



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members

Chair Ben Benoit, Committee Chair
Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado, Vice Chair
Mayor Michael Cacciotti
Board Member Gideon Kracov
Supervisor Janice Rutherford

October 14, 2022 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, the South Coast Air Quality Management District Administrative Committee meeting will only be conducted 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 7:

1. Board Members' Concerns (***No Motion Required***)
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. Chair Ben Benoit
Committee Chair
2. Chair's Report of Approved Travel (***No Motion Required***) Chair Benoit
3. Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel (***No Motion Required***) Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer
4. Review November 4, 2022 Governing Board Agenda Wayne Nastri pgs. 6-16
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 Benoit
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 internal
processes and programs.* Cessa Heard-Johnson,
PhD, Diversity, Equity
and Inclusion Officer
pgs. 17-24
7. 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. 25-30
Chief Information Officer,
Information Management
8. Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in November
(***No Motion Required***)
*This report summarizes the RFPs/RFQs for budgeted services over
\$100,000 scheduled to be released for advertisement for the month of
November.* Sujata Jain pgs. 31-33
Chief Financial Officer,
Finance

ACTION ITEMS – Items 9 through 13:

9. Establish Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023
(***Motion Requested***)
*The proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 is submitted
for Board consideration. The meeting schedule for the Administrative
Committee meeting, as well as the other standing committees, is included for
information only.* Wayne Nastri pgs. 34-36
10. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Sacramento,
California (***Motion Requested***)
*The current contracts for legislative representation in Sacramento with
The Resolute Company (Resolute), formerly Quintana, Watts and
Hartmann; Joe A. Gonsalves & Son; and California Advisors, LLC expire
on December 31, 2022. Based on the firms' effective performance during* Derrick J. Alatorre pgs. 37-40
Deputy Executive
Officer, Legislative,
Public Affairs & Media

the second year of their current contracts, this action is to approve a second one-year extension of the contracts with these three lobbying firms in the amount of \$180,000 for Resolute, \$143,000 for Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, and \$142,080 for California Advisors, LLC, for legislative lobbying services in Sacramento for Calendar Year 2023. Sufficient funding is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2022-23 Budget.

11. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C. **(Motion Requested)**
The current contracts for legislative and regulatory representation in Washington D.C. with Kadash & Associates, LLC, Cassidy & Associates, and Carmen Group Inc., expire on January 14, 2022. Each of these contracts includes an option for two one-year extensions. This action is to consider approval of the first one-year extension of the existing contracts for Calendar Year 2023 with Kadash & Associates, LLC for \$226,392; Cassidy & Associates for \$216,000; and Carmen Group Inc. for \$222,090 as South Coast AQMD's legislative and regulatory representatives in Washington D.C., to further the agency's policy positions at the federal level. Sufficient funding is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2022-23 Budget.
Derrick J. Alatorre pgs. 41-46

12. Enter into an Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to Lease Fleet Vehicles, Transfer Budgeted Funds to Make Lease Payments, and Direct Future Vehicle Resale Revenue for Lease Payments **(Motion Requested)**
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John Olvera pgs. 47-49
Deputy Executive Officer, Administrative & Human Resources

13. Amend FY 2022-23 Budget by Adding Funds to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budgets, Services and Supplies Major Object, Professional and Special Services Account to Cover Costs of Legal Counsel and Specialized Counsel and Services and Amend or Execute Contracts with Outside Counsel and Specialized Legal Counsel and Services **(Motion Requested)**
This item is to amend the FY 2022-23 Budget to add \$754,000 to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budget to cover anticipated costs of legal counsel and specialized counsel and services, and amend or execute contracts for legal counsel for specialized, environmental, and other litigation. This action will result in an increased annual cost of \$754,000. Funding for the budget will be appropriated into the FY 2022-23 Budget from the Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance and will be requested in future budgets.
Bayron Gilchrist pgs. 50-51
General Counsel, Legal

WRITTEN REPORT:

14. Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the August 12, 2022 Meeting (***No Motion Required***) Attached for information only are the Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group minutes for the August 12, 2022 meeting. Derrick J. Alatorre pgs. 52-56
15. South Coast AQMD Advisory Council Minutes from August 10, 2022 Meeting (***No Motion Required***) Attached for information only are the South Coast AQMD Advisory Council meeting minutes for the August 10, 2022 meeting. Sarah Rees, PhD pgs. 57-62
Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation

OTHER MATTERS:

16. Other Business Chair Benoit
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)
17. 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.
18. **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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10/11/22 –8:00 a.m.

DRAFT A G E N D A

MEETING, NOVEMBER 4, 2022 HYBRID GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, a meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 4, 2022 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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<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>

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Meeting Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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 <u>any order</u>.▪ After taking action on any agenda item not requiring a public hearing, the Board may reconsider or amend the item at any time during the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Comments: Ben J. Benoit, Chair
Other Board Members
Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer

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.

Staff/Phone (909) 396-

CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR (Items 1 through 3)

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

Items 1 through 3 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

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| 11546. | Comply with AB 361 Requirements to Allow South Coast AQMD Board and South Coast AQMD Brown Act Committees to Continue to Meet Remotely | Gilchrist/3459 |
| 11781. | Approve Minutes of October 7, 2022 Meeting | Thomas/3268 |
| 11821. | Set Public Hearings December 2, 2022 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations ¹ : | Nastri/3131 |
| 11812. | Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1153.1– Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens Is Exempt from CEQA, and Amend Rule 1153.1 | Krause/2706 |

Proposed Amended Rule 1153.1 applies to non-RECLAIM and RECLAIM facilities and is being amended to update NOx emission limits to reflect BARCT emission limits for commercial food ovens. The amendment also provides a compliance schedule with interim limits; includes provision for monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping; removes outdated language; and updates and restructures the rule. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1153.1 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens, is exempt from the requirements of the California

¹ The Board set a public hearing for December 2, 2022 to consider adoption of the Draft Final 2022 AQMP, at its October 7, 2022 meeting.

Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 1153.1 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, October 21, 2022)

11810. Determine That Proposed Rule 1159.1 – Control of Emissions from NO_x Nitric Acid Tanks, Is Exempt from CEQA and Adopt Rule 1159.1 **Krause/2706**

Proposed Rule 1159.1 will establish NO_x emission limits for nitric acid tanks used in operations such as metal finishing, precious metal reclamation and expanded graphite foil production at RECLAIM, former RECLAIM, and non-RECLAIM facilities. The proposed rule includes compliance schedules, requirements for monitoring, reporting, recordkeeping, and source testing, as well as provisions for exemptions. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Rule 1159.1 – Control of NO_x Emissions from Nitric Acid Tanks, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and 2) Adopting Rule 1159.1 – Control of NO_x Emissions from Nitric Acid Tanks. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, October 21, 2022)

Items 4 through XX -- Budget/Fiscal Impact

11784. Issue RFP, Execute Contracts, and Program Announcement for the Residential Air Filtration Program Within East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce and Eastern Coachella Valley AB 617 Communities **Katzenstein/2219**

Through a participatory budget process, the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) Community Steering Committee (CSC) prioritized \$1.8 million, and the Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) CSC prioritized \$1 million in Community Air Protection Program funding for a Residential Air Filtration Program. These actions are to: 1) issue RFP #P2023-04 and Execute Contracts for air filtration units to offer through the Residential Air Filtration Program; 2) issue Program Announcement #PA2023-03 in an amount up to \$2,625,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to solicit applications from residents within ELABHWC and ECV for the Residential Air Filtration Program; 3) reimburse the General Fund for administrative costs of up to \$175,000 from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77); and 4) transfer and appropriate up to \$8,000 from the administrative portion of Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) into Technology Advancement's FYs 2022-23 and/or 2023-24 Budgets, Services and Supplies Major Object, Public Notice and Advertisement account for administrative costs to implement the Residential Air Filtration Program. (Reviewed; Technology Committee, October 21, 2022; Recommended for Approval)

11807. Recognize Revenue and Amend Contract Awards for Cleaner Freight California Projects **Katzenstein/2219**

In May 2022, the Board recognized a \$2,349,995 award from U.S. EPA to replace diesel cargo handling equipment with innovative zero-emission electric alternatives for the Cleaner Freight California Projects. In August 2022, U.S. EPA awarded additional funding of \$219,938 to South Coast AQMD's Cleaner Freight California Projects for a total of \$2,569,933. These additional funds would be distributed to contracts with Albertsons Companies, McLane

Company, and Long Beach Container Terminal. These actions are to: 1) recognize revenue, upon receipt, of up to \$219,938 from the U.S. EPA National Clean Diesel Program into the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17), and 2) execute contracts with Albertsons Companies, McLane Company, and Long Beach Container Terminal in amounts not to exceed \$1,396,386, \$775,770, and \$273,150, respectively from the Advanced Technology, Outreach and Education Fund (17). (Reviewed: Technology Committee, October 21, 2022; Recommended for Approval)

11804. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Sacramento, California Alatorre/3122

