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the January 27, 2023 meeting.

Derrick J. Alatorre pgs. 55-57 Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

12. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the April 28, 2023 Meeting (*No Motion Required*)

Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the April 28, 2023 meeting.

Derrick J. Alatorre pgs. 58-61

13. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the August 25, 2023 Meeting (*No Motion Required*)

Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the August 25, 2023 meeting.

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#### **OTHER MATTERS:**

14. Other Business

Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Govt Code Section 54954.2)

Chair Delgado

#### 15. Public Comment

At the end of the regular meeting agenda, an opportunity is provided for the public to speak on any subject within the Committee's authority that is not on the agenda. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes total.

16. **Next Meeting Date**: Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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## SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICE

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 12, 2024

**TO:** Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Report of Travel

The following is a report of Chair approved travel:

DATE	TRAVELER	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
November 15-16, 2023	Board Member Gideon Kracov	Sacramento, CA	Board Member Kracov attended the CARB meeting as the South Coast AQMD Board representative.

There is no upcoming staff out of country travel.

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1/5/24 - 4:00 p.m.

#### DRAFT AGENDA

#### HYBRID GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2024

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024 through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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#### **Meeting Procedures**

- The public meeting of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board begins at 9:00 a.m. The Governing Board generally will consider items in the order listed on the agenda. However, <u>any item</u> may be considered in any order.
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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Opening Comments: Vanessa Delgado, Chair

Other Board Members

Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer

Staff/Phone (909) 396-

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – (Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3) The public may comment on any subject within the South Coast AQMD's authority that does not appear on the agenda, during the Public Comment Period. Each speaker addressing non-agenda items may be limited to a total of (3) minutes.

#### **CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR (Items X through XX)**

Note: Consent and Board Calendar items held for discussion will be moved to Item No. XX

#### Item X – Action Item/No Fiscal Impact

12256. Approve Minutes of January 5, 2024

Thomas/3268

#### <u>Items X through X – Budget/Fiscal Impact</u>

12365. Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment

Low/2269

South Coast AQMD is expected to receive grant funds up to \$800,000 from U.S. EPA for the FY 2024 (32nd Year) PAMS Program. This action is to recognize revenue and appropriate funds for the PAMS Program in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets. These actions are also to recognize revenue upon receipt, and appropriate \$73,000 for the PM2.5 Program in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets and to issue solicitations and execute purchase orders for air monitoring equipment. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, January 12, 2024; Recommended for Approval)

12189. Recognize Funds and Execute MOU with City of Irvine for Lawn and Garden Equipment Projects

Katzenstein/2219

South Coast AQMD administers and implements both the Residential Electric Lawn Mower Rebate and the Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Incentive and Exchange Program. The City of Irvine would like to partner with South Coast AQMD to fund zero-emission lawn and garden equipment replacement for residents and businesses operating within the City of Irvine. These actions are to: 1) recognize funds from the City of Irvine up to \$18,750 into the General Fund for administrative costs;

and 2) authorize the Executive Officer to execute an MOU with the City of Irvine to fund lawn and garden equipment replacement in the City of Irvine. (Reviewed; Technology Committee, January 19, 2023; Recommended for Approval).

12190. Execute Contracts, Adopt Resolutions to Recognize Funds and Reimburse General Fund to Implement Year 25 & 26 Carl Moyer, SOON, FARMER and Community Air Protection Programs, and Appropriate Funds for the Development of the Carl Moyer Program Grant Management System

In December 2022, Program Announcements for the Carl Moyer and Surplus Off-Road Opt-In for NOx (SOON) Programs were released and closed in May 2023. Over \$400M in grant applications were received. For FY 2023-24 CARB has tentatively allocated funds for the Carl Moyer Program, the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) and Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) to South Coast AQMD. These actions are to: 1) execute contracts for Carl Mover, SOON, FARMER and CAPP in the amount of \$196,687,460; 2) authorize the Executive Officer to redistribute the source of funds for the various incentive program grants to ensure program liquidation targets are met; 3) adopt Resolutions, accept terms and conditions and recognize up to \$47,229,407 in Carl Moyer Program, up to \$706,800 in FARMER, and up to \$88,919,808 in CAPP funds from CARB for FY 2023-24; 4) reimburse General Fund for administrative costs up to \$44,175, and \$5,557,488, from FARMER, and CAPP Programs, respectively; and 5) transfer and appropriate up to \$200,000 comprised of \$100,000 from the administrative portions of each of the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) and the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32), into Information Management's FY 2023-24 and/or 2024-25 Budget, Services and Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Objects for the final phase of the grant management system development. (Reviewed; Technology Committee, January 19, 2023; Recommended for Approval)

12366. Execute Contract to Demonstrate Off-Grid Electrical Fast Charging Solution to Support UCLA's Electric Fleet

The University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) is committed to a sustainability goal and has a comprehensive transportation plan to reduce its environmental impact, including electrifying its fleet. However, upgrading the electrical infrastructure will take some time. To address the infrastructure challenge, UCLA plans to demonstrate an interim off-grid charging solution in partnership with GenCell, Inc. This action is to execute a contract with GenCell, Inc. to develop and demonstrate an off-grid fast charging solution to support UCLA's electric fleet in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31). (Reviewed:

Katzenstein/2219

Katzenstein/2219

Technology Committee, January 19, 2024; Recommended for Approval)

12371. Execute Contract to Replace and Expand Existing Hydrogen Refueling Station at South Coast AQMD Headquarters

Katzenstein/2219

For over a decade, South Coast AQMD hosted a hydrogen refueling station at its headquarters that is part of a CEC award to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. The current station's capacity to provide hydrogen refueling is limited. Recently, FirstElement Fuel, Inc. received a CEC grant in the amount of \$42.6 million to develop publicly accessible advanced hydrogen refueling stations. Additional funding is sought to clean up the site and expedite the replacement of the existing station. This action is to execute a contract with FirstElement to replace and expand the existing hydrogen refueling station at South Coast AQMD headquarters in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 from the Clean Fuels Program Fund (31). (Reviewed: Technology Committee, January 19, 2024; Recommended for Approval)

12364. Issue RFP and Execute Contracts for Green Space Program Within AB 617 Community of Southeast Los Angeles

Higgins/3309

Through participatory budgeting workshops held in early 2021, the Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Community Steering Committee prioritized \$2.5 million in Community Air Protection Program incentive funding for green space projects within the SELA community. These actions are to: 1) issue an RFP in an amount up to \$2.5 million from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to solicit green space project bids from contractor(s) and to Execute Contracts to implement green space projects in the SELA community through the SELA Green Space Program; 2) reimburse the General Fund for administrative costs of up to \$141,667 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77); and 3) transfer and appropriate up to \$25,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) into the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Community Air Programs Office's FYs 2023-24 and/or 2024-25 Budgets, Services and Supplies Major Object, Public Notice and Advertisement account for administrative costs to implement the SELA Green Space Program. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 19, 2024; Recommended for Approval).

12368. Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware and Software

Moskowitz/3329

On November 3, 2023, the Board approved the release of a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. As a result of successful responses to this RFQQ, seven vendors

were identified as capable of providing these products. This action is to approve these seven vendors to provide these products for a two-year period. Funds (\$380,000) for these purchases are included in the FY 2023-24 Budget.(Reviewed: Administrative Committee, January 12, 2024; Recommended for Approval).

