# BOARD MEETING DATE: April 7, 2023

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the March 3, 2023 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the March 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

> Faye Thomas Clerk of the Boards

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#### FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

Notice having been duly given, the regular meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board was conducted in a hybrid format (in person and remotely via videoconferencing and telephone). Members present:

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), Chair Senate Rules Committee Appointee

Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti, Vice Chair Cities of Los Angeles County – Eastern Region

Supervisor Andrew Do County of Orange

Supervisor Curt Hagman County of San Bernardino

Gideon Kracov Governor's Appointee

Mayor Larry McCallon Cities of San Bernardino County

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell County of Los Angeles

Veronica Padilla-Campos Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez County of Riverside

Councilmember Nithya Raman City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez Cities of Orange County

Councilmember José Luis Solache Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Absent: Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson Cities of Riverside County For additional details of the Governing Board Meeting, please refer to the recording of the Webcast at: Live Webcast (agmd.gov)

**CALL TO ORDER**: Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Larry McCallon
- Roll Call

Councilmember Raman and Supervisor Mitchell were absent for roll call. Councilmember Raman joined the meeting at approximately 9:11 a.m. and Supervisor Mitchell joined at approximately 9:16 a.m.

• Swearing in of Chair and Vice Chair for terms February 2023 – January 2024

Chair Delgado was joined by her parents as her daughter administered the Oath of Office for a term ending January 2024.

Chair Delgado administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chair Cacciotti for a term ending January 2024.

 Swearing in of Newly Appointed Board Members Curt Hagman and José Luis Solache

Chair Delgado administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor Curt Hagman, who was appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, for a term ending January 2027; and Councilmember José Luis Solache, who was appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee Western Region, for a term ending January 2026.

Vice Chair Cacciotti expressed it is his honor to work with his fellow Board Members, staff, and partners to clean our air.

Supervisor Hagman expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board and commented on having previously worked with some of his fellow Board Members in different capacities.

Councilmember Solache thanked Chair Delgado for her leadership as the first Latina Chair of the South Coast AQMD. He commented on the responsibility he has to the 51 cities that he represents and the importance of addressing health issues in the southeast communities.

Chair Delgado expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the first Latina/o Chair on the Board and touched on her parents' roots in Mexico, their move to California, and work ethics. She commented on the diverse representation on the Board.

Councilmember Solache acknowledged Ali Saleh, (former Mayor and current Councilmember of the City of Bell); and Pedro Aceituno, (former Mayor and Councilmember of the City of Bell Gardens) seated in the audience.

### The Board recessed for a short break at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:41 a.m.

Board Members offered their congratulations to the Chair, Vice Chair, and newly appointed Board Members. Several commenters also offered their congratulations throughout the public comment periods.

### • Opening Comments

Vice Chair Cacciotti shared photos of two city council meetings that he attended and provided air quality information: February 14 Santa Clarita City Council meeting and February 28 Glendale City Council meeting. He also performed a demonstration of an electric-powered leaf blower for the Glendale City Councilmembers who approved a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers at that meeting. He also shared photos of an electric landscaping equipment demonstration event hosted by the City of Glendale's Office of Sustainability where CARB staff attended to provide landscapers with information about CARB's Clean Off-road Equipment (CORE) Voucher Incentive Program. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 49:08.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri announced that the online application period for this year's Summer Internship Program closes on March 17; and that U.S. EPA announced the release of their Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. He commented on funds California and metropolitan areas of the four counties in the South Coast region are eligible to receive under the CPRG program. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 50:51.

# <u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u> – (Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3)

# The Public Comment Period was opened. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Crystal Lopez spoke on behalf of California State Senator Susan Rubio (District 22) to congratulate Chair Delgado and Vice Chair Cacciotti and presented both with awards in recognition of their new roles on the Board. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 52:11.

Angie Balderas, AB 617 San Bernardino/Muscoy co-host, emphasized the importance for the Board to push for strong regulations and put communities first in all decisions. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 55:18.