The current contracts for legislative representation in Sacramento with The Resolute Company (Resolute), formerly Quintana, Watts and Hartmann; Joe A. Gonsalves & Son; and California Advisors, LLC expire on December 31, 2022. Based on the firms' effective performance during the second year of their current contracts, this action is to approve a second one-year extension of the contracts with these three lobbying firms in the amount of \$180,000 for Resolute, \$143,000 for Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, and \$142,080 for California Advisors, LLC, for legislative lobbying services in Sacramento for Calendar Year 2023. Sufficient funding is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2022-23 Budget. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval)

11805. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C. Alatorre/3122

The current contracts for legislative and regulatory representation in Washington D.C. with Kadesh & Associates, LLC, Cassidy & Associates, and Carmen Group Inc., expire on January 14, 2022. Each of these contracts includes an option for two one-year extensions. This action is to consider approval of the first one-year extension of the existing contracts for Calendar Year 2023 with Kadesh & Associates, LLC for \$226,392; Cassidy & Associates for \$216,000; and Carmen Group Inc. for \$222,090 as South Coast AQMD's legislative and regulatory representatives in Washington D.C., to further the agency's policy positions at the federal level. Sufficient funding is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2022-23 Budget. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval)

11824. Enter into Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to Lease Fleet Vehicles, Transfer Budgeted Funds to Make Lease Payments, and Direct Future Vehicle Resales Revenue for Lease Payments Olvera/2309

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11826. Amend FY 2022-23 Budget by Adding Funds to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budgets, Services and Supplies Major Object, Professional and Special Services Account to Cover Costs of Legal Counsel and Specialized Counsel and Services and Amend or Execute Contracts with Outside Counsel and Specialized Legal Counsel and Services **Gilchrist/3459**

This item is to amend the FY 2022-23 Budget to add \$754,000 to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budget to cover anticipated costs of legal counsel and specialized counsel and services, and amend or execute contracts for legal counsel for specialized, environmental and other litigation. This action will result in an increased annual cost of \$754,000. Funding for the budget will be appropriated into the FY 2022-23 Budget from the Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance and will be requested in future budgets. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval)

11654. Approve Contract Awards as Approved by MSRC **McCallon**

Item XX -- Action/No Fiscal Impact

11818. Establish Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 **Nastri/3131**

The proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 is submitted for Board consideration. The meeting schedule for the Administrative Committee meeting, (second Friday of the month), as well as the other standing committees is included for information only. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval)

Items XX through XX – Information Only/Receive and File

11621. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report **Alatorre/3122**

This report highlights the September 2022 outreach activities of Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Office, which includes Major Events, Community Events/Public Meetings, Environmental Justice Update, AB 617, Speakers Bureau/Visitor Services, Communications Center, Public Information Center, Small Business Assistance, Media Relations, and Outreach to Community Groups and Federal, State and Local Governments. (No Committee Review)

11766. Hearing Board Report **Verdugo-Peralta**

This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of September 1 through September 30, 2022. (No Committee Review)

11669. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report **Gilchrist/3459**

This report summarizes monthly penalties and legal actions filed by the General Counsel's Office from September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. An Index of South Coast AQMD Rules is attached with the penalty report. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, September 16, 2022)

11524. **Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received** **Rees/2856**
This report provides a listing of CEQA documents received by South Coast AQMD between September 1, 2022 and September 30, 2022, and those projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.
(Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, September 16, 2022)
11494. **Rule and Control Measure Forecast** **Rees/2856**
This report highlights South Coast AQMD rulemaking activities and public hearings scheduled for 2022. (No Committee Review)
11789. **Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in November** **Jain/2804**
This report summarizes the RFQs/RFPs for budgeted services over \$100,000 scheduled to be released for advertisement for the month of November.
(Reviewed: Administrative Committee, October 14, 2022)
11815. **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, October 14, 2022)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11814. **Determine that Reclassification of Coachella Valley for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard and Updated Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets are Exempt from CEQA and Approve Request to Reclassify Coachella Valley for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard and Updated Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets** **Rees/2856**
The Clean Air Act requires that transportation activities do not interfere with air quality progress for attainment or maintenance of air quality standards. To that end, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) are required for each air quality standard for which an area is in nonattainment. Coachella Valley is classified as a "severe" nonattainment area for the 2008 ozone standard. Accordingly, MVEBs were established in the 2016 AQMP and the 2018 SIP Update and were subsequently approved by U.S.EPA in 2020. Since then, an updated on-road mobile source emissions model has estimated emissions which exceed the budget. Because the new emission estimates exceed the budget, new transportation projects are not allowed in the region, impacting projects worth approximately \$26 billion. Reclassifying the Coachella Valley to "extreme" nonattainment provides an opportunity to develop a new SIP and adjust the budgets, resolving this situation. This action is to approve the voluntary reclassification request and the new MVEBs for the 2008 ozone standard and submit them to U.S.EPA. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, August 19, 2022)

11808. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers, Is Exempt from CEQA and Amend Rule 1148.2 **Krause/2706**

Rule 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers is a notification rule for facilities that operate oil and gas wells. Proposed Amended Rule 1148.2 (PAR 1148.2) will address notification and reporting concerns raised by Wilmington, Carson, and West Long Beach and South Los Angeles AB 617 communities. PAR 1148.2 adds notification requirements to include both acidizing work for injection wells and diesel-fueled workover rig operations. PAR 1148.2 also revises the notification time and reduces the number of extensions. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and 2) Amending Rule 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, September 16, 2022)

11794. Certify Final Subsequent Environment Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; and Amend Rule 1168 **Krause/2706**

Proposed Amended Rule 1168 will delay VOC limit effective dates or increase VOC limits for certain categories where the technology assessment demonstrated the proposed effective dates or limits are not feasible; create further subcategories to better characterize and refine VOC limits; prohibit the use of para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and tertiary-Butyl Acetate (t-BAC); include a conditional VOC exemption for Opteon 1100 based on an assessment by OEHHA; and clarify rule language. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; and 2) Amending Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, September 16, 2022)

11816. Determine That Proposed Rule 1460 – Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations Is Exempt from CEQA, and Adopt Proposed Rule 1460 **Krause/2706**

Proposed Rule 1460 will reduce fugitive dust emissions from metal recycling and metal shredding facilities by requiring housekeeping and best management practice provisions and facilities to register with South Coast AQMD. Proposed Rule 1460 addresses an air quality priority identified by the Southeast Los Angeles and South Los Angeles Community Emission Reduction Plans that were developed under the AB 617 program. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Rule 1460 - Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Adopting Proposed Rule 1460 - Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, September 16, 2022)

Items XX through XX -- Reports for Committees and CARB

Note: The October 14, 2022 Mobile Source Committee meeting was cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for November 18 2022.

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| 11557. | Administrative Committee (Receive & File) | Chair: Benoit | Nastri/3131 |
| 11595. | Legislative Committee (Receive & File) | Chair: Cacciotti | Alatorre/3122 |
| 11568. | Stationary Source Committee (Receive & File) | Chair: Benoit | Aspell/2491 |
| 11482. | Technology Committee (Receive & File) | Chair: Richardson | Katzenstein2219 |
| 11581. | Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (Receive & File) | Board Liaison: Benoit | Katzenstein/2219 |
| 11610. | California Air Resources Board Monthly Report (Receive & File) | Board Rep: Kracov | Thomas/3268 |
- XX. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

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 DISCLOSURES – (No Written Material)

CLOSED SESSION -- (No Written Material)

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ADJOURNMENT

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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.

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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 \leq 10 microns

PM2.5 = Particulate Matter \leq 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

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Directions for TELEPHONE line only:

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Administrative Committee

Friday, October 14, 2022

Dr. ANISSA CESSA HEARD-JOHNSON
Deputy Executive Officer
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
ahheard-johnson@aqmd.gov



FABULOUS FEMALE FRIDAY

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

October 13, 1989

American Politician and Activist

- Born in the Bronx, family moved to Yorktown in search for better school system
- Graduated from Boston University in Economics and International Relations
- Intern experience with the late Senator Ted Kennedy's Office provided firsthand view of the separation of families by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Work as an Educational Director with the National Hispanic Institute
- In 2019, she was sworn-in as the youngest woman and youngest Latina ever to serve in Congress
 - Noted for her decisions to drive her campaigns driven entirely by grassroots volunteers and donations
- She gained the reputation as an effective questioner in committee hearings and has submitted over 30 amendments
- Recognized for her activism in human rights, women's rights, and working-class Americans



DEI GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Year To Date

YTD Well Informed Staff	YTD Employee Resource Groups	YTD Training and Development
23	37	12

Annual Goals

Well-Informed Staff	Employee Resource Groups	Training and Development
12	14	4

Quarter 4 Events, Resources, Trainings, Meetings		
Well informed Staff	Employee Resource Groups/ JEDI Council	Training and Development
Lobby Displays (2: Pride Month and Flag Day)	Bi-monthly ERG meetings	J.E.D.I. Think Tank: The Right to Breathe
Fabulous Female Friday Events (3: April, May and June)	Bi-monthly Joint/DEI Workgroups	J.E.D.I. Think Tank: I'm Not Your Typical Asian
Infographics (11: API Heritage Month, Pride Month, Loving Day and Flag Day)	JEDI Council Meetings (3)	J.E.D.I. Think Tank: Juneteenth
API Heritage Month Commemoration with Guest Speaker Council Member Raman		
Pride Month Commemoration with Guest Speaker Supervisor Shelia Kuehl		

Hispanic Heritage Month Commemoration



SOUTH COAST AQMD

HISPANIC

HERITAGE MONTH

2022 COMMEMORATION

Thursday, September 29, 2022 | 12:00pm-1:00pm



"This program was so PERSONAL and so enriching I hope everyone who joined in felt as impacted (emotionally too) as I did."