12226. Approve Contract Modification as Approved by MSRC

**McCallon** 

#### Items X through XX – Information Only/Receive and File

12305. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report

Alatorre/3122

This report highlights the December 2023 outreach activities of the Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Office, which includes: Major Events, Community Events/Public Meetings, Environmental Justice Update, Speakers Bureau/Visitor Services, Communications Center, Public Information Center, Business Assistance, Media Relations and Outreach to Business and Federal, State and Local Government. (No Committee Review)

12319. Hearing Board Report

**Verdugo-Peralta** 

This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of December 1 through December 31, 2023. (No Committee Review)

12237. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report

Gilchrist/3459

This report summarizes monthly penalties and legal actions filed by the General Counsel's Office from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. An Index of South Coast AQMD Rules is attached with the penalty report. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 19, 2024)

12316. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects

Krause /2706

This report provides a listing of CEQA documents received by South Coast AQMD between December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and those projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, January 19, 2024)

12331. Rule and Control Measure Forecast

Rees/2856

This report highlights South Coast AQMD rulemaking activities and public hearings scheduled for 2024. (No Committee Review)

12196. Status Report on Regulation XIII – New Source Review

Aspell/2491

This report presents the state and federal Preliminary Determination of Equivalency for January 2022 through December 2022. The report provides information regarding the status of Regulation XIII – New Source Review (NSR) in meeting state and federal NSR requirements and shows that South Coast AQMD's NSR program is in preliminary compliance with applicable state and federal requirements from January 2022 through December 2022. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 19, 2024)

12318. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

Moskowitz/3329

Information Management is responsible for data systems management services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations. This action is to provide the monthly status report on major automation contracts and planned projects. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, January 12, 2024)

#### Items XX through XX -- Reports for Committees and CARB

Nastri/3131	Chair: Delgado	Administrative Committee (Receive & File)	12283.
Alatorre/3122	Chair: Cacciotti	Legislative Committee (Receive & File)	12294.
Rees/2856	Chair: Kracov	Mobile Source Committee (Receive & File)	12342.
Aspell/2491	Chair: McCallon	Stationary Source Committee (Receive & File)	12225.
Katzenstein/2219	Chair: Rodriguez	Technology Committee (Receive & File)	12202.
Katzenstein/2219	Board Liaison: Hagman	Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (Receive & File)	12214.
Thomas/3268	Board Rep.: Kracov	California Air Resources Board Monthly Report (Receive & File)	12266.

XX. <u>Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar</u>

#### STAFF PRESENTATION/BOARD DISCUSSION/RECEIVE AND FILE

12329. Permitting Enhancement Program Status Update Aspell/2491 (Presentation In Lieu of Board Letter)

Staff will present a status update on the Workplan to implement the Permitting Enhancement Program. In August 2023, as part of the Chair's priorities, staff presented a

comprehensive Workplan to overcome current and future permit processing challenges which included several shortterm and long-term actions. Staff will present their progress on the actions and upcoming efforts. (No Committee Review)

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12195. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 461.1 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing for Mobile Fueling Operations Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 461.1

Rule 461.1 applies to an owner or operator of a Mobile Fueler that conducts retail or non-retail gasoline dispensing operations. Proposed Amended Rule 461.1 will clarify that aviation gasoline is exempt from the provisions of the rule aligning with the original intent and applicability. The proposed amendment will also remove outdated rule language. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 461.1 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing for Mobile Fueling Operations, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 461.1 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing for Mobile Fueling Operations. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, November 17, 2023)

12352. Determine that Proposed Amendments to BACT Guidelines are Exempt from CEQA and Amend BACT Guidelines

This item is to add new listings and amend existing listings in the BACT Guidelines. Periodically, after consultation with stakeholders through the BACT Scientific Review Committee, staff proposes amendments to the BACT Guidelines to reflect technological advancements in emissions controls and to maintain consistency with recent changes to South Coast AQMD rules and regulations as well as state requirements. Staff is proposing to add new listings to and amend existing listings in the following sections of the BACT Guidelines: Part B: Lowest Achievable Emission Rate Determinations for Major Polluting Facilities; and Part D: BACT Determinations for Non-Maior Polluting Facilities. Staff is also proposing administrative and routine updates to the following sections of the BACT Guidelines: Overview: Part A: Policy and Procedures for Major Polluting Facilities; Part C: Policy and Procedures for Non-Major Polluting Facilities; and Part E: Policy and Procedures for Facilities Subject to Prevention of Krause/2706

Significant Deterioration for GHGs. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 19, 2024)

#### BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL - (No Written Material)

Board member travel reports have been filed with the Clerk of the Boards, and copies are available upon request.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE - (No Written Material)**

**CLOSED SESSION -- (No Written Material)** 

Gilchrist/3459

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### \*\*\*PUBLIC COMMENTS\*\*\*

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Note that on items listed on the Consent Calendar and the balance of the agenda any motion, including action, can be taken (consideration is not limited to listed recommended actions). Additional matters can be added and action taken by two-thirds vote, or in the case of an emergency, by a majority vote. Matters raised under the Public Comment Period may not be acted upon at that meeting other than as provided above.

Written comments will be accepted by the Board and made part of the record. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to <a href="mailto:cob@aqmd.gov">cob@aqmd.gov</a>, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.

#### **ACRONYMS**

AQ-SPEC = Air Quality Sensor Performance

**Evaluation Center** 

AQIP = Air Quality Investment Program

AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan

AVR = Average Vehicle Ridership

BACT = Best Available Control Technology

BARCT = Best Available Retrofit Control Technology

Cal/EPA = California Environmental Protection Agency

CARB = California Air Resources Board

CEMS = Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems

CEC = California Energy Commission

CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act

CE-CERT =College of Engineering-Center for Environmental

Research and Technology

CNG = Compressed Natural Gas

CO = Carbon Monoxide

DOE = Department of Energy

EV = Electric Vehicle

EV/BEV = Electric Vehicle/Battery Electric Vehicle

FY = Fiscal Year

GHG = Greenhouse Gas

HRA = Health Risk Assessment

LEV = Low Emission Vehicle

LNG = Liquefied Natural Gas

MATES = Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study

MOU = Memorandum of Understanding

MSERCs = Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credits

MSRC = Mobile Source (Air Pollution Reduction) Review

Committee

NATTS =National Air Toxics Trends Station

NESHAPS = National Emission Standards for

Hazardous Air Pollutants

NGV = Natural Gas Vehicle

NOx = Oxides of Nitrogen

NSPS = New Source Performance Standards

NSR = New Source Review

OEHHA = Office of Environmental Health Hazard

Assessment

PAMS = Photochemical Assessment Monitoring

Stations

PEV = Plug-In Electric Vehicle

PHEV = Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle

PM10 = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns

PM2.5 = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns

RECLAIM=Regional Clean Air Incentives Market

RFP = Request for Proposals

RFQ = Request for Quotations

RFQQ=Request for Qualifications and Quotations

SCAG = Southern California Association of Governments

SIP = State Implementation Plan

SOx = Oxides of Sulfur

SOON = Surplus Off-Road Opt-In for NOx

SULEV = Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle

TCM = Transportation Control Measure
ULEV = Ultra Low Emission Vehicle

U.S. EPA = United States Environmental Protection

Agency

VOC = Volatile Organic Compound

ZEV = Zero Emission Vehicle

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

#### Instructions for Participating in a Virtual Meeting as an Attendee

As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to virtually raise your hand and provide public comment.