Ranji George, a member of the public, emphasized the need for the zeroemissions category to show the difference between incentive funding directed to batteryelectric technology versus hydrogen technology, which has disproportionately received less funding over the last 20 years. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 57:01.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, emphasized the importance of solar energy to the ecosystem. He expressed concerns with CARB's Scoping Plan and South Coast AQMD's 2022 AQMP. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 59:57

Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair, as well as Board Member Kracov for his reappointment to the CARB Board and Supervisor Perez for his appointment to the CARB Board. He highlighted the importance of implementing significant rules and provisions proposed in the 2022 AQMP to advance clean air in Southern California. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:03:03.

## There being no further requests to speak, the Public Comment Period was closed.

Written Comment Letter Submitted By: Bob Buster Regarding August 2022 Perris Railcar Chemical Leak.

# CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

## Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

- 1. Approve Minutes of February 3, 2023 Board Meeting
- 2. Set Public Hearing April 7, 2023 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Determine That Proposed Rule 1110.3 – Emissions from Linear Generators and Proposed Amended Rule 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Adopt Rule 1110.3 and Amend Rule 1110.2

## Items 3 through 6 – Budget/Fiscal Impact

- 3. Authorize Purchase of Maintenance and Support Services for Servers and Storage Devices
- 4. Authorize Purchase of Servers and Storage Devices
- 5. Transfer Funds for Voucher Incentive Program and Appropriate Funds for Development of Carl Moyer Program Grant Management System
- 6. Recognize Funds, Execute Contracts and Reimburse the General Fund for Zero-Emission School Bus Funding Using CARB Supplemental Environmental Project Funds

# Item 7 – Action Item/No Fiscal Impact

7. Amend Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Charter

# Items 8 through 15 – Information Only/Receive and File

- 8. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
- 9. Hearing Board Report
- 10. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
- 11. Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received

- 12. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
- 13. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management
- 14. FY 2022-23 Contract Activity *Minor typographical errors were noted in the FY 2022-23 Contract Activity Report.*
- 15. Receive and File Annual Report on South Coast AQMD's Deferred Compensation Plans

### Items 16 through 22 – Reports for Committees and CARB

- 16. Administrative Committee
- 17. Legislative Committee
- 18. Mobile Source Committee
- 19. Stationary Source Committee
- 20. Technology Committee
- 21. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
- 22. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report
- 23. <u>Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar</u> There were no items pulled for discussion.

#### **Disclosures**

Councilmember Rodriguez reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 6 but is required to identify for the record that he is a committee member of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, which is involved in this item.

Supervisor Perez reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item Nos. 6 and 27 but is required to identify for the record that he is member of CARB's Board, which is involved in those items.

Board Member Kracov reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item Nos. 6 and 27 but is required to identify for the record that he is member of CARB's Board, which is involved in those items

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Board Member Padilla-Campos commented on a letter dated March 2, 2023 from the Los Angeles County Electric Truck and Bus Coalition regarding Agenda Item No. 6 in which they expressed concern that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) did not receive SEP funding to electrify their school bus fleets. Board Member Padilla-Campos requested that funds be awarded to LAUSD in future solicitations. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:05:36.

Staff clarified that LAUSD schools were awarded incentive funds in December 2021 for all the school buses they applied for. The proposed awards in Agenda Item No. 6 were to fund the replacement of school buses in San Bernardino, Orange, and

Riverside counties that were on the December 2021 Board-approved backup project list. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:06:40.

In response to Councilmember Solache, Dr. Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer/Science and Technology Advancement, clarified that the Boardapproved award in December 2021 went to schools in Los Angeles County not just LAUSD schools. Supervisor Mitchell stated that she was given a list of the schools in Los Angeles County that received funding and would share it with Councilmember Solache. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:07:55.

Agenda Item Nos. 1-22 were opened for public comment; and the following individuals addressed the Board.

## Agenda Item No. 12

John Heintz, Latham & Watkins, spoke on behalf of the Western States Petroleum Association and Regulatory Flexibility Group regarding the rulemaking schedule for Rule 1178 - Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities. He noted that staff is considering bifurcating the rulemaking so that amendments to address deficiencies identified by U.S. EPA would be presented to the Board in May 2023 and other amendments would be presented later in the year. He urged the Board to consider the proposal to bifurcate the rulemaking and thanked staff for the continued discussions on the rule. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:09:38.