"Great work everyone! All of the questions were fantastic. The Vice Chair was very inspiring, so much depth.
* Thank you everyone!"

"Great job everyone! Inspirational and emotional"

"Thank you soo much! I really enjoy the opportunity to get to know our board members a little better"

"Thank you everyone!! Great event. I was moved by Delgado"

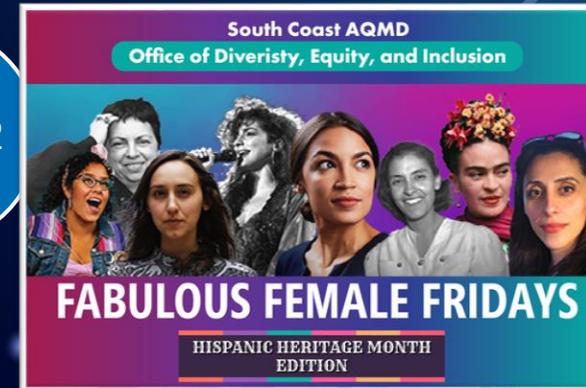
Fabulous Female Fridays

Purpose: To elevate and highlight women that have made huge contributions to society and continue to pioneer the path towards gender equality.

Brief biographies followed by educational video/activity

Shift in focus: Birthdays to Commemorative Months
Hispanic Heritage Month Edition (September)
Addition of interactive components

9/23/22



Responding to Gloria E. Anzaldúa's "Borderlands/La Frontera"

What emotions did this excerpt make you feel? 006

- Empowered
- Passionate
- Pained
- So happy to be here
- Heartbroken for her experience
- TRUTH
- Pride

In what ways were you reminded of your own personal experiences? 008

- Inclusiveness
- Being a visitor and outsider to other cultures
- wanting to belong
- See similar experience between races
- Reminded of how I push parts of myself away
- Being stopped at the border. Not sure where I belong sometimes
- Identified with all examples
- Conflicted

J.E.D.I. Think Tank (Third Tuesday of Every Month)

Purpose: To increase individual critical thinking approaches to DEI problem solving.

Video presentation of an equity related issue, followed by small group discussions.

Restructuring (Based on Feedback)

Webinar (15 min)

*Breakout Rooms (30 min)

Large group discussion (15 min)

Recommendations based on event feedback:

Create infrastructure that allows staff to request the presence of South Coast AQMD at community events.

Extend invitations to more staff to participate in community events.

9/20/22

Boyle Heights



"I'd love to see more South Coast AQMD in the community."

-Staff Member

"Thank you! My position doesn't get to work with the public and after seeing this, I want to."

-ERG Member

Employee Resource Groups (ERG)



All ERG Meeting (5th Friday of the month)

Feedback for All-Agency Inclusion Activities

Networking within and between individual ERGs

Identified opportunities for both intra- and inter- ERG support

Began DEI workgroup action planning with AHR personnel



Any
questions?

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

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, October 14, 2022, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

RMM:MAH:XC:dc

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.

In light of COVID-19 and the related budget impact, we are evaluating all of our projects and delaying non-critical projects as long as possible.

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

Project	Brief Description	Estimated Project Cost	Completed Actions	Upcoming Milestones
Phone System Upgrade	Upgrade components of the agency Cisco Unified Communications System that are past end of support	\$175,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFQ released September 3, 2021 • Awarded January 7, 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete upgrade November 30, 2022
AQ-SPEC Cloud Platform Phase 2	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	\$313,350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Charter released • Task Order issued, evaluated, and awarded • Project kickoff completed • Requirements gathering completed • Fit Gap and data storage analysis completed • Architecture and functional design completed • Work Plan development for Phase 2 completed • Dashboard designs approved • Discovery Phase completed • Proposal for implementation phase received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin implementation phase
PeopleSoft Electronic Requisition	This will allow submittal of requisitions online, tracking multiple levels of approval, electronic archival, pre-encumbrance of budget, and streamlined workflow	\$75,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Charter released • Task Order issued, evaluated, and awarded • Requirements gathering and system design completed • System setup and code development, and User Acceptance Testing for Information Management completed • System setup and code development, and User Acceptance Testing completed for Administrative and Human Resources, and Technology Advancement Office completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy to IM and AHR divisions • Training and Integrated User Testing for other divisions

Project	Brief Description	Estimated Project Cost	Completed Actions	Upcoming Milestones
Permitting System Automation Phase 2	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	\$525,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board approved initial Phase 2 funding December 2017 • Board approved remaining Phase 2 funding October 5, 2018 • Completed report outlining recommendations for automation of Permitting Workflow • Developed application submittals and form filing for first nine of 32 400-E forms • Completed application submittals and form filing for 23 types of equipment under Rule 222 for User Testing • Deployed production of the top three most frequently used Rule 222 forms: Negative Air Machines, Small Boilers and Charbroilers • Completed requirements gathering for Phase 2 of the project (an additional 10 400-E-XX forms) • Development of Phase 2 additional 12 400-E-XX forms completed • Deployment to stage of all 400-E-XX and Rule 222 forms for User Acceptance Testing completed • User Acceptance Testing and deployment to production of Emergency IC Engines Form completed • Deployed to production 3 additional Rule 222 forms (Tar Pots, Cooling Towers, and Power Washers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements gathering for Phase 3 of the project (final twelve 400-E-XX forms) • Complete User Acceptance Testing and deployment to production of Phase 1 of the project (first ten 400-E-XX forms) • Complete User Acceptance Testing and deployment to production of next set of Rule 222 forms • Complete User Acceptance Testing and deployment to production of the EICE module

Project	Brief Description	Estimated Project Cost	Completed Actions	Upcoming Milestones
Carl Moyer Program GMS	Development of simplified and streamlined Online Grant Management System (GMS) Portal for Carl Moyer Program	\$116,275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project initiation completed • Task Order issued • Phase 1 completed and approved by stakeholder • Solicitation for On-Road opened to public • Phase 2 – initiation and kickoff completed • Phase 2 – tasks module enhancement User Acceptance Testing completed • Phase 2 – 30-day Letter User Acceptance Testing for completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 – CARL Import for Off-Road and On-Road User Acceptance Testing • Phase 2 CARL Import for Infrastructure and Marine Development • Phase 2 – Application Status Tracking Development
Warehouse Indirect Source Rule Online Reporting Portal	Development of online reporting portal for Rule 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source	\$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Charter Document issued • Project initiation completed • Task Order issued • Deployed Phase 1.1 – Warehouse Operations Notification Submittal • Deployed Phase 1.2 – Warehouse Operations Notification Evaluation • Phase 2 Project initiation and planning completed • Phase 2 software requirements completed • Phase 2 architecture and design completed • Phase 2 deployed – Early Annual WAIRE Report (EAWR) , Initial Site Information Report (ISIR), full Annual WAIRE Report (AWR) • Phase 3 Initiated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 3 Development
Agenda Tracking System	Develop new Agenda Tracking System for submittal, review and approval of governing board agenda items	\$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project initiation completed • Task order issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project planning

Project	Brief Description	Estimated Project Cost	Completed Actions	Upcoming Milestones
CLASS Database Software Licensing	Purchase Action Ingres database software licensing, support and maintenance for the CLASS system for one year period (November 30, 2022 – November 30, 2023)	\$350,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board approved October 7, 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute contract(s) November 30, 2022
PeopleSoft HCM (Human Capital Management) upgrade	Upgrade PeopleSoft HCM product to latest tools and image level to maintain regulatory and functional support	\$180,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project initiation completed • Task order issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System assessment • Customization assessment
Source Test Tracking System (STTS)	Online STSS will keep track of timelines and quantify the number of test protocols and reports received. 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.	\$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project initiation completed • Task Order issued • Project kickoff completed • User requirements gathering for internal users completed • Developed full business process model • Developed screens mock-ups • Reviewed proposed automation with EQUATE Working Group completed • Proposal for system development approved • Completed development of Sprint 1 to 8 • Completed overview of development progress to EQUATE Working Group. • Deploy updated STTS Data Model and move application to stage completed • Internal and external orientation/training for testers completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete User Acceptance Testing of STTS Portal in stage environment • Complete testing of STTS Portal with regulated community volunteers • Deploy STTS Portal to production

Projects that have been completed within the last 12 months are shown below.