Before joining the call, please silence your other communication devices such as your cell or desk phone. This will prevent any feedback or interruptions during the meeting.

#### For language interpretation:

Click the interpretation Globe icon at the bottom of the screen

Select the language you want to hear (either English or Spanish)

Click "Mute Original Audio" if you hear both languages at the same time.

#### Para interpretación de idiomas:

Haga clic en el icono de interpretación el globo terráqueo en la parte inferior de la pantalla

Seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar (inglés o español)

Haga clic en "Silenciar audio original" si escucha ambos idiomas al mismo tiempo.

**Please note:** During the meeting, all participants will be placed on Mute by the host. You will not be able to mute or unmute your lines manually.

After each agenda item, the Chair will announce public comment.

Speakers may be limited to a total of 3 minutes for the entirety of the consent calendar plus board calendar, and three minutes or less for each of the other agenda items.

A countdown timer will be displayed on the screen for each public comment.

If interpretation is needed, more time will be allotted.

#### Directions to provide public comment on ZOOM from a DESKTOP/LAPTOP or SMARTPHONE:

Click on the "Raise Hand" feature at the bottom of the screen.

This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

#### Directions to provide public comment via TELEPHONE:

Dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

#### **Directions for Spanish Language TELEPHONE line only:**

- The call in number is the same (+1 669 900 6833)
- The meeting ID number is 928-3000-3925
- If you would like to make public comment, please dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

#### Instrucciones para la línea de TELÉFONO en español únicamente:

- El número de llamada es el mismo (+1 669900 6833 o +1 93209559643)
- El número de identificación de la reunión es 928-3000-3925
- Si desea hacer un comentario público, marque \*9 en su teclado para indicar que desea comentar.

#### Agenda Item #5

## Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s)

Administrative Committee Meeting January 12, 2024

#### **Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant**

To: <u>Administrative Cmte_</u> For meeting on <u>January 12, 2024</u> From: <u>Board Member Gideon Kracov</u>			
In accordance with the policy adopted by the Governing Board April 3, 2015, I submit this proposal to hire the individual named below, in the capacity indicated, to assist me in my duties as a member of the Governing Board of the SCAQMD effective January 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024			
Candidate Information			
Name: Destiny Rodriguez			
Qualifications (education, professional experience, etc.): Resume on file; continuing service			
Proposed Capacity (check one)			
Board Member Assistant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for			
an Assistant.			
_X_ Board Member Consultant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below			
for a Consultant.			
Board Member Consultant (independent contractor) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties			
indicated below for a Board Member Consultant and in performing such duties the independent contractor will be responsible			
for selecting the appropriate method and means of achieving the required results. My proposed Board Member Consultant			
does/does nothave a business license. If so, the type of business is, and the business license number is issued by the			
Proposed Scope of Duties (check one)			
Assistant (up to \$31.51/hour, \$31.99/hour effective January 1, 2017) - Performs for Board Member a variety of tasks ranging from liaison with constituent public entities, other Board Members, the public, and District staff related to clerical functions. Typical functions may include preparing narrative and statistical reports, preparing correspondence, filing and maintaining records, arranging meetings and other group functions; monitoring various programs and projects; responding to inquiries from constituent public entities, District Board Members, the public and District staff.  Examples of duties are set forth in the attachment (OPTIONAL)			
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Proposed Rate of Compensation (fill in all blanks)			
\$ 7,377.66 per month for January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, up to a maximum payable during the			
contract period not to exceed \$44,265.96.			
For Administrative Committee Use:			
Reviewed by Administrative Committee with advice of District Counsel. Based on the scope of duties, the individual is a:  Assistant (employee) X_ Consultant (employee) Consultant (independent contractor)			
By for the Administrative Committee			
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Name: Ernesto Castillo			
Qualifications (education, professional experience, etc.): <u>resume attached</u>			
Proposed Capacity (check one)			
Board Member Assistant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for			
an Assistant.			
X_ Board Member Consultant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below			
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Proposed Scope of Duties (check one)			
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Proposed Rate of Compensation (fill in all blanks)			
\$ 2,000 per month for January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, up to a maximum payable during the			
contract period not to exceed \$12,000.			
For Administrative Committee Use:			
Leviewed by Administrative Committee with advice of District Counsel. Based on the scope of duties, the individual is a:  Assistant (employee) X_ Consultant (employee) Consultant (independent contractor)			
By for the Administrative Committee			

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#### **ERNESTO CASTILLO**

**EDUCATION** 

LMU Loyola Law School

Los Angeles, CA

J.D. Candidate
May 2024
Activities: Social Justice Committee, Student Representative; Latinx Law Students Association, Executive Member

Relevant Courses: Entertainment Law, Copyright Law, Contracts, Trademark Law, First Amendment, Music Law

California State University, Northridge

Northridge, CA

B.A. in Political Science and Chicana/o Studies

May 2017

**Awards:** Dean's List (3 semesters)

**Activities:** Pre-Law Society, *Member*; Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán, D.C. Capitol Internship Program

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lowes & Associates Beverly Hills, CA

Legal Extern

September 2023 –Present

- Produced legal memos on the strength of possible copyright infringement claims, analyze demand/response letters and interview potential clients.
- Created articles on the latest entertainment law court decisions and emerging legal issues in entertainment, such as Artificial Intelligence and use of intellectual property in video games.

**Squire Patton Boggs Foundation** 

Austin, TX

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow with Lone Star Justice Alliance

May – August 2023

- Wrote policy briefs on Texas Legislature efforts to change the justice system to develop more positive outcomes for the youth, including the regionalization efforts.
- Drafted Op-Eds highlighting the ongoing abuse and mismanagement at juvenile centers and the lack of state action.

#### UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative, Voting Rights Project

Los Angeles, CA

Summer Legal Fellow

May – August 2022

- Drafted declaratory relief and summary judgement motions and notice letters, demanding voting districts in violation of federal voting statutes, such as Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, to comply.
- Researched voting rights law and conducted analysis that was cited to uphold voting rights in federal courts.

#### Office of State Senator Lena A. Gonzalez

Long Beach, CA

District Representative

November 2019 – August 2021

- Conducted meetings with non-profits, advocacy groups, city officials, and community groups to deliver strategic recommendations to District Director and Chief of Staff towards Senator's legislative goals.
- Organized multiple food drives and free COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

#### California Long-Term Care Education Center

Los Angeles, CA

Educational Organizer

December 2017 – October 2019

• Organized healthcare workers to assure their employers were following the Collective Bargaining Agreement while building a positive relationship with their supervisors and general managers.

#### Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas

Washington, D.C.

Congressional Intern

May – August 2017

Prepared memoranda on various issues such as SCOTUS Gerrymandering decision, EPA cuts, and higher education.

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

#### **Inglewood Unified School District**

Inglewood, CA

School Board Member, Trustee Area District #5

January 2021 – Present

- Youngest and only Latinx School Board Member ever elected in Inglewood Unified School District history.
- Evaluate employee contracts and bargaining agreements with local unions to assure effective usage of our budget.

#### City of Inglewood

Inglewood, CA

Library Board Commissioner

October 2018 – Present

• Oversaw the creation of the *Servicios a la Comunidad Hispana*, expanding our Spanish programs and literature.

#### **Stonewall Young Democrats**

Los Angeles, CA

Political Vice President - Executive Board Member

December 2019 – Present

• Execute our political endorsement process, supporting candidates that embody our progressive pro-LGBTO+ values.

