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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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May 20, 2026 ♦ 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Young Leaders Advisory Council will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 2026 through in-person attendance in the Conference Room CC-8 at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1-4)

- 1. Welcome and Agenda Overview (5 min)**
(No Motion Required)
Welcoming remarks and overview of the May 20th, 2026 agenda. Dr. Anissa Cessa
Heard- Johnson
Deputy Executive
Officer
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes (5 min)**
(Motion Required)
Review and approve the February 18, 2026 meeting minutes.
(Written Material Attached) Dr. Heard-
Johnson
- 3. SB 707 Updates**
(Motion Required)
The South Coast AQMD Governing Board on May 1 voted to allow committees (which would include YLAC) subject to Brown Act to follow the SB 707 updates, which provide that non-elected committee members may participate remotely without using the traditional Brown Act requirements. Josephine Lee,
Principal Deputy
District Counsel

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5-9)

- 4. Speaker Spotlight: Governing Board Chair Michael Cacciotti (15 min)**
(No Motion Required)
Governing Board Chair, Michael Cacciotti will discuss his experience serving on the South Coast AQMD's Governing Board as well as his experience working in youth driven outreach. Governing Board
Chair, Michael
Cacciotti
- 5. Operational Updates (10 min)**
(No Motion Required)
An Opportunity for CEAP Staff to update YLAC members of operations since the previous YLAC Meeting. Topics include attendance and notifications for attendance. Dr. Heard-
Johnson
- 6. CNC Outreach Presentation (10 min)**
(No Motion Required) Dr. Heard-
Johnson

An opportunity for CEAP Staff to update YLAC on efforts related to Consistently Nominated Communities (CNCs), updates on listening sessions, and a discussion to identify future speakers for YLAC meetings.

- 7. Speaker Spotlight: Andres Coronel (10 min)** Andres Coronel,
2025 YLAC
Member
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity for 2025 YLAC former member, Andres Coronel, to speak on his experience hosting an in-community day for South Coast AQMD Staff.
- 8. Community Spotlight (20 min)** Dr. Heard-
Johnson
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity for YLAC members to elevate or spotlight issues, concerns, and/or events within their respective communities.
- 9. Goals and Charter Updates (10 min)** Dr. Heard-
Johnson
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity for YLAC members to come together to discuss goals and objectives for the 2026 as well as discuss any updates or changes to the YLAC Charter.
(Written Materials Attached)
- 10. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities (5 min)** Dr. Heard-
Johnson
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity to share upcoming engagement opportunities with YLAC members. YLAC recruitment for 2026 Governing Board Internship. Upcoming Governing Board meetings on the first Friday of the month, CSC Meetings, Working Group Meetings, and Committee Meetings. Details can be found on the AQMD's Calendar on aqmd.gov.
(Written Materials Attached)

ADDITIONAL MATTERS (Items 10-13)

10. Other Business

Any member of the Advisory Council, 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. (Gov't. Code Section 54954.2)

11. Public Comment Period

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

12. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Once you raise your hand to provide public comment, your name will be added to the speaker list. Your name will be called when it is your turn to comment. The host will then unmute your line.

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Directions for Video Zoom on a SMARTPHONE:

- If you would like to make a public comment, please click on the **“Raise Hand”** button on the bottom of your screen. This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment, and you will be added to the list.

Directions for TELEPHONE line only:

- If you would like to make public comment, please **dial *9** on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.



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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Simone Despina Bilodeau
Andres Coronel
Jose Marquez Cuevas
Jennifer De Tejada
Alex Deng
Jesse Isaac Dong
Alexander Goytia Fajardo
Roberto Mendoza
Rosalie Zazie Deglise Moore
Samantha Noor
Shirley Mariel Rivera
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez
Andrea Gianina Vega

Members Absent:

Christian Ali
Marilynn Margarita Alvarado
Gabriela Ballesteros
Daniel Choi
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Heaven Denham
Quincy Andre Loyola
Emmanuel Jeffrey Alcantar Rodriguez
Spenser David Young

South Coast AQMD Staff:

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Josephine Lee, Principal Deputy Counsel, Legal

Dr. Alexis Thrower, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Cassandra Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Carolina Vargas, Staff Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Heather Pomeroy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Paola Servas, Senior Office Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Call To Order

Dr. Heard-Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Agenda Overview

Dr. Heard-Johnson welcomed attendees to the meeting and discussed the proposed agenda for the meeting. For additional information, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning 08:38.

Agenda Item #2: Introductions

South Coast AQMD staff and YLAC members did self introductions. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 16:32.