Completed Projects

Project	Date Completed
Upgrade of Ingres Database Software	August 5, 2022
Upgrade of OnBase Software	August 2, 2022
Renewal of OnBase Software Support	July 15, 2022
Replace Your Ride (RZR)/One Stop Shop Integration	July 7, 2022
Warehouse Operations Notification Online Submittal Portal Phase 2.2 Initial Site Information Report (ISIR) and full Annual WAIRE Report (AWR)	June 1, 2022
Alternative Colors for Air Quality Map	May 20, 2022
Permit Application Enhancements for Rule 1109.1 Tracking	May 04, 2022
Mobile Application Enhancements	May 03, 2022
HP Server Maintenance & Support	April 30, 2022
National Weather Service Alert Integration	April 21, 2022
Prop 1B GMS – Locomotive and Cargo	April 19, 2022
AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Subvention Program Report Portal	March 2, 2022
Telecommunications Services	February 28, 2022
Warehouse Operations Notification Online Submittal Portal Phase 2.1 Annual WAIRE Report (AWR)	February 25, 2022
Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware and Software, and Audio Visual Equipment	February 4, 2022
Three Additional Rule 222 Forms for Online Application Filing	February 1, 2022
Cybersecurity Assessment	January 31, 2022
Office 365 License Renewal	January 31, 2022
PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management updates for tax year 2021	January 10, 2022
Implementation of Labor Agreement	January 10, 2022
Annual Emissions Reporting System 2022 Revisions	December 17, 2021
Warehouse Operations Notification Evaluation Module	December 12, 2021

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in November

SYNOPSIS: This report summarizes the RFQs/RFPs for budgeted services over \$100,000 scheduled to be released for advertisement for the month of November.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 14, 2022, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the release of RFQs/RFPs for the month of November.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

In January 2020, the Board approved a revised Procurement Policy and Procedure. Under the revised policy, RFQs/RFPs for budgeted items over \$100,000 that follow the Procurement Policy and Procedure would no longer be required to obtain individual Board approval. However, a monthly report of all RFQs/RFPs over \$100,000 is included as part of the Board agenda package and the Board may, if desired, take individual action on any item. The attached report provides the title and synopsis of the RFQ/RFP, the budgeted funds available, and the name of the Deputy Executive Officer/Assistant Deputy Executive Officer responsible for that item. Further detail including closing dates, contact information, and detailed proposal criteria will be available online at <http://www.aqmd.gov/grants-bids> following Board approval on November 4, 2022.

Outreach

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFQs/RFPs and inviting bids will be 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 be notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFQs/RFPs will be 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 (<http://www.aqmd.gov>), where it can be viewed by making the selection "Grants & Bids."

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals received will be evaluated by applicable diverse panels of technically qualified individuals familiar with the subject matter of the project or equipment and may include outside public sector or academic community expertise.

Attachment

Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in November 2022

**November 4, 2022 Board Meeting
Report on RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release on November 4, 2022**

**(For detailed information visit South Coast AQMD's website at
<http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/grants-bids>
following Board approval on November 4, 2022)**

SPECIAL TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

RFP #P2023-03	Issue Request for Proposal for Independent Audit Services	Jain/2804
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A financial audit of the South Coast AQMD is performed annually in compliance with the Government Code and Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996. This audit is performed by independent Certified Public Accountants, and their reports are addressed to the Governing Board. The contract with South Coast AQMD's current auditors expires on March 31, 2023. This RFP is for financial audit services for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Funds for this contract are included in the FY 2023-24 Budget and will be requested for each of the remaining fiscal years of the contract.

RFQ #Q2023-03	Issue Request for Quotation for Qualifications to Establish List of Prequalified Vendors for Automotive Mechanical Repair and Service	Olvera/2309
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South Coast AQMD's vehicle fleet periodically requires mechanical repairs and services. This action is to issue an RFQ to establish a list of prequalified vendors for a three-year period. Funds for this service are included in the FY 23-24 Budget and will be requested in subsequent fiscal years.

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO:

REPORT: Establish Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023

SYNOPSIS: The proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 is submitted for Board consideration. The meeting schedule for the Administrative Committee meeting, as well as the other standing committees, is included for information only.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the attached Resolution establishing the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule.

Ben J. Benoit, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Calendar Year 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
January:.....	January 6	9:00 a.m.
February:.....	February 3.....	9:00 a.m.
March:.....	March 3	9:00 a.m.
April:.....	April 7	9:00 a.m.
May:.....	May 5	9:00 a.m.
June:.....	June 2	9:00 a.m.
July:	No Meeting	
August:.....	August 4	9:00 a.m.
September:	September 1	9:00 a.m.
October:	October 6.....	9:00 a.m.
November:	November 3	9:00 a.m.
December:	December 1.....	9:00 a.m.

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule for Governing Board and Standing Committees

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

A Resolution of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board setting the time and place of regular meetings.

WHEREAS, the regular meetings of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board have been established by Resolution in the past, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is establishing the regularly scheduled meetings for Calendar Year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective January 2023, the regular meetings of the Governing Board shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, except for July when there is no meeting scheduled, in the William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Dr., Diamond Bar, California.

Dated: _____

Faye Thomas, Clerk of the Boards

**South Coast AQMD Governing Board & Standing Committees
Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule**

GOVERNING BOARD	STANDING COMMITTEES				
Time – 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Time – 9:00 a.m.	Administrative Time – 10:00 a.m.	Mobile Source Time – 9:00 a.m.	Stationary Source Time – 10:30 a.m.	Technology Time – 12:00 p.m.
January 6	January 13	January 13	January 20	January 20	January 20
February 3	February 10	February 10	February 17	February 17	February 17
March 3	March 10	March 10	March 17	March 17	March 17
April 7	April 14	April 14	April 21	April 21	April 21
May 5	May 12	May 12	May 19	May 19	May 19
June 2	June 9	June 9	June 16	June 16	June 16
	DARK				
August 4	August 11	August 11	August 18	August 18	August 18
September 1	September 8	September 8	September 15	September 15	September 15
October 6	October 13	October 13	October 20	October 20	October 20
November 3	November 9 (Thursday)	November 9 (Thursday)	November 17	November 17	November 17
December 1	December 8	December 8	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Sacramento, California

SYNOPSIS: The current contracts for legislative representation in Sacramento with The Resolute Company (Resolute), formerly Quintana, Watts and Hartmann; Joe A. Gonsalves & Son; and California Advisors, LLC expire on December 31, 2022. Based on the firms' effective performance during the second year of their current contracts, this action is to approve a second one-year extension of the contracts with these three lobbying firms in the amount of \$180,000 for Resolute, \$143,000 for Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, and \$142,080 for California Advisors, LLC, for legislative lobbying services in Sacramento for Calendar Year 2023. Sufficient funding is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2022-23 Budget.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize the Chair to execute a second one-year extension of the contract with Resolute at the current contract amount of \$180,000;
2. Authorize the Chair to execute a second one-year extension of the contract with Joe A. Gonsalves & Son at the current contract amount of \$143,000; and
3. Authorize the Chair to execute a second one-year extension of the contract with California Advisors, LLC at the current contract amount of \$142,080.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

Background

As a leading air quality agency in California and an innovative leader in developing emission reduction programs, it is critical for South Coast AQMD to be an active and timely participant in policy discussions and activities in Sacramento. It is necessary for South Coast AQMD to be involved in the day-to-day discussions in Sacramento in support of air quality priorities, both through policy and funding, to support and implement the 2016 and future AQMPs, AB 617 communities, additional air quality-related programs and projects, and to address administrative and operational issues.

In 2022, the lobbying firms of Resolute, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, and California Advisors, LLC represented South Coast AQMD in Sacramento and performed at a high professional level.

Resolute and the firm's principal, David Quintana, have a professional history that spans over 23 years with extensive expertise in a wide range of issue areas, including air quality, the environment and energy. Mr. Quintana served as a Legislative Director in the State Senate and as a Consultant for the Senate Committee on Public Safety. Resolute has capabilities that help provide access to difficult to reach legislators and other elected officials to help resolve policy or political roadblocks on South Coast AQMD issues. Resolute's experience and strong relationships help enhance the effectiveness of South Coast AQMD efforts to achieve policy and funding goals with respect to the California Legislature, Governor and others.

Joe A. Gonsalves & Son (Gonsalves) is a Sacramento lobbying firm with strong ties to legislators on both sides of the aisle. The firm has relationships with many cities throughout the state, including several within the South Coast region. With over 33 years of experience, the firm's principals are well-respected and knowledgeable on many local and statewide issues. On multiple occasions, while representing South Coast AQMD, Gonsalves has secured access for staff and Board Members to elected officials and key staff, including to the Governor's Office, at critical junctures in the legislative process. Gonsalves consistently demonstrates creativity in providing solutions and alternatives to legislative challenges on policy priorities and funding issues to facilitate South Coast AQMD's ability to achieve its clean air mission and state and federal air quality standards.

Will Gonzalez, principal of California Advisors, LLC (Cal Advisors) has over 20 years of legislative and bipartisan political experience specializing in transportation, environmental and energy issues. Mr. Gonzalez also served as a Legislative Director in the state legislature working on funding issues relating to compressed natural gas transit buses and innovative air quality programs. Cal Advisors' principals have a comprehensive understanding of both politics and policy and an extensive history of successfully representing South Coast AQMD in Sacramento with respect to the Legislature, Governor and state agencies.

Throughout the year, the three firms have worked effectively and in coordination with staff to advance the Board's legislative agenda, including by facilitating meetings with legislators and staff and testifying in committee hearings. The three firms work in concert to keep South Coast AQMD apprised of the latest developments in Sacramento. They have successfully negotiated bill language with legislative offices and committee staff and, when necessary, worked to have bills held in committee or otherwise not move forward if they were detrimental to South Coast AQMD's policy positions.