#### **Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant**

To: <u>Administrative Cmte</u> For meeting on <u>January 12, 2024</u> From: <u>Board Member V. Manuel Perez</u>			
In accordance with the policy adopted by the Governing Board April 3, 2015, I submit this proposal to hire the individual named below, in the capacity indicated, to assist me in my duties as a member of the Governing Board of the SCAQMD effective January 5, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024			
Candidate Information			
Name: Brian Nestande			
Qualifications (education, professional experience, etc.): Resume attached			
Proposed Capacity (check one)			
Board Member Assistant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for			
an Assistant.			
Board Member Consultant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for			
a Consultant.			
X Board Member Consultant (independent contractor) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties			
indicated below for a Board Member Consultant and in performing such duties the independent contractor will be responsible			
for selecting the appropriate method and means of achieving the required results. My proposed Board Member Consultant does/does nothave a business license. If so, the type of business is, and the			
business license number is issued by the			
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Assistant (up to \$31.51/hour, \$31.99/hour effective January 1, 2017) - Performs for Board Member a variety			
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Proposed Rate of Compensation (fill in all blanks)			
<u>\$ 4,448.11</u> for January 5, 2024 through January 31, 2024 and \$5107.08 for February 1, 2024 through			
June 30, 2024, up to a maximum payable during the contract period not to exceed \$29,983.51.			
For Administrative Committee Use:			
Reviewed by Administrative Committee with advice of District Counsel. Based on the scope of duties, the individual is a:			
Assistant (employee) Consultant (employee) X Consultant (independent contractor)			
By for the Administrative Committee			

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#### **Brian Nestande**



#### **Experience:**

#### **Owner, Nestande & Associates**

Present

A governmental/public affairs company. Representing various clients including; Molina Healthcare, Stronghold Engineering, KPC Global, Insomniac LLC, Berger Foundation, Oak View Group and various individual projects.

#### **Deputy CEO, Riverside County**

2015 - 2021

Duties include managing legislative affairs with responsibility for organizing and managing state and federal lobbyist. Served as the administrator for the Southwest Communities Financing Authority, a joint powers authority between Riverside County and five cities. Appointed as the executive office representative to the east county emergency operation center during the Coronavirus emergency.

#### **California State Legislator**

2008-2014

Elected to represent the 42<sup>nd</sup> district in Riverside County. Served as Vice Chair of the Government Organization Committee and Vice Chair of the Education Committee. Also served on the committees of Health, Revenue and Taxation, and Budget. Severed as minority caucus chair in 2011.

#### **Owner, Nestande & Associates**

2000

#### - 2008

Founded a governmental/public affairs company. Represented various clients including alternative energy firms, homebuilders/developers, healthcare companies, telecommunication trade association and numerous local government agencies.

#### **Congresswoman Mary Bono**

1998 - 2000

Served as chief of staff. Responsible for overseeing Washington, DC and District operations. Duties include the management of the legislative agenda, office budget.

#### **Congressman Sonny Bono**

1995 - 1998

Served as chief of staff. Responsibilities included overseeing Washington, DC and District operations, management of the legislative agenda and office budget.

#### **Congressman Michael Huffington**

1992-1994

Field representative in the San Luis Obispo office responsible for representing the congressman at various community events and as a liaison to local governments.

#### **Education**

**California State University Fullerton** 

1991

**BA Political Science** 

Volunteer

**Senior Fellow** 

UCLA School of Public Policy 2018 / 2023

Board Member - Palm Springs Arial Tramway 2019/ Present

Board Member – Rebuild Local News 2023/ Present

#### **Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant**

To: <u>Administrative Cmte</u> For meeting on _	December 8, 2023	From: Board Member Jose Luis Solache	
In accordance with the policy adopted by the Governing Board April 3, 2015, I submit this proposal to hire the individual named below, in the capacity indicated, to assist me in my duties as a member of the Governing Board of the SCAQMD effective January 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024			
	Candidate Information	n	
Name: Uduak-Joe Ntuk			
Qualifications (education, professional expe	rience, etc.): Continuin	g service/Resume on file	
Pro	posed Capacity (check	one)	
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Proposed Rate of Compensation (fill in all blanks)			
\$2,737.50 per month for January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, up to a maximum payable during the			
contract period not to exceed \$ 16,425.00.			
For Administrative Committee Use:			
Reviewed by Administrative Committee with advice of District Counsel. Based on the scope of duties, the individual is a:			
Assistant (employee) Consultant (employee)	employee)	X Consultant (independent contractor)	
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To: <u>Administrative Cmte</u> For meeting on <u>December 8, 2023</u> From: <u>Board Member Jose Luis S</u>	olache		
In accordance with the policy adopted by the Governing Board April 3, 2015, I submit this proposal to hire the individual named below, in the capacity indicated, to assist me in my duties as a member of the Governing Board of the SCAQMD effective January 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024 Candidate Information			
Name: Marisela Santana			
Qualifications (education, professional experience, etc.): Continuing service/Resume on file	_		
Proposed Capacity (check one)			
XBoard Member Assistant (employee) - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated	below for		
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contract period not to exceed \$ 10,425.00.			
For Administrative Committee Use:			
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# Administrative Committee Friday, January 12, 2024

Dr. ANISSA CESSA HEARD-JOHNSON

Deputy Executive Officer

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Community Air Programs



#### FABULOUS FEMALE FRIDAY: Native American Heritage Month Edition

# Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte

1865

**Medical Doctor and Reformer** 

- Member of the Omaha Tribe
- In 1889, she graduated from Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania becoming the first Native American Doctor
- Returned home to provide health care to the Omaha people
- In 1894, moved to Bancroft (NE) and set up a private practice serving both white and non-white patients
  - In her career, she served more than 1,300 people providing medical care at all hours of the day
  - In 1906, she led a delegation to Washington D.C. to lobby for the prohibition of alcohol on the reservation
  - In 1913, she opened a hospital in the reservation town of Walthill (NE)



# Infographics - November



Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a major festival veolebrated by Hindrus, Janis, and Sikhs. The Diwali restival has been so far-reaching that the holiday is celebrated in India, Singapore, and several other 5 south Asian countries as a national holiday, allowing others to celebrate outside of religion. The festival lasts between 5 and 6 days. This year, the festival begins on Friday, November 10th and ends on Tuesday, November 14th. Diwali, the peak of the festivities, falls in the middle of the five days on Sunday, November 12th. This year, South Coast AQMD invites you to view a Diwali display that will be located in the main lobby from Wednesday, November 8th through Wednesday, November 8th through Wednesday, November 8th

Diwali is highly diverse and is observed differently depending on region. One of the most widespread customs is the lighting of small earthenware oil lamps known as diyas. This lighting is symbolic of the victory of light over darkness, good over eight and knowledge over ignorance. These lamps are placed throughout the home, in areas of worship, in streets, and even floated on lakes and rivers. The lining of pathways with diyas relates to the name of the holiday itself. The name Diwali, also spelled Divali, is derived from the Sanskrit term dipavali which means "row flights."



#### The Days

#### Day 1 – Dhanteras

Homes are cleaned, and intricate designs made of colored sands, rice, and flowers, are created on the floors of the home. These designs are known as rangoli. Rangoli are thought to bring good luck.