# Agenda Item No. 2A

Corrie Zupo, Mainspring Energy Incorporated, expressed appreciation to staff for their work on Proposed Rule 1110.3 as well as their willingness to listen, learn and work collaboratively on practical compliance solutions. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:11:20.

## Agenda Item No. 20

Ranji George thanked Councilmember Rodriguez for encouraging involvement in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Partnership. He emphasized the need to collaborate with CEC and CARB to accelerate the installation of hydrogen fueling stations and for more incentive funding directed towards hydrogen technology. He also commented on the need for competitive bidding and negotiation to lower the price of electric school buses. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:12:12.

Harvey Eder explained that the competition between electric battery technology versus hydrogen fuel technology has been going on for the last 20 years. He also expressed concerns with environmental justice and energy equity.

Julia May, Communities for a Better Environment, commented on environmental issues associated with hydrogen and cautioned that hydrogen is not a zero-emission fuel at this time. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:18:24.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period for Agenda Items No. 1-22 was closed.

Written Comment Letter Regarding Agenda Item No. 6 Submitted By: Adrian Martinez, Los Angeles County Electric Truck and Bus Coalition

## Board Action (Items 1–22)

MOVED BY MCCALLON, SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 22 AS RECOMMENDED.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Do, Hagman, Kracov, McCallon, Mitchell, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, Rodriguez, and Solache

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson

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24. Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 219 and Rule 222

Mike Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on this item.

Agenda Item No. 24 was opened for public comment; and the following individuals addressed the Board.

Rita Loof, RadTech (Written Comments Submitted) Howard Ragin, UV Specialties LLC Esteban Marin, Heraeus Noblelight America LLC Joe Blanford, Miltec UV Corporation

Commenters expressed concern about the following issues. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:27:29.

- Adding UV/EB/LED technologies, and associated cooling air, to an existing permitted process does not increase emissions and should not require permitting or an engineering evaluation
- Companies would incur significant permitting fees to add low-emission UV/EB/LED curing technology
- A facility incurred \$7,000 in permitting fees because they added a fan to cool their UV lights.

Ms. Loof submitted a handout with excerpts from a South Coast AQMD engineering evaluation that stated the addition of a UV curing tunnel was not expected to result in increased emissions. The handout also contained suggested language for PAR 219 Subparagraphs (d)(8)(H) and (d)(12)(L) that would address staff concerns with control system operations.

Robina Suwol, California Safe School and Los Angeles Environmental Network Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air

Commenters agreed with concerns regarding permitting requirements for adding UV/EB/LED curing technology. They commented on the environmental benefits of UV/EB/LED technologies and noted that permits act as a disincentive for those businesses installing cleaner technologies and should not be required for clean technology. Mr. Chavez recognized the importance for South Coast AQMD to ensure the effectiveness of control measures and prevent fugitive emissions but urged staff to work with industry stakeholders to develop health protective measures while also not creating excessive barriers or costs to adopting these cleaner technologies. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:30:55.

Harvey Eder stated that innovation and technology are important; however, evaluating changes in technology is also important. He described fossil fuels as stored solar energy. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:40:52.

# There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period for Agenda Item No. 24 was closed.

Mr. Nastri stated that the South Coast AQMD has been in support of UV/EB/LED technology and that there seems to be some misunderstanding about the permitting requirements. Jason Aspell, Deputy Executive Officer/Engineering and Permitting, explained that permit evaluations are needed when a piece of equipment is added into an existing high-VOC process to ensure that such changes are done correctly, and that emissions are being properly captured and vented to the air pollution control device. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:43:15.

Mayor McCallon noted the environmental community's support of the business community on this issue and recommended that the proposal be sent back to the Stationary Source Committee to iron out any misunderstandings. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:46:27.

Councilmember Raman inquired about concerns raised regarding additional costs to businesses. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, explained that there are no additional costs. The proposal includes provisions that relieve the addition of UV/EB/LED technologies from the permitting process under certain criteria; however, a permit evaluation must be conducted when this technology is installed to make sure that the other components associated with it does not result in an increase in emissions. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:47:16.

Mr. Aspell further explained that \$7,000 in permitting fees was for one facility with a large coating operation that modified part of their process by adding a piece of equipment that would allow their products to dry faster. The permit fees were to evaluate the permanent total enclosure and control equipment and associated potential increases in VOC emissions. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:49:31.