The three firms also ensure that South Coast AQMD is strategically aware of policy and political considerations related to pending legislative and budget proposals. The constant communication among the firms and staff is essential to ensure that messaging is correctly communicated to legislators and staff, as well as the Governor's office in a timely fashion.

Although the 2022 Legislative session is not yet completed, the three consultant firms skillfully contributed to efforts that led to South Coast AQMD budgetary and legislative successes, including the following:

- 1) \$50 million in statewide monies from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for local air districts to fund implementation of community air monitoring and community emission reduction programs mandated by AB 617 (Garcia, 2017), with a significant portion of those funds to be directed to the South Coast region;
- 2) \$240 million in AB 617 incentive funding from the GGRF to be awarded to local air districts statewide to facilitate co-benefit criteria pollutant emission reductions. These funds support implementation of Community Emissions Reduction Programs (CERP) by funding community priorities, such as accelerating the turnover of older, polluting medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to cleaner ones;
- 3) Securing ongoing annual baseline funding from the General Fund in the amount of \$290 million statewide for air districts for AB 617 implementation and incentives;
- 4) Sponsorship and passage of AB 2836 (E. Garcia) which reauthorizes the Carl Moyer and AB 923 Local Incentive Programs until 2034. These programs provide funding for air districts to accelerate the turnover of older, polluting vehicles and equipment to cleaner ones. The reauthorization of these program fees could generate approximately \$75 million on an annual statewide basis; and
- 5) Support and passage of AB 1749 (C. Garcia) which extends the time for an air district to develop a CERP for an AB 617 community from one to two years.

The three firms worked together to create an efficient and effective consultant team for South Coast AQMD. Their policy and political insights inform South Coast AQMD and strengthen its presence, credibility, and ability to support the Board's policy priorities and pursue funding needs in Sacramento. At this critical point in time, it is important that the momentum through political and stakeholder partnerships continue to work on

legislation and funding to achieve South Coast AQMD’s mission and policy goals, including implementation of the 2016 and future AQMPs.

Proposal

The contracts with the three firms expire on December 31, 2022. The current contracts have options for two one-year extensions that may be exercised at the Board’s discretion, pursuant to the original RFP. This proposal is to approve the second one-year extension for each of the contracts.

Resource Impacts

The Legislative, Public Affairs & Media Budget for FY 2022-23 contains sufficient funds for this action.

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.

SYNOPSIS: The current contracts for legislative and regulatory representation in Washington D.C. with Kadash & Associates, LLC, Cassidy & Associates, and Carmen Group Inc., expire on January 14, 2022. Each of these contracts includes an option for two one-year extensions. This action is to consider approval of the first one-year extension of the existing contracts for Calendar Year 2023 with Kadash & Associates, LLC for \$226,392; Cassidy & Associates for \$216,000; and Carmen Group Inc. for \$222,090 as South Coast AQMD's legislative and regulatory representatives in Washington D.C., to further the agency's policy positions at the federal level. Sufficient funding is available in the Legislative, Public Affairs & Media FY 2022-23 Budget.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Authorize the Chair to execute a first one-year extension of the contract with Kadash & Associates for \$226,392;
2. Authorize the Chair to execute a first one-year extension of the contract with Cassidy & Associates, Inc. for \$216,000; and
3. Authorize the Chair to execute a first one-year extension of the contract with Carmen Group, Inc. for \$222,090.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

After a competitive request for proposals process in 2021, the Board selected Kadash & Associates (Kadash), Cassidy & Associates (Cassidy) and the Carmen Group (Carmen) for legislative and regulatory representation in Washington, D.C. for one

year beginning on January 15, 2022, with an option for up to two one-year renewals upon satisfactory performance, at the Board's discretion. Each of the three one-year contracts will expire on January 14, 2023; however, each agreement includes an option for two one-year extensions.

In 2022, the firms of Kadesh, Cassidy and Carmen represented South Coast AQMD in Washington, D.C. and performed at a high professional level. The firms have been effective in working with the Board and staff to sustain active engagement in federal legislative, policy and regulatory issues with the Administration, Congressional Members and staff, industry, environmental and health organizations and other stakeholders.

Kadesh is a bipartisan federal advocacy firm specializing in California interests. Kadesh's team has considerable experience working as senior Congressional staffers in the House and the Senate. Mark Kadesh, President, is the primary contact with Ben Miller, Principal Consultant, for South Coast AQMD. Mr. Kadesh has extensive legislative and political experience and insights gained from his sixteen years working on Capitol Hill. For seven years he served as Chief of Staff to Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). He previously served as Legislative Director for Senator Feinstein, handling and gaining in-depth knowledge of issues ranging from air quality, water, energy, tax, commerce, environmental regulations, air quality, transportation, finance, trade, and appropriations. Mr. Miller worked for more than seventeen years as an advisor for Members of the California Congressional Delegation. He served as the Chief of Staff for Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) and has expertise working on air quality, water, environmental, infrastructure, transportation, natural resources, and climate issues.

Cassidy is a bipartisan federal government relations firm with more than 45 years of demonstrated experience. Amelia Morales, Executive Vice President, and Jed Dearborn, Senior Vice President, serve as South Coast AQMD's primary representatives. Ms. Morales joined Cassidy after serving as Deputy Staff Director and Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources since 2011. She served as chief policy advisor and strategist to then U.S. Representative and now U.S. Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), U.S Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA), U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and its current Ranking Member U.S. Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). She was also the primary policy contact with House leadership, White House Legislative Affairs, Council on Environmental Quality, in addition to Departments under the committee's jurisdiction. Mr. Dearborn joined Cassidy after serving as Senior Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where he was responsible for negotiating and advancing legislation on electricity generation and transmission, natural gas transportation, cybersecurity, air quality and clean energy technologies such as energy storage and carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration. Prior to the Committee, he served as Energy Counsel to

Senator John Barrasso practiced energy regulatory law at a major law firm.

Carmen Group is a bipartisan government affairs firm with decades of experience in legislative representation and government relations, including building industry coalitions. Gary Hoitsma, Executive Managing Associate, and Dal Harper, Executive Managing Director, are the primary representatives for South Coast AQMD. Mr. Hoitsma leads Carmen Group's Transportation and Environment Practice. He served eight years as a top aide to U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe (R-OK), current chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and former chairman of the Environment & Public Works Committee. He worked closely with Senator Inhofe to develop and coordinate legislative strategies and communicate clear positions on a wide variety of critical public policy issues. Previously, he served as special assistant to the administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation, where coordinated public affairs and congressional relations activities and helped build interest group coalitions for administration transportation policies. Mr. Harper brings two decades of government relations including legislation and agencies such as Department of Commerce, Department of Interior, Department of Transportation, U.S. EPA, General Services Administration and the National Park Service.

While the 117th Congress is still in progress, below are some of the accomplishments and issues worked on by these three firms in 2022:

- **U.S. EPA Clean Trucks Plan** – Members of Congress and staff, coordinated efforts with likeminded industry to urge the Administration to release the proposed Clean Truck Plan rule. The consultants assisted in garnering participation in the Office of Management and Budget 12866 meeting process to urge for the strongest possible NOx standards for heavy-duty trucks beginning with Model Year 2027. After publication of the proposed rule, consultants assisted in organizing and garnering support for a Congressional letter with 66 Representatives and Senators in support of the strongest possible heavy-duty vehicle requirements for the Clean Trucks Plan. Ongoing efforts are to urge U.S. EPA to finalize a rule by the end of 2022.
- **U.S. EPA Working Group with South Coast AQMD, San Joaquin APCD, Bay Area AQMD and CARB** – Building upon Senator Alex Padilla's request to U.S. EPA to form a Working Group on behalf of South Coast AQMD and the other large California air agencies, consultants are maintaining close contact with Congressional offices to elevate air quality issues and the need for federal action to reduce NOx emissions from heavy-duty trucks, ocean-going vessels, locomotives, aircraft and off-road equipment. The Congressional discussions in parallel with the Working Group efforts with U.S. EPA are a critical component of a "Whole of Government" approach which spans legislative, regulatory and policy actions on

the local, state and federal levels.

- **Increased Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Appropriations –**
 - Targeted Airshed Grants increased from \$59 million in FY 2021 to nearly \$62 million in FY 2022.
 - Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) increased from \$90 million in FY 2021 to \$92 million in FY 2022.
 - Section 103/105 increased from \$229.5 million in FY 2021 to \$231.5 million in FY 2022, plus approximately \$100 million in the American Rescue Plan Act.