Day 2 – Naraka Chaturdashi (Choti Diwali) Mithai, an Indian confectionary, are bought and prepared. On this day, ancestors are honored with proyer

#### Day 3 – Lakshmi Puja

Families gather and celebrate by lighting diyas. These diyas are spread throughout the home and surrounding streets. Fireworks can also light up the sky. In some regions this is thought to ward of evil. Temples are also visited on this day.

#### Day 4 – Goverdhan Puja, Balipratipada, or

The main theme of the fourth day is the bond between spouses. Gifts are often exchanged between spouses. This day is also the start of the new year in the Vikrama (Hindu) calendar.

Day 5 – Bhai Dooj Bhai Tika, or Bhai Bij This is the last day of Diwali focuses on the bond between siblings. Prayers for the success and well being of siblings are typical on this day.

Diyas

Mithai



#### **★** November 11, 2023 **★**

We recognize all those among us who have served our country as part of the United States Military. The United States is estimated to have over 16 million living veterans representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Reserve Forces, and Non-Defense Branches (Coast Guard, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Space Force). We offer our heartfelt thanks to every family member, friend, and current or former South Coast AQMD employee who has served in the Unites States Armed Forces. Visit the "Hall of Colors" (visual flag display) in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion space (located by the main lobby elevators).

To be recognized for your service in future announcements, click here.

#### **HISTORY**

Veterans Day is a federal holiday observed annually on November 11th that honors all people who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday's date and origin come from the ending of World War I when the Armistice with Germany went into effect on 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. On November 11, 1919, former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issued a message that established the first Armistice Day and by May of 1938 Armistice Day became a legal holiday. Armistice Day was renamed to Veterans Day in June of 1954 with advocacy from major U.S. veteran organizations.

#### HOW TO SUPPORT

- ★ Find local VA Facilities to Volunteer https://www.va.gov/find-locations
- ★ Send a Thank You Letter
  https://amillionthanks.org/letter
- ★ Wounded Warrior Project http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org

#### VETERAN STATISTICS

- ★ Over 16.2 million military Veterans in the U.S.
- ★ Over 2 million African American Veterans
- ★ Over 129,600 American Indian or Alaska Native Veterans
- ★ Over 340,200 Asian American Veterans
- ★ Over 1.7 million female Veterans
- ★ Over 1 million Hispanic American Veterans
- ★ Over 32,400 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Veterans

#### SOURCES

- ★ https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2023/veterans-day.html ★ https://department.va.gov/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day/
- imps://ocpariment.va.gov/veterans-oay/mstory-or-veterans-oay/

#### diversityequityinclusion@aqmd.gov

Click here to join our Veterans and Active Duty Military Families Employee Resource Group





## Diwali

# Veterans Day





A Veterans acknowledgement form was sent to all internal staff for future recognition

## Fabulous Female Friday

South Coast AQMD

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



Native American Heritage Month Edition

**FABULOUS FEMALE FRIDAYS** 

Fabulous Female Fridays seeks to elevate women from all industries that have made contributions to the fight for gender equality.

This month we commemorate Native American Heritage Month by highlighting women who have embraced their Native Nation's culture and found ways to pass on these traditions to future generations.

Feedback from October Program: "(I learned) how hard it is for people with disabilities to do common things that I take for granted"

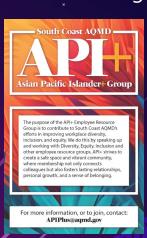
# Employee Resource Groups (ERG) November Updates

#### Meeting Updates

- BEROC issued statement condemning prejudiced public comments at October Board Meeting
  - Received positive feedback for Día de Muertos infographic and the interactive Ofrenda
- Right2Be anti-Asian and Xenophobic bystander training/resources shared



Allies and<sub>×</sub> Advocates



Asian and

\*Pacific
Islander+



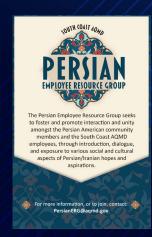
Black Employees
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Change



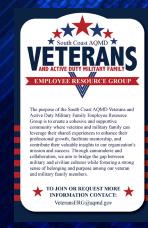
Hispanic and Latinx Organization for Success



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer/Questioning, Intersex & Asexual+



Persian



Veterans and Active Duty Military Family

# Critical Community Conversations for Purposeful Outreach (C3PO) – ELABHWC



# NATURAL PARK Air Pollution Solution at the flavore Gardens Housing Development

#### **East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce**

- 10 Fwy Closure Impacts to the Community

#### Resurrection Church

 Highlighting monitoring station partnership and community impact from generations of environmental injustice

#### Legacy LA and Ramona Gardens

 Highlighting community-based organization environmental justice efforts, advocacy, close proximity of freeway to homes, and proposed "Natural Park Air Pollution Solution"

#### Cal State Los Angeles

- Highlighting intersection of community and education
   meeting with students and faculty from the environmental studies program
- Meet & Greet with ELABHWC CSC Members (Father John Moretta, Alyza Gonzales & Micelle Benavides)





# South Coast Air Quality Management District Diversity Equity and Inclusion with Community Air Programs Memorandum

**DATE:** January 12, 2024

**TO:** Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Dr. Anissa "Cessa" Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Young Leaders Advisory Council – **New Membership Request for CY 2024** 

The South Coast AQMD's Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC) is comprised of up to 20 members representing the collected communities within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. It consists of an ethnically and geographically diverse membership with at least two members from each county. YLAC Chair, Dr. Anissa "Cessa" Heard-Johnson, recommends approval to add the new candidates below and remove a previously approved candidate due to a new conflict of interest.

Candidate	Affiliation (If Any)	Representing
Marc Anthony Flores	N/A	Orange County
Helen Yajaira Estrada	N/A	Orange County

The above members will serve a one-year term, from January 2024 – December 2024.

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ATTACHMENT: Objectives of Proposed New Members

<sup>1</sup> The following recommended candidates are proposed new members to hold the Orange County seats.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

Objectives of Proposed New Members (as per the application)

#### **Orange County**

#### **Marc Anthony Flores**

"It's hard to notice polluted air in a car with filters but my lungs burn when I bike to work through congested streets or a large diesel truck drives by as I walk down the street. A sustainable future[] requires us to move outside our vehicles, and it won't happen if people can't enjoy the air they breath[e]."

#### Hellen Yajaira Estrada

"I want to be a[] part of a program that will teach me the importance of cherishing the learning about the environment."

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024 AGENDA NO.

REPORT: Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for

Information Management

SYNOPSIS: Information Management is responsible for data systems

management services in support of all South Coast AQMD

operations. This action is to provide the monthly status report on

major automation contracts and planned projects.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, January 12, 2024, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

Wayne Nastri Executive Officer

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# Background

Information Management (IM) provides a wide range of information systems and services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations. IM's primary goal is to provide automated tools and systems to implement rules and regulations, and to improve internal efficiencies. The annual Budget and Board-approved amendments to the Budget specify projects planned during the fiscal year to develop, acquire, enhance, or maintain mission-critical information systems.

# **Summary of Report**

The attached report identifies the major projects/contracts or purchases that are ongoing or expected to be initiated within the next six months. Information provided for each project includes a brief project description and the schedule associated with known major milestones (issue RFP/RFQ, execute contract, etc.).