Chair Delgado and Councilmember Rodriguez concurred that the environmental stakeholders agreeing with the business stakeholders is compelling enough to consider sending the proposal back to the Stationary Source Committee for review. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:50:11.

Mayor McCallon made a motion to send PARs 219 and 222 back to the March 2023 Stationary Source Committee meeting for review and for the full Board's consideration at the April 7, 2023 meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist explained that a motion was not needed as any agenda item not acted upon by the Board is continued to its next regular meeting.

Supervisor Mitchell asked whether information to the Stationary Source Committee would be in addition to what has already been presented that may result in a different outcome.

Supervisor Hagman commented on the recent changes to the composition of the Board and committees. He noted that sending the item back for review would give new members an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the process to make an informed decision. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:53:55.

Chair Delgado stated that having new members on the Board and Stationary Source Committee merits holding off on this item for one month.

> THERE BEING NO ACTION TAKEN, AGENDA ITEM 24 WAS CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 7, 2023 MEETING, BY OPERATION OF PROCEDURES.

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25. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1401.1 – Requirements for New and Relocated Facilities Near Schools, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1401.1

Kalam Cheung, Planning and Rules Manager, gave the staff presentation on this item.

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked for clarification about unimproved school property and the annual estimated compliance costs. Dr. Cheung explained that unimproved school property refers to an unimproved piece of land located within school property where there are no buildings. The total cost of \$158,000 is the annual estimate to conduct air dispersion modeling to estimate the health risk during permitting. Board Member Padilla-Campos expressed a desire to have childcare centers that operate out of a private home included in the definition because a considerable number of children attend those settings. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:00:18.

Supervisor Perez expressed concern regarding the compliance costs for small "mom and pop" childcare centers. Dr. Cheung clarified that the compliance cost is for new and relocated permitted facilities/regulated entities to conduct additional risk assessments during the permitting process. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:03:21.

Supervisor Mitchell commented on the difference between licensed childcare centers and childcare centers operated out of private family homes. Susan Nakamura clarified that Rule 1401 – New Source Review for Air Toxic Air Contaminants, which is the umbrella rule for all permitting, includes residences and schools. Rule 1401.1 establishes requirements that go beyond Rule 1401 for additional health protections for new facilities or facilities that relocate near a school. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:06:55.

# Agenda Item No. 25 was opened for public comment; and the following individual addressed the Board.

Rubina Suwol, California Safe Schools and Los Angeles Environmental Justice Network, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with staff several years ago to update the definition of schools. She also expressed gratitude that the definition of school in Rule 1401.1 will be expanded to include early development and learning programs and unimproved school properties. She thanked staff for their work. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:08:05.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period for Agenda Item No. 25 was closed.

## **Board Action (Agenda Item 25)**

MOVED BY CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 AS RECOMMENDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-6:

DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1401.1 – REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND RELOCATED FACILITIES NEAR SCHOOLS, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND

AMENDING RULE 1401.1 – REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND RELOCATED FACILITIES NEAR SCHOOLS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Do, Hagman, Kracov, McCallon, Mitchell, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, Rodriguez, and Solache

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson

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26. Approve Annual RECLAIM Audit Report for 2021 Compliance Year

Jason Aspell, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Engineering & Permitting gave the staff presentation on this item.

# Agenda Item No. 26 was opened for public comment; and the following individual addressed the Board.

Julia May, Communities for a Better Environment, commented on the annual RECLAIM Trading Credit audit findings that showed exceedances of NOx and SOx emissions at oil refineries. She emphasized the need to transition to command-and-control regulation and a broad transition to zero-emission energy for all sources, including stationary, mobile, and area sources to meet air quality standards and environmental justice goals. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:18:20.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period for Agenda Item No. 26 was closed.