- **H.R. 5376, the “Inflation Reduction Act”** – Since the beginning of the Biden Harris Administration, the consulting firms have been strategically advocating for South Coast AQMD legislative priorities to address emissions related to goods movement and other federally regulated sources; research, development and demonstration projects; funding prioritization for nonattainment areas and environmental justice, air monitoring, energy, and other air quality programs. This effort entailed a bicameral approach in meeting with Members of Congress and their staff (California and out-of-state), Committees, the Administration, industry and others. Examples include the Offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla, and Jim Inhofe; Representatives Tony Cardenás, Ken Calvert, Nanette Barragán, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Raul Ruiz, Mike Thomson; White House Council on Environmental Quality, U.S. Department of Transportation Port Envoy and Climate; and Majority and Minority for House Energy and Commerce and Senate Environment and Public Works. After multiple versions of reconciliation legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act passed containing provisions in alignment with South Coast AQMD’s advocacy priorities, including, but not limited to:
 - Two new programs which provide funding for nonattainment areas –
 - **Clean Vehicles:** \$600 million to U.S. EPA to award grants to help replace medium-duty vehicles with zero-emitting vehicles such as garbage trucks, tow trucks, and school buses. Plus, \$400 million specifically for vehicles that would serve communities located in nonattainment areas. States, municipalities and tribal government are eligible to apply.
 - **Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports:** \$2.25 billion to U.S. EPA to award grants for the purchase of zero-emissions port equipment and technology. An additional \$750 million is provided for ports located in nonattainment areas. Air agencies are eligible to apply for grants.
 - **DERA** – \$60 million for DERA in addition to annual appropriations. Air agencies are eligible to apply for funds.
 - **Commercial vehicle tax credit** – \$7,500 up to \$40,000 depending on vehicle weight and providing the highest amount for the cleanest engines.

- **Air Monitoring** – \$280 million to support the national ambient air quality monitoring system, air quality sensors, and other related activities.
- **Consumer Home Energy Rebates** – \$9 billion to electrify home appliances and for energy efficient retrofits.
- **Consumer Home Energy Efficiency Tax Credits** – 10 years of consumer tax credits to make homes energy efficient and to run on clean energy, including heat pumps, rooftop solar, electric HVAC and water heaters.
- **Light-Duty Vehicles** – \$4,000 consumer tax credit for lower/middle income individuals to buy used clean vehicles, and up to \$7,500 tax credit to buy new clean vehicles.
- **Bureau of Reclamation** – \$4 billion with priority for the portion of the Colorado River basin, which the Salton Sea is an adjacent area and receives water, for ecosystem and habitat restoration projects to address issues directly caused by drought in an inland body of water.
- **Air Quality and Environmental Justice** – Programs that support air quality and environmental justice issues. Some programs of note:
 - ***Climate Pollution Reduction Grants***: \$5 billion for a competitive grant program for state planning and implementation of programs, policies, measures, and other investments that will achieve or facilitate greenhouse gas emission reductions. Air agencies are eligible to apply for grants.
 - ***Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants***: \$3 billion for grants and to provide technical assistance for activities that benefit disadvantaged communities including pollution monitoring and prevention and environmental remediation; investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure and other purposes. Entities eligible to apply are States, local government, and tribal government and in partnership with community-based non-profits.
 - ***Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program***: \$3 billion for a new program to support neighborhood equity, safety and affordable transportation access with four competitive grants to reconnect communities divided by existing infrastructure barriers, mitigate negative impacts of transportation facilities including air pollution and other environmental impacts.

The consultants have represented South Coast AQMD through their advocacy efforts. Continued representation in Washington, D.C. is necessary to further the agency’s legislative, regulatory and policy objectives. The South Coast and Coachella Valley Air Basins nonattainment status and the threat of Clean Air Act sanctions require substantial, consistent engagement with Congress and the Administration. Of specific interest in 2023 to assist South Coast AQMD with nonattainment issues in federal responsibility through funding, regulations, and policy to address emissions from heavy-duty trucks, ocean-going vessels, locomotives, aircraft, and off-road equipment.

Additional areas of interest are energy, infrastructure, residential and commercial building efficiencies, environmental justice, air monitoring and related programs. The consulting firms will also assist South Coast AQMD advocate for favorable program guidance and/or funding from the American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, Appropriations and other legislation.

Proposal

Staff recommends retaining Kadesh & Associates, Cassidy & Associates and Carmen Group for Calendar Year 2023, given their successful efforts in 2022 and their ability to build upon these efforts in the coming year. Continuity of representation is critical to strategically advocate with pending nonattainment and Clean Air Act issues.

Pursuant to the original contract, the Board has discretion to exercise options for the two one-year extensions. This proposal is to approve the first one-year extension for all three consulting contracts.

Resource Impacts

The Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media Budget for FY 2022-23 has sufficient funds for legislative advocacy in Washington D.C.

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Enter into Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to Lease Fleet Vehicles, Transfer Budgeted Funds to Make Lease Payments, and Direct Future Vehicle Resale Revenue for Lease Payments

SYNOPSIS: South Coast AQMD maintains a fleet of 220 vehicles for use by field staff and daily business. This action is to authorize the Executive Officer to execute an open-ended lease and maintenance agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management and to execute individual vehicle leases. This action also seeks approval to transfer \$545,000 from the General Fund (Administrative & Human Resources Capital Outlay Account) to Administrative & Human Resources Services and Supplies Account for FY 2022-23 annual vehicle lease payments. Finally, this item would direct future revenue from the resale of fleet vehicles into the Infrastructure Improvement Fund (02) to use for ongoing lease payments. Funding will be requested in future budgets for ongoing fleet vehicle leases.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Authorize the Executive Officer to execute an open-ended lease and maintenance agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management and to execute individual vehicle leases under the fleet management services program.
2. Approve the transfer of the currently budgeted \$545,000 from the General Fund (Administrative and Human Resources Capital Outlay Account) to Administrative and Human Resource's FY 2022-23 Budget, Services and Supplies Major Object, Rent & Leases Equipment Account to pay for vehicle leases for this budget year.
3. Direct upon receipt, any funds from the resale of South Coast AQMD fleet vehicles as part of the fleet management services program, into Fund 02 – Infrastructure Improvement Fund, Miscellaneous Revenue Account.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

Background

South Coast AQMD is responsible for the maintenance, distribution, and recordkeeping of a vehicle fleet assigned to field staff and available to employees for daily business use and the Rideshare Program. The fleet currently consists of over 200 vehicles, mostly sedans but also a few SUVs, trucks, and vans. An analysis of the fleet is conducted annually to determine which vehicles should be replaced, based on condition, miles, and age. Replacement vehicles are purchased through the South Coast AQMD Capital Outlay fund. Over the recent years, vehicles have not been replaced on a regular basis, due to budgetary constraints. As a result, the average age of the fleet is 12 years old, with some vehicles reaching 20 years. The older vehicles lack optimal safety features and equipment to minimize risk of injury. Staff seeks to utilize a fleet management services program that will reduce this extended lifecycle of fleet vehicles by maximizing the use of budgeted funds and establishing a structured, ongoing mechanism for procuring replacement vehicles. Staff has determined that initiating a vehicle leasing program with Enterprise Fleet Management (Enterprise) would serve this purpose.

Cooperative Purchase Agreement Process

South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure Section IV(A)(5) allows, whenever possible, the use of cooperative purchasing programs, provided that the quality of the available goods or services meets South Coast AQMD requirements. Cooperative purchasing agreements reduce costs by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. This proposal utilizes a cooperative purchasing agreement with Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing organization for government, public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and non-profit organizations. All contracts available through Sourcewell are competitively solicited, evaluated, and awarded. Sourcewell awarded a contract to Enterprise to provide fleet management services to its members, such as South Coast AQMD. After review of fleet vehicle requirements and budget impacts, this proposal is to utilize Enterprise to provide South Coast AQMD with fleet management services.

Enterprise is experienced in contracting with other government agencies for these services, such as Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, City of Duarte, and City of Corona.

Proposal

A fleet management services program that leases vehicles, instead of purchasing, will allow for a shorter turnover of existing vehicles. This will bring newer vehicles into the fleet with updated safety features and technology, such as forward collision warning, electronic stability control standardization, and rearview camera standardization, to increase safety for employees and the public. Vehicles with a shorter lifecycle will also reduce fuel and maintenance costs due to better fuel efficiency and less wear and tear.

Under a fleet management services program with Enterprise, South Coast AQMD would identify vehicles to replace and appropriate vehicles to serve as replacements. Selection criteria for vehicles would be based on duty cycle with preference for hybrid and zero-emission vehicles. With this year's budget allocation of \$545,000, the goal is to lease approximately 70 vehicles this fiscal year, depending on inventory availability. As a comparison, under the existing purchase model, the same amount would only enable a purchase of 15 vehicles. Under this fleet management plan proposal, staff would seek to turn over the entire fleet within the next 4 years and to establish an average 5-year lifecycle for fleet vehicles. However, there is no requirement to lease a specific number of vehicles under the Enterprise fleet management services program. South Coast AQMD can lease any number of vehicles in any given year, based on need and budget constraints. The vehicle leases would have no mileage restrictions, abnormal wear and tear costs, or early termination penalties.

At the end of a vehicle lifecycle, Enterprise will be responsible for selling the vehicle. The proceeds from the sale, less a minimal service charge, will be returned to South Coast AQMD. This proposal requests that the Board recognize such future revenue and direct it to Fund 02 Infrastructure Improvement Fund, Miscellaneous Revenue Account where it can be allocated for ongoing lease payments. As newer vehicles are turned over for resale, the expectation is that there will be significant revenue to help fund this program. However, there is no guarantee as to the resale value of vehicles and the agency may decide to purchase the vehicles at the end of the lease, based on operational and financial considerations.