#### Attachment

Information Management Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects During the Next Six Months

# ATTACHMENT February 2, 2024 Board Meeting Status Report on Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

AQ-SPEC Cloud Platform Phase 2			
Brief description	Integrate separate data systems into the AQ-SPEC cloud-based platform to manage data and build interactive data visualizations and data dashboards for web-based viewing		
Estimated project cost	\$313,350		
Overall project status	In Progress		
Est. date of completion	5/21/24		
Percentage complete	42%		
LAST 30 days	System development in progress		
NEXT 30 days	System development in progress		

PeopleSoft Electronic Requisition				
Brief description:	This will allow submittal of requisitions online, tracking multiple levels of approval, electronic archival, pre-encumbrance of budget, and streamlined workflow			
Estimated project cost	\$75,800			
Overall project status	In Progress			
Est. date of completion	3/8/24			
Percentage complete	95%			
LAST 30 days	Training and Integrated User Testing for DEI, Legal			
NEXT 30 days	Training and Integrated User Testing for AHR			

Warehouse Indirect Source Rule Online Reporting Portal Phase 4		
Brief description:	Development of online reporting portal for Rule 2305 –Warehouse Indirect Source	
Estimated project cost	\$250,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	3/15/24	
Percentage complete	65%	
LAST 30 days	Phase 4 System Development in Progress	
NEXT 30 days	Phase 4 System Development in Progress	

Online Application Filing		
Brief description	Enhanced Web application to automate filing of permit applications, Rule 222 equipment and registration for IC engines; implement electronic permit folder and workflow for staff	
Estimated project cost	\$525,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	04/16/24	
Percentage complete	90%	
LAST 30 days	<ul> <li>User Acceptance Testing of Phase 1 of the project (first ten 400-E-XX forms).</li> <li>User Acceptance Testing of next set of Rule 222 forms.</li> </ul>	
NEXT 30 days	<ul> <li>User Acceptance Testing of Phase 1 of the project (first ten 400-E-XX forms</li> <li>User Acceptance Testing of next set of Rule 222 forms</li> </ul>	

Agenda Tracking System				
Brief description	Develop new Agenda Tracking System for submittal, review, and approval of Governing Board meeting agenda items			
Estimated project cost	\$250,000			
Overall project status	In Progress			
Est. date of completion	02/6/24			
Percentage complete	87%			
LAST 30 days	User Acceptance Testing			
NEXT 30 days	Working on going live			

Source Test Tracking System (STTS)		
Brief description	Online STTS will keep track of timelines and quantify the number of test protocols and reports received. The system will provide an external online portal to submit source testing protocols and reports, track the review process, and provide integration to all other business units. It will also provide an external dashboard to review the status of a submittal	
Estimated project cost	\$250,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	2/20/24	
Percentage complete	95%	
LAST 30 days	Working on going live	
NEXT 30 days	Go-live	

Compliance System		
Brief description	Develop new Compliance System to help streamline the compliance business process. The new system will provide full integration of incident management, inspection process, field operations and operations dashboard.	
Estimated project cost	\$450,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	9/17/24	
Percentage complete	30%	
LAST 30 days	System development in progress	
NEXT 30 days	System development in progress	

Website Upgrade		
Brief description	Upgrade the Website Content Management System to latest version	
Estimated project cost	\$100,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	2/23/24	
Percentage complete	94%	
LAST 30 days	User Acceptance Testing and Training	
NEXT 30 days	Working on going live	

Prequalify Vendor List for PCs, Network Hardware, etc.			
Brief description	Establish list of prequalified vendors to provide computer, network, and printer hardware and software, and to purchase desktop computer hardware upgrades		
Estimated project cost	\$300,000		
Overall project status	In Progress		
Est. date of completion	2/2/2024		
Percentage complete	90%		
LAST 30 days	RFQQ approved on November 3, 2023		
NEXT 30 days	Approve Vendors List February 2, 2024		

Renewal of HP Server Maintenance & Support		
Brief description	Purchase of maintenance and support services for servers and storage device	
Estimated project cost	\$175,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	4/30/2024	
Percentage complete	0%	
LAST 30 days		
NEXT 30 days	<ul> <li>Request Board approval for HP server maintenance and support April 5, 2024</li> <li>Execute purchases April 30, 2024</li> </ul>	

Renewal of OnBase Software Support		
Brief description	Authorize the sole source purchase of OnBase software subscription and support for one year	
Estimated project cost	\$175,000	
Overall project status	In Progress	
Est. date of completion	7/30/2024	
Percentage complete	0%	
LAST 30 days		
NEXT 30 days	Request Board Approval June 7, 2024	
	Execute purchase July 30, 2024	

Projects that have been completed within the last 12 months are shown below		
COMPLETED PROJECTS		
PROJECT	DATE COMPLETED	
PeopleSoft HCM (Human Capital Management) upgrade	October 24, 2023	
Carl Moyer Program GMS	October 4, 2023	
Legal Office System – Phase 2	August 31, 2023	
Oracle PeopleSoft Software Support	August 31, 2023	
PeopleSoft E-Requisition deployment for IM division	August 22, 2023	
Renewal of OnBase Software Support	July 31, 2023	
Air Quality Advisory Enhancement	June 30, 2023	
WAIRE Program Online Portal – Initial Site Information Report Enhancement	May 26, 2023	
Renewal of HP Server Maintenance & Support	April 30, 2023	
Purchase of Server and Storage Upgrades	April 30, 2023	
Rule 1180 Monitoring Site and Notification Updates	March 30, 2023	

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024 AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer,

Network, Printer, Hardware, and Software

SYNOPSIS: On November 3, 2023, the Board approved the release of a Request

for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. As a result

of successful responses to this RFQQ, seven vendors were

identified as capable of providing these products. This action is to approve these seven vendors to provide these products for a two-year period. Funds (\$300,000) for these purchases are included in

the FY 2023-24 Budget.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, January 12, 2024; Recommended for Approval

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve list of prequalified vendors in the Attachment for a two-year period to provide computer, network, printer, hardware, and software.

Wayne Nastri Executive Officer

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### **Background**

On November 3, 2023, South Coast AQMD released a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) #2024-01 for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. The purpose of this RFQQ is to invite eligible vendors to submit quotations for seven categories, consisting of: 1) network server equipment/system (desktop and file server); 2) computer hardware parts (desktop and file server); 3) computer software (desktop and network); 4) printers; 5) voice and data network equipment; 6) desktop/laptop computer; and 7) audio visual equipment. Vendors may bid on any one, or all, of the categories. The selected vendors resulting from this RFQQ will be used to compile a prequalified vendor list. Purchase orders may be placed with any or all of the vendors

on the prequalified vendor list. This prequalified vendor list will be in effect for a period of two years and will expire in March 2026. Orders for equipment purchased under this RFQQ will be placed with the vendors who are determined to be the most advantageous to South Coast AQMD at the time of placing the order. It is expected that product orders will be placed throughout the duration of the qualification period. Consideration will be given to cost advantage, technical superiority, length of warranty, and services provided.

#### Outreach

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFQQ and inviting bids was published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County's Press Enterprise newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin.

Additionally, potential bidders may have been notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFQQ has been emailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (<a href="http://www.aqmd.gov">http://www.aqmd.gov</a>).

#### **Bid Evaluation**

Twenty-four copies of the RFQQ were mailed out, thirty-five copies of the RFQQ were emailed and seven vendors responded when final bidding closed at 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2023. Of the seven complete responses, one is near-zero compliant; two are women-owned business enterprises; two are minority-owned business enterprises; two are local business enterprises; and three are small business enterprises. All seven bids met the minimum requirements specified in the RFQQ and are recommended for prequalification in the appropriate categories.

The Attachment lists the seven vendors prequalified to provide computer, network, printer, hardware, software, and computer hardware upgrades.