### **Board Action (Agenda Item 26)**

MOVED BY SOLACHE, SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 26 AS RECOMMENDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-7:

APPROVING THE ANNUAL RECLAIM AUDIT REPORT FOR THE 2021 COMPLIANCE YEAR;

APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO DETERMINE THAT PARAGRAPHS (D)(1) THROUGH (D)(4) OF RULE 2004 CONTINUE WITHOUT CHANGE, AS REPORTED IN THE AUGUST 2022 EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF THE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF THE RECLAIM PROGRAM: AND

DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT TO CARB AND U.S. EPA ANNUAL RECLAIM AUDIT REPORT AND THE AUGUST 2022 EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF THE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF THE RECLAIM PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION THAT PARAGRAPHS (D)(1) THROUGH (D)(4) OF RULE 2004 CONTINUE WITHOUT CHANGE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Do, Hagman, Kracov, McCallon, Mitchell, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, Rodriguez, and Solache

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson

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27. Approve and Adopt Technology Advancement Office Clean Fuels Program 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Plan Update, Resolution and Membership Changes for Clean Fuels Advisory Group

Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer/Science & Technology Advancement gave the staff presentation on this item.

Vice Chair Cacciotti requested a status update on the Joint Electric Truck Scaling Initiative (JETSI) Pilot Project. Dr. Katzenstein explained the challenges in getting the charging infrastructure in place for the commercial deployment of batteryelectric trucks. Patricia Kwon, Technology Demonstration Manager, commented on supply chain issues affecting the installation process and explained that staff is working with Southern California Edison (SCE) to get the charging installed in an earlier timeline, which is at the end of April for Schneider National, Inc. and end of June for NFI Industries Inc. SCE's Charge Ready Transport program will be a permanent charging solution for the NFI site in Ontario, California by the end of this year. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:26:53.

Vice Chair Cacciotti asked for clarification regarding comments on environmental issues related to how hydrogen is sourced.

Dr. Katzenstein acknowledged that a lot of hydrogen is sourced from fossil fuels from the refineries, but there is also a lot being sourced from renewable natural gas through steam-methane reforming. He noted that there is a lot of curtailed power that is being wasted so the next frontier is to develop hydrogen from electrolysis from that excess power from the renewable energy. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:28:54.

Agenda Item No. 27 was opened for public comment. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period for Agenda Item No. 27 was closed.

### **Board Action (Agenda Item 27)**

MOVED BY CACCIOTTI, SECONDED BY MCCALLON APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 AS RECOMMENDED TO:

APPROVE AND ADOPT THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT OFFICE CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM 2022 CLEAN FUELS ANNUAL REPORT AND 2023 PLAN UPDATE AND INCLUDE IT IN SOUTH COAST AQMD'S CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM;

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-8 FINDING THAT THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT OFFICE CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM PLAN UPDATE FOR 2023 AND ITS PROPOSED PROJECTS DO NOT DUPLICATE ANY PAST OR PRESENT PROGRAMS OF SPECIFIED ORGANIZATIONS;

APPROVE AND ADOPT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO THE SENATE BILL (SB) 98 CLEAN FUELS ADVISORY GROUP; AND

RECEIVE AND FILE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Do, Hagman, Kracov, McCallon, Mitchell, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, Rodriguez, and Solache

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson

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Mr. Gilchrist reported that there were minor typographical errors in the Contract Activity Report for Agenda Item No. 14. The report inadvertently listed Board Member Padilla-Campos, instead of Chair Delgado, as the designated Board Member that the Board Consultant/Assistant worked for relative to Contract Nos. C23006, C23007, C23008, and C23010. Hearing no objections from the Board, Mr. Gilchrist stated that the errors would be corrected in the final record. For more information, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:30:05.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to closed session at 11:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code sections:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with its counsel regarding pending litigation which has been initiated formally and to which the SCAQMD is a party. The actions are:

East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice v. South Coast Air Quality Management District, (Refinery monitoring lawsuit) Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 22STCP04398.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATING LITIGATION

• 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(d)(4) to consider initiation of litigation for one case.

Following closed session, Bayron Gilchrist, General Counsel, announced that a report of any reportable actions taken in closed session will be provided to the Clerk of the Board.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on March 3, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Vanessa Delgado, Chair

#### ACRONYMS

AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan CARB = California Air Resources Board CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act FY = Fiscal Year PAR = Proposed Amended Rule SEP = Supplemental Environmental Project UV/EB/LED = Ultraviolet/Electron Beam/Light Emitting Diode