Enterprise's fleet management services program also includes a maintenance program that covers all routine services recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle and all unexpected repairs, not related to damage or neglect, for all leased vehicles under the fleet management services program, as well as South Coast AQMD's current fleet vehicles. Under the maintenance program, Enterprise also provides 24/7 roadside assistance and tow services and access to over 100 local contracted maintenance and repair shops. Even with the additional maintenance program fee per vehicle, this feature would provide cost savings for the current fleet maintenance budget.

Resource Impacts

Upon approval, FY 2022-23 budgeted funds in the amount of \$545,000 in the General Fund (Administrative and Human Resources Capital Outlay Account) will be transferred to Administrative and Human Resource's FY 2022-23 Budget, Services and Supplies Major Object, Rent & Leases Equipment Account to lease new vehicles this fiscal year.

Funding will be requested in subsequent budgets for ongoing lease payments, budgeted as an operating services expense, rather than a capital outlay.

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Amend FY22-23 Budget by Adding Funds to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budgets, Services and Supplies Major Object, Professional and Special Services Account to Cover Costs of Legal Counsel and Specialized Counsel and Services and Amend or Execute Contracts with Outside Counsel and Specialized Legal Counsel and Services

SYNOPSIS: This item is to amend the FY 2022-23 Budget to add \$754,000 to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budget to cover anticipated costs of legal counsel and specialized counsel and services, and amend or execute contracts for legal counsel for specialized, environmental, and other litigation. This action will result in an increased annual cost of \$754,000. Funding for the budget will be appropriated into the FY 2022-23 Budget from the Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance and will be requested in future budgets.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 14, 2022; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Appropriate \$754,000 from the Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance to Legal's FY 2022-23 Budget or, if unused during that year, into the FY 2023-24 Budgets, Services and Supplies Major Object, Professional and Special Services Account.
2. Authorize the Chairman or the Executive Officer, depending on whether the amount exceeds \$100,000, to amend or execute contracts with legal counsel handling existing matters, as well as prequalified counsel approved by the Board, and specialized legal counsel and services, as the need arises. Allow the Executive Officer to amend or execute such contracts over \$100,000 with the Chair's delegation.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

The FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget includes \$246,000 for litigation expenses in environmental law, specialized legal areas, and other litigation. The total amount currently allocated will not cover current and anticipated costs of legal counsel and

specialized counsel and services. Historically, this amount has not been sufficient to cover these costs. This item will add funds to reflect historical costs for these services.

South Coast AQMD will require an additional amount of \$754,000 for these services. Money will be expended on lawsuits, legal proceedings, legal advice and other matters. These matters include, but are not limited to, defending the Warehouse ISR rule, potential litigation regarding EPA's need to further reduce emissions from federal sources, analyzing and addressing CEQA and RECLAIM issues, defending lawsuits, and other matters. Accordingly, staff is requesting an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$754,000. The funds requested through this Budget amendment will result in a total annual budget of \$1,000,000 for litigation expenses for this fiscal year.

Proposal

In order to defend ongoing litigation and continue other legal work, it is necessary to amend the FY 2022-23 or FY 2023-24 Budgets to add funds for expenditures by outside counsel. It is expected that ongoing lawsuits and other legal work will require an additional \$754,000 for attorneys handling existing matters, prequalified counsel approved by the Board, and with specialized legal counsel and services, as the need arises.

Resource Impacts

This action will result in an increased annual cost of \$754,000. Funding for the budget will be appropriated into the FY 2022-23 Budget from the Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance and will be requested in future budgets.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT &
SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Board Member)
Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Council Member Rachele Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez, LGSBA Chair (Board Member)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz
Ken Chawkins
Harvey Eder
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer
Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Sujata Jain, Deputy Executive Officer/Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Jillian Wong, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Karin Manwaring, Senior Deputy District Counsel
Philip Crabbe III, Senior Public Affairs Manager
Sang-Mi Lee, Planning and Rules Manager

Mark Henninger, Information Technology Manager
Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist
Britney Gallivan, Air Quality Specialist
Roupen Karakouzian, Financial Analyst
De Groeneveld, Senior Information Technology Specialist

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Supervisor Janice Rutherford called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

For additional details of the Local Government & Small Business (LGSBA) Advisory Group Meeting, please refer to the Webcast at [Live Webcast \(aqmd.gov\)](https://aqmd.gov) at 0:07.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Rutherford called for approval of the June 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

No public comment.

Motion to approve minutes made by Eddie Marquez; seconded by Bill LaMarr; approved.

Ayes: Aguirre, Avila, Campbell, Daniel, DeWitt, LaMarr, Loof, Marquez, Rothbart, Rutherford

Noes: None

Abstain: Arizmendi

Absent: Blake (during voting), Delgado (during voting), Rodriguez

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 5:35.

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

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer for Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, reviewed the action item from the June 10, 2022 meeting, which was to place on a future agenda a discussion on Assembly Bill (AB) 617.

No public comment.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 6:54.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on Progress of 2022 LGSBA Goals and Objectives

Mr. Alatorre presented an update on the progress of 2022 LGSBA Goals and Objectives, including a tentative list of discussion topics for upcoming meetings.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:08:20.

Agenda Item #5 – Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget

Sujata Jain, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for Finance, presented an overview of the General Fund Budget, detailing staffing levels, expenditures, and revenues required to maintain current program commitments.

John DeWitt inquired if there were retrospective cost analysis for rules and regulations. Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer, replied that retrospective cost analysis is not done; however, cost analysis is incorporated into rulemaking process. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer for Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation shared her experience at United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) working on retrospective review and offered to provide previous USEPA and Congressional Research Service reports. Mr. DeWitt requested a one-page summary of those reports. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 13:46.

***Action Item 1:** Provide a one-page summary of previous USEPA and Congressional Research Service retrospective review reports.*

Paul Avila asked if new staff receive the same pay and benefits as retiring staff. Ms. Jain replied that staff in the same pay grade receive the same salary; however, they may have different retirement plans with slightly different costs. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 23:00.

Mr. LaMarr mentioned past building renovation projects and asked what the next costly project would be. Ms. Jain referenced a list of potential building maintenance projects on page #24 of the 2022-23 budget and indicated it would be completed as needed. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 24:45.

Rita Loof referenced slide #6 and asked if the impact of fee increase on the business community has been reviewed. Ms. Jain replied there is a socioeconomic study when there is a fee increase. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 27:38.

David Rothbart commented that it takes longer than usual to obtain permits and asked if the vacancy rate would change. Ms. Nakamura replied that the agency-wide vacancy rate is the same, but the Engineering & Permitting vacancy rate is lower as there has been improved efforts to increase engineering staff and reduce permit backlog. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 31:28.

Harvey Eder commented on solar energy and engineers and asked if the budget includes the employment of solar engineers. Ms. Nakamura replied that the qualifications for engineers include an engineering degree, but does not specify the field. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 34:42.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 8:35.

Agenda Item #6 – Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Overview

Sang-Mi Lee, Planning and Rules Manager for Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented a summary of the draft 2022 AQMP development, including the strategy to attain the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

Mr. Rothbart discussed the AQMP, including non-attainment and South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Air Resources Board, and USEPA obligations. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 49:48.

Ms. Loof referenced slide #10 and agreed that traditional approaches will not reduce emissions by the amount needed. She also referenced page #165 of the AQMP and suggested potential incentive options. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 54:17.

Mr. LaMarr commented on Section 185 fees and the health impacts of ozone. Dr. Rees expressed agreement with Mr. LaMarr's comments on Section 185 fees and provided clarification on the health impacts of ozone. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 58:52.

Mr. Eder commented on the 2022 AQMP. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:06:00.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 38:20.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

Ms. Loof expressed interest in receiving the summary of USEPA and Congressional Research Service retrospective review reports requested by Mr. DeWitt.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 10, 2022
2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer of South Coast AQMD's Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation Division, called the virtual meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Draft Health Effects Analysis

Dr. Rees presented the draft analysis of the health effects associated with criteria pollutants, described in detail in Appendix I of the Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). She also presented the USEPA's recent review on PM and ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as well as the Advisory Council mechanics and objectives.

Comments from Advisory Council and Staff Responses:

Ana Gonzalez requested clarification on the purpose of the Advisory Council. Staff explained the function of the Advisory Council is established in the California Health and Safety Code and is focused on advising staff on health effects as staff evaluates and incorporates them into the Draft 2022 AQMP. The control strategy and other AQMP related inquiries are discussed through separate public processes such as Working Groups and AQMP and STMPR Advisory Groups.

Ken Chawkins asked about the comparative air quality impacts on race, ethnicity, and geographic location. Staff responded that ozone is a secondary pollutant which takes time to form and primarily affects locations downwind from emission source areas. Thus, impacts are usually not disproportionate for residents who live adjacent to highways and large industrial facilities. Nevertheless, staff will evaluate any disproportionate health impacts and health benefits as part of the socioeconomic analysis for the 2022 AQMP. Health effects on environmental justice communities and sensitive groups are also addressed in Chapter 8 and Appendix I of the 2022 AQMP, respectively.

Natalie Hernandez asked for more information on the health impacts associated with extreme heat events and how they are addressed in this analysis. Staff acknowledged that heat events can degrade air quality and that there could be synergistic health effects associated with high temperatures and air pollution, especially for sensitive groups. Staff will further investigate these impacts.