# **Panel Composition**

The panel consisted of four staff members from Information Management: a Systems and Programming Supervisor, two IT Supervisors and a Senior Information Technology Specialist. Of the four panelists, one is Asian-Pacific Islanders, and two are Hispanic and one is White; Three are male and one is female.

#### **Resource Impacts**

Funds for the purchase of computer hardware upgrade systems are included as part of the annual budget process.

# Attachment

List of Prequalified Vendors for Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, Software, and Computer Hardware Upgrades

## **ATTACHMENT**

# List of Prequalified Vendors for Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, Software, and Computer Hardware Upgrades

	Vendor	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5	Cat 6	Cat 7
1	California Integrated Solutions,		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	INC.	Yes						
2	Golden Star Technology	Yes						
3	Hypertec Direct	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
4	Nth Generation Computing, INC.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
5	Zones, LLC	Yes						
6	Insight Public Sector, INC.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
7	GovConnection, INC	Yes						

# Categories of Supplies and Services:

- 1. Network Server Equipment/System
- 2. Computer Hardware Parts
- 3. Computer Software
- 4. Printers
- 5. Voice and Data Network Equipment
- 6. Desktop/Laptop Computer
- 7. Audio Visual Equipment

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024 AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and

Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment

SYNOPSIS: South Coast AQMD is expected to receive grant funds up to

\$800,000 from U.S. EPA for the FY 2024-25 (32nd Year)

Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Program. This action is to recognize revenue and appropriate funds for the PAMS Program in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets. These actions are also to recognize revenue upon receipt, and appropriate \$73,000 for the PM2.5 Program in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets and to issue solicitations and execute purchase orders for

air monitoring equipment.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, January 12, 2024; Recommended for Approval

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- Recognize revenue and upon receipt of the U.S. EPA award, appropriate up to \$410,000 of the \$800,000 (\$390,000 was previously recognized into the FY 2023-24 Budget for Salaries & Employee Benefits) into the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets, Services and Supplies and Capital Outlays Major Object, as set forth in Attachment 1.
- 2. Appropriate from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance to the Capital Outlays, and Services & Supplies Major Object in the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets an amount up to \$230,000 to ensure continuity of operations for the PAMS program until the U.S. EPA award is received.
- 3. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, and appropriate from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance PM2.5 FY2022-23 funds up to \$73,000 into the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Capital Outlays Major Object (Org 47) for equipment purchases as set forth in Attachment 2;
- 4. Authorize the Procurement Manager, in accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure to issue 'Prior Bid, Last Price' or solicitation(s) as needed, and based on results, issue purchase orders for the following equipment listed in Table 1.
  - a. Up to two gas dilution systems not to exceed \$54,000;
  - b. Up to five meteorological towers not to exceed \$30,000; and

- c. Up to two NOy analyzers not to exceed \$70,000.
- 5. Authorize the Procurement Manager, in accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure to issue sole source purchase orders for the following items as listed in Table 2.

Wayne Nastri Executive Officer

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### Background

Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) Program
In February 1993, U.S. EPA promulgated the PAMS regulations for areas classified as serious, severe, or extreme nonattainment. These regulations require that South Coast AQMD conduct monitoring for ozone precursors with enhanced monitoring equipment at multiple sites. The PAMS Program also funds upper air and surface-based meteorological measurements at several locations. Since the onset of the PAMS Program, U.S. EPA has annually allocated Section 105 Grant funds in support of this requirement.

### PM2.5 Program

Since 1998, U.S. EPA has provided funds under Section 103 for a comprehensive PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program. To date, there are 19 ambient air monitoring stations in the South Coast Air Basin (Basin) operating 22 Federal Reference Method (FRM) PM2.5 monitors under U.S. EPA funding and 20 Federal Equivalent Method (FEM/Non-FEM) PM2.5 continuous monitors. South Coast AQMD previously received \$73,000 as part of U.S. EPA FY2022-23 funds for the purchase of air monitoring equipment.

# **Proposal**

# **PAMS Program**

The estimated U.S. EPA Section 105 Grant for the 32nd Year PAMS Program funding is \$800,000 based on the 31st Year PAMS Program funding levels. This action is to recognize revenue, upon receipt, and appropriate estimated funds up to the amount of \$410,000 (with the remainder of \$390,000 already included in Salaries and Employee Benefits within the FY 2023-24 Budget) into the Services and Supplies and Capital Outlays Major Object in Monitoring and Analysis' FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets. To ensure that South Coast AQMD can continue operations prior to receiving the award, staff recommends the appropriation of \$230,000 as shown in Attachment 1 from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance to the Capital

Outlays, and Services & Supplies Major Object in Monitoring and Analysis' FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets.

### PM2.5 Program (Remaining Federal FY22 Balance)

U.S. EPA provided \$73,000 in Section 103 Grant funding for air monitoring equipment, which had previously been recognized and received by the Board. Equipment purchases were not completed in FY2022-23 due to a cost increase and equipment that failed acceptance testing. Funds have been approved by U.S. EPA to mitigate the cost increase and recent manufacturer production changes have resulted in the equipment passing acceptance testing. This action is to recognize revenue, upon receipt, and appropriate from the General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance PM2.5 FY2022-23 funds up to \$73,000 into Monitoring and Analysis' FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets to complete the purchases as set forth in Attachment 2.

# <u>Proposed Purchases through an RFQ Process, "Prior Bid, Last Price" or Solicitation</u> Process

Gas Dilution Systems

South Coast AQMD operates two dedicated PAMS sites and 27 ozone and nitrogen dioxide sites in support of the PAMS monitoring network. Periodic Quality Assurance (QA) audits of gas monitors is required to meet U.S. EPA quality assurance criteria. Gas dilution systems are necessary to provide a known concentration of gas standard required for the QA audit of air monitoring equipment. The current audit gas dilution systems no longer meet U.S. EPA Quality Control requirements. The replacement gas dilution systems meet U.S. EPA requirements as outlined in the current ozone Technical Assistance Document. The estimated cost for up to two gas dilution systems is \$54,000 and the purchase will be made by "Prior Bid, Last Price" or through a solicitation process, as needed, followed by issuance of a purchase order(s) as specified in Table 1.

# Meteorological Towers

Meteorological towers are needed to support air monitoring sensors at new ambient monitoring locations which measure ozone. The estimated cost for up to five meteorological towers is \$30,000, and the purchase will be made through a solicitation process as needed, followed by issuance of a purchase order as specified in Table 1.

## Total Reactive Nitrogen (NOy) Analyzer

The NOy analyzers used at South Coast AQMD's PAMS sites are more than 10 years old and are no longer supported by the manufacturer. PAMS requirements include hourly averaged NOy measurements. The estimated cost for two NOy analyzers is \$70,000, and the purchase will be made through a solicitation process as needed, followed by issuance of a purchase order as specified in Table 1.

# <u>Proposed Purchases through Sole Source</u>

Agilaire 8872 Data Loggers

The data loggers used at South Coast AQMD's PAMS sites and at other air monitoring stations supporting the PAMS network are greater than 15 years old and will no longer be supported by the manufacturer beyond the most recent Windows 10 upgrade. Data loggers are used for real time reporting of air quality data to U.S. EPA and CARB and reporting AQI values to the public. The technical specifications of the data loggers are proprietary, consistent with the existing South Coast AQMD air monitoring network, and only available from one vendor. The estimated cost for up to two data loggers is \$25,000 and the equipment will be purchased through a sole source process as specified in Table 2.