Yassi Kavezade inquired regarding the socioeconomic analysis, including health cost savings and health benefits, as well as how the health benefits from this AQMP influence control measures/rulemaking. Staff responded that the 2016 AQMP socioeconomic analysis evaluated health cost savings and health benefits in attaining federal air quality standards. The 2022 AQMP socioeconomic analysis is under development and will be released for public review this fall. Staff concurred that conducting a health benefit analysis for rules, especially those that achieve significant reductions, is an important exercise and will be considered.

Yassi Kavezade asked if staff could clarify how this plan will achieve interim emission reductions while ensuring that control measures are as specific as possible. Staff responded that South Coast AQMD has an obligation under California law to take all feasible measures to reduce emissions as expeditiously as practicable. Staff further strives to ensure that control measures are defined and as specific as possible, while recognizing that some measures cannot be very specific (e.g., black box measures).

Bonnie Holmes-Gen suggested to refer to a joint comment letter by CARB and OEHHA to USEPA regarding the need to strengthen the ozone NAAQS, and more recent (2019 to present) studies/research on health effects, especially in disadvantaged communities. Staff welcomed the suggestion to include more literature in the analysis and offered to cite the referenced letter in the appendix.

Jennifer Bullard requested clarification regarding the release of the socioeconomic analysis and the Advisory Council's role in reviewing the analysis. Staff responded that the Advisory Council's role is to focus on the health effects, while the socioeconomic analysis will follow a separate process to accommodate public review and comment.

Dr. Xiangmei (May) Wu asked if research published subsequent to USEPA's 2019 Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) was considered. She also asked about cumulative health impacts of multiple air pollutants. Staff responded that recent research was included in the review, but welcomed the inclusion of additional publications that may have been missed. Regarding cumulative, multipollutant health effects, staff responded that there are indeed cumulative effects, but the difficulty lies in the quantification and evaluation of those effects. Any suggestions on approaches were welcomed.

Adonis Galarza inquired regarding how toxics and criteria air pollutants have affected sensitive age groups and the impact of a dried lakebed on air quality and exposure. Staff responded that the South Coast AQMD operates a comprehensive air pollutant monitoring network that includes the Salton Sea. However, this AQMP focuses on man-made emissions and reducing those emissions. The impacts associated with the Salton Sea are analyzed separately. Staff offered to share studies investigating health impacts on sensitive populations.

Ana Gonzalez asked about the exposure to diesel emissions and the increasing diesel VMTs associated with warehouse proliferation. Staff responded that PM levels, including diesel PM, will decrease over time due to various regulations and programs on fleets, even if VMT from heavy-duty trucks increases. The Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study provides more details on the diesel PM related health effects.

Jo Kay Ghosh asked if the growth in VMT is accounted for in emissions projection and control measures. Staff confirmed that detailed VMT growth projections by vehicle type are included in the 2022 AQMP.

David Rothbart expressed a need to discuss the limitations of South Coast AQMD's regulatory authority and the influence of certain sources on the mortality rate. Staff responded that this topic would be better suited for discussion in the context of the socioeconomic analysis results. Staff may consider reconvening the Advisory Council once the analysis is published.

Jo Kay Ghosh requested clarification on the reason why wildfire health impacts and COVID health outcomes are carved out in their own section. Staff responded that those topics were separated because they are emerging issues of interest.

Ana Gonzalez asked when the next AQMP Advisory Group meeting would be scheduled. Staff responded that an AQMP Advisory Group meeting has not been scheduled yet, but the next AQMP-related events are the regional public hearings in October.

Ken Chawkins asked what South Coast AQMD staff considers to be the overarching feedback and critical items to take away from this Advisory Council meeting. He also emphasized the importance of race and ethnicity in the socioeconomic analysis. Staff responded that there is a tremendous amount of interest in the socioeconomic analysis to see the connection between what the health impacts are, how they manifest in the area, and what the benefits are. There were also some comments on synergistic effects, particularly effects between the overlap of higher temperatures and the associated effects on air pollution. Staff confirmed that race and ethnicity will be considered.

Bonnie Holmes-Gen reiterated that there is missing information in the USEPA's ISAs which needs to be reflected in this health effects analysis to provide a more comprehensive picture of the health impacts. She also requested to confirm if there is an additional meeting that discusses how the health appendix information was used in the socioeconomic analysis. Staff responded that results from other literature that was published after the most recent ISA supplements would be incorporated into Appendix I. Staff also confirmed that there will be an additional meeting regarding the socioeconomic analysis.

Jennifer Bullard requested to see the health effects of pollutants by agency jurisdiction (e.g., federal, state, regional). Staff noted the comment.

Irene Burga requested clarification regarding the sources of pollution and the health effects associated with those sources. Staff responded that detailed information on the emissions inventory is in Appendix III of the 2022 AQMP.

Comments from Public and Staff Responses:

Laura Rosenberger inquired on the level of pollution from incinerators in comparison to the air pollution in general, the link between Alzheimer's and air pollution, and the impact of lead poisoning on brain cells. Staff responded that South Coast AQMD does not disaggregate pollution associated with incinerators; however, there are a variety of air toxics associated with incinerators. They are subject to permitting requirements, controls installed, and emission minimization requirements. Some studies suggest a link between Alzheimer's and fine particulate matter. This is an emerging area of research. Leaded paint was not phased out until 1978, but it is still present in old housing stock and apartments. Thus, children are still being exposed and it is an issue that South Coast AQMD is aware of.

Gloria Cruz inquired whether health impacts are based on hospitalization data, as this may underrepresent non-English speaking communities who do not seek medical care or do so at local community clinics. Staff responded that the socioeconomic analysis of the 2022 AQMP is not based on actual hospitalization rates. Rather, the socioeconomic impact analysis uses models based on literature that shows the relationships between different pollutants and the associated health impacts to estimate hospitalizations, premature deaths, and other health impacts from air pollution.

Gloria Cruz also inquired if there has been analysis regarding the type of pollutants and emission rates in communities near railroads and how emissions from locomotives are quantified. Staff responded that South Coast AQMD is currently in the rulemaking process for railyards and is seeking to gain a better understanding of railyard emissions. Staff is aware of the increase in railroad activity and uses growth factors to predict future activity for railyards and other emission sectors.

Gabriela Mendez inquired regarding opportunities for conducting outreach in Environmental Justice communities (e.g., health fairs) to help collect data on hospitalization rates. Staff responded that data on hospitalization rates or public health metrics are not collected, but staff welcomes ideas to improve outreach so that people are more aware of the impacts of air quality on their health.

3. Other Businesses

No additional comments, announcements, or reports from the Advisory Council members.

4. Public Comment

Comments from Advisory Council and Staff Responses:

No comments from the Advisory Council on this agenda item.

Comments from Public and Staff Responses:

No comments from the Public on this agenda item.

Members Present (15)

Adonis Galarza, Alianza Coachella Valley

Ana Gonzalez, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice

Bill La Marr, California Alliance of Small Business

Bonnie Holmes-Gen, California Air Resources Board (CARB)

David Rothbart, The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works

Greg Osterman, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA

Irene Burga, GreenLatinos

Jennifer Bullard, Orange County Business Council

Jo Kay Ghosh, Heluna Health

Ken Chawkins, Chawkin Communications Consulting

Michael Keinman, University of California, Irvine

Scott Weaver, Ramboll

Natalie Hernandez, Climate Resolve

Yassi Kavezade, Sierra Club

Xiangmei (May) Wu, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Public Attendees and Interested Parties (54)

Alan Caldwell

Alison Torres, Eastern Municipal Water District

Amy Jeffries

Amy Lilly, Mercedes-Benz

Anthony Bonilla
Archana Agrawal
Bill Quinn
Craig Sakamoto, PBF Energy
Curtis Coleman, Southern California Air Quality Alliance
Dean West
Dinh Quach, CARB
Nichole Quick
Peter Evangelakis, REMI
Gabriela Mendez
Gloria Cruz
Ih Shan
Jamie Bartolome
Janet Bernabe
Joaquin Catillejos
John Heintz
John Henkelman, Ventura County APCD
John Peherson
Julia Lester, Ramboll
Karin Fickerson
Kim Fuentes
Kristy Monji-Chung
Lakshmi Jayaram, Ramboll
Laura Rosenberger
Lauren De Valencia
Lauren Nevitt, Sunrun
Lee Kindberg, Maersk
Les Swizer
Leslie Velasquez
Lijin Sun, SCAG
Liz Sena
Lori Huddleston, LA Metro
Luis Amezcua
Mark Abramowitz
Mark Taylor
Marven Norman, CCAEJ
Mary Valdeman, Yuhaaviatam/Serrano Land
Patty Senecal, Western States Petroleum Association
Peter Okuroswki
Ramine Cromartie, Western States Petroleum Association
Resa Barilla
Richard Parks, Redeemer Community Partnership
Robert Freeman, LAWA
Scott King, CARB
Shayne Seever
Steven Slater
Steven Wadding

Thomas Jelenić
Tim French
Ursula Lai

South Coast AQMD Staff Present (23)

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Emily Yen, AQ Specialist
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Jong Hoon Lee, AQ Specialist
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Lane Garcia, Program Supervisor
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Sina Taghavaee, AQ Specialist