### EBAC DD900 Dehumidifier

The current EBAC DD700 dehumidification unit for the PM2.5 humidity and temperature-controlled room in the laboratory is not operating within U.S. EPA specifications during humid weather conditions. Replacing the DD700 with the higher capacity DD900 dehumidifier will maintain the humidity and temperature-controlled room within U.S. EPA specifications for the PM2.5 FRM program. The estimated cost of a dehumidifier is \$19,000 (see Table 2). The purchase will be made through a sole source purchase process followed by issuance of a purchase order.

#### Met One PM2.5 FEM Monitors

The U.S. EPA Section 103 FY2022-23 PM2.5 Grant award includes one-time funding for the purchase of up to three Met One PM2.5 FEM monitors. The Met One PM2.5 FEM monitor is the only commercially available FEM monitor that would allow South Coast AQMD to satisfy the U.S. EPA collocation requirement, which specifies that new FEM monitors added to the network must use the same monitor/method code as those that are already in operation within the network. The cost of the monitors will not exceed \$63,000 (see Table 2).

#### **Sole Source Justification**

Section VIII.B.3 of the South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure identifies four major provisions under which a sole source award funded in whole or in part with federal funds, may be justified. Specifically, the request for sole source awards for the Agilaire 8872 Data Loggers, EBAC DD900, and Met One PM2.5 FEM Mass Monitors are made under provision VIII.B.3.a. The items are available only from a single source. Agilaire, LLC is the only manufacturer who produces data loggers which work with their AirVision® air quality data collection software with proprietary technology. South Coast AQMD uses the Agilaire, LLC AirVision® software as the primary telemetry system for continuous measurements at all fixed air monitoring network sites. The EBAC DD900 Dehumidifier is part of a larger environmental control system that has been specifically configured for this style dehumidifier, and EBAC is the sole manufacturer of this unit. Met One, Inc. is the only manufacturer of a real-time, continuous PM2.5 FEM Mass Monitor that employs a unique "in-situ" sampling

technique that would allow South Coast AQMD to satisfy U.S. EPA collocation requirements.

# **Resource Impacts**

U.S. EPA Section 105 Grant funding will support the operation of the PAMS Program including funding for Capital Outlays, Services and Supplies, and Salaries and Employee Benefits to meet the necessary objectives of the Program.

U.S. EPA Section 103 Grant funding will support the PM2.5 Monitoring Program equipment necessary to meet the objectives of the PM2.5 Monitoring Program.

Table 1 Proposed Purchases through an RFQ Process, 'Prior Bid, Last Price' or Solicitation Process

Description	Qty	Estimated Amount	Funding Source	<b>Contracting Method</b>
Gas Dilution Systems	up to 2	\$54,000	32nd Year PAMS	'Prior Bid, Last Price' or Solicitation
Meteorological Towers	5	\$30,000	32nd Year PAMS	Solicitation
NOy Analyzers	2	\$70,000	32nd Year PAMS	Solicitation
Total		\$154,000		

Table 2
Proposed Purchases through Sole Source Purchase Orders

Description	Qty	Estimated Amount	Funding Source	<b>Contracting Method</b>
Agilaire 8872 Data Loggers	up to 2	\$25,000	32nd Year PAMS	Sole Source
EBAC DD900 Dehumidifier	1	\$19,000¹	FY 2022-23 PM2.5	Sole Source
Met One PM2.5 FEM Monitors	Up to 3	\$63,000	FY 2022-23 PM2.5	Sole Source
Total		\$107,000		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Appropriations for a portion of this purchase (\$9,000) were authorized in the June 2023 Board letter, Agenda Item No. 3. Recommended Action 2 authorizes an additional appropriation of \$10,000 from the FY22 PM2.5 program grant remaining balance for a total amount of \$19,000 for the purchase of one EBAC DD900 Dehumidifier.

## **Attachments**

Proposed 32nd Year PAMS Expenditures for FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Proposed PM2.5 Expenditures for FY 2023-24 (Remaining Federal FY22 Balance)

Attachment 1
Proposed 32nd Year PAMS Expenditures for FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25

<b>Account Description</b>	Account Number	Program Code	Estimated Expenditure	Initial Appropriation <sup>1</sup>
Services & Supplies Major				
Object:				
Professional and Special Services	67450	47530	\$60,000	\$40,000
Demurrage Expenses	67550	47530	\$15,000	0
Maintenance of Equipment	67600	47530	\$50,000	\$5,000
Travel	67800	47530	\$5,000	0
Communications	67900	47530	\$1,000	0
Laboratory Supplies	68050	47530	\$50,000	\$5,000
Office Expense	68100	47530	\$5,000	0
Small Tools, Instruments, Equipment	68300	47530	\$40,000	\$1,000
Training/Conf/Tuition/ Board	69500	47530	\$5,000	0
Total Services & Supplies Major Object:			\$231,000	\$51,000
Capital Outlay Major Object:				
Gas Dilution Systems (up to 2)	77000	47530	\$54,000	\$54,000
Meteorological Towers (up to 5)	77000	47530	\$30,000	\$30,000
NOy Analyzer (up to 2)	77000	47530	\$70,000	\$70,000
Agilaire 8872 Data Loggers (up to 2)	77000	47530	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total Capital Outlay Major Object:			\$179,000	\$179,000
Total			\$410,000	\$230,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Upon receipt of the award, the remaining balance of PAMS Program Funds will be appropriated to the Monitoring &Analysis FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 Budgets. \$390,000 was previously recognized in Salaries & Employee Benefits within the FY 2023-24 Budget.

Attachment 2 Proposed PM2.5 Expenditures for FY 2023-24 and/or FY 2024-25 (Remaining Federal FY22 Balance)

<b>Account Description</b>	Account Number	Program Code	Estimated Expenditure	
Capital Outlay Major				
Object:				
EBAC DD900 Dehumidifier	77000	47500	\$19,000 <sup>1</sup>	
(1)	77000	47300	\$19,000	
Met One PM2.5 FEM	77000	47500	\$63,000	
Monitors (up to 3)	77000	47300	\$03,000	
Total:			\$82,000	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Appropriations for a portion of this purchase (\$9,000) were authorized in the June 2023 Board letter, Agenda Item No. 3. Recommended Action 2 authorizes an additional appropriation of \$10,000 from the FY22 PM2.5 program grant remaining balance for a total amount of \$19,000 for the purchase of one EBAC DD900 Dehumidifier.



# 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:**

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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.



# 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

Rhetta Alexander

Angelia Garcia

Kareem Gongora

Angelica Balderas

Ana Gonzalez

Suzanna Biladagu

Dr. Manigua Herr

Suzanne Bilodeau Dr. Monique Hernandez

Paul Choe Dr. Jill Johnston Kerry Doi Humberto Lugo Mary Figueroa David McNeill

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## 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.



# 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 Dr. Afif El-Hasan Mary Figueroa Angela Garcia Kareem Gongora Ana Gonzalez Dr. Monique Hernandez Dr. Jill Johnston Humberto Lugo David McNeill **Donald Smith** 

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#### 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 <u>00:06:00</u>

# <u>Agenda Item #5: Update on the South Coast AQMD's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice</u> Conference

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

There was no discussion of this item.

For further details, please refer to the webcast at <u>01:02:45</u>

# 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.