Agenda Item #3: Review and Approve Minutes

May 2025 Minutes

Motion: Jose Marquez

Seconded: Gilbert Sanchez

Aye:

Simone Despina Bilodeau

Andres Coronel

Jose Marquez Cuevas

Jennifer De Tejada

Alex Deng

Jesse Isaac Dong

Alexander Goytia Fajardo

Roberto Mendoza

Rosalie Zazie Deglise Moore

Samantha Noor
Shirley Mariel Rivera
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez
Andrea Gianina Vega

Nay: None

Absent:
Christian Ali
Marilynn Margarita Alvarado
Gabriela Ballesteros
Daniel Choi
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Heaven Denham
Quincy Andre Loyola
Emmanuel Jeffrey Alcantar Rodriguez
Spenser David Young

Unanimously Approved

November 2025 Minutes

Motion: Jessie Dong
Seconded: Joshua Scheel

Aye:
Simone Despina Bilodeau
Andres Coronel
Jose Marquez Cuevas
Jennifer De Tejada
Alex Deng
Jesse Isaac Dong
Alexander Goytia Fajardo
Roberto Mendoza
Rosalie Zazie Deglise Moore
Samantha Noor
Shirley Mariel Rivera
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez
Andrea Gianina Vega

Nay: None

Absent:

Christian Ali
Marilynn Margarita Alvarado
Gabriela Ballesteros
Daniel Choi
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Heaven Denham
Quincy Andre Loyola
Emmanuel Jeffrey Alcantar Rodriguez
Spenser David Young

Unanimously Approved

For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 29:12.

Agenda Item #4: Annual Report for YLAC

Motion: Andres Coronel

Second: Rosalie Deglise Moore

Aye:

Simone Despina Bilodeau
Andres Coronel
Jose Marquez Cuevas
Jennifer De Tejada
Alex Deng
Jesse Isaac Dong
Alexander Goytia Fajardo
Roberto Mendoza
Rosalie Zazie Deglise Moore
Samantha Noor
Shirley Mariel Rivera
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez
Andrea Gianina Vega

Absent:

Christian Ali
Marilynn Margarita Alvarado
Gabriela Ballesteros
Daniel Choi
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz

Heaven Denham
Quincy Andre Loyola
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Spenser David Young

Unanimously Approved

For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 31:23.

Agenda Item #5: Speaker Spotlight

Jordan Salcido, former YLAC member and host of the 1st YLAC community day visit was not able to attend this meeting. This item has been tabled. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 35:34.

Agenda Item #6: Community Spotlight

Gilbert Sanchez (Chino) spoke on issues relating to heavy duty vehicles. Roberto Mendoza (Anaheim) wanted to know if South Coast AQMD Staff could be present at resource fairs. Jennifer De Tejada (San Bernardino) spoke about participating in South Coast AQMD Rule working groups 1146, 1146.1 and 1146.2. Andres Cornel (Palm Desert) spoke on issues in Coachella. Shirley Rivera (Alhambra) shared plans her organization has to make pedestrians safer along the corridors in Los Angeles. She also spoke on data centers appearing more in Monterey Park. Alex Deng (Alhambra) talked about advocating for safe streets and clean air because it benefits his community and his work. Alexander Fajardo (Huntington Park) shared comments about a scrap metal facility in Huntington Park and that testing has shown that lead samples are very high on and near the property. This is a concern because infrastructure will mean lead particles in the air. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 37:07.

Agenda Item #7: Goals and Charter Updates

YLAC members discussed goals and objectives for the 2026, updates/changes to the YLAC Charter, and goals for 2026. Jesse Dong (Diamond Bar) suggested that outreach to the younger generation through Instagram and TikTok. Joshua Scheel (Menton) commented about incorporating art to connect people. Roberto Mendoza suggested increasing community engagement and collaborating with local groups in Orange County. Rosalie Moore (Los Angeles) and Samantha Noor (Ontario) supported the suggestions. Shirley Rivera (Alhambra) said she signed up for a second year feeling like she was able to accomplish much with 4 meetings, asked if subcommittees are possible, and explained that her community does not don't trust South Coast AQMD and she wants to be an effective bridge. Simone Bilodeau (Orange) commented that community outreach is important and shared some information related to the work she does regarding kidney screenings and high pollution areas. Roberto Mendoza (Anaheim) wanted to know if there could be more meetings. Samantha Noor (Ontario) wanted to

know about how to engage with YLAC members and still be in compliance with the Brown Act. The JEDI Team will work with legal and discuss options for Charter Updates and outreach. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 42:13.

Agenda Item #8: Speaker Spotlight: Moses Huerta

Paramount Resident Moses Huerta discussed his experiences working in youth driven outreach followed by questions from YLAC Members. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 1:23:51.

Agenda Item #9: Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Staff went over upcoming opportunities for YLAC members to engage with the South Coast AQMD including the 2026 Governing Board Internship, upcoming Governing Board meetings, CSC Meetings, Working Group Meetings, and Committee Meetings. Details can be found on the [AQMD's Calendar on aqmd.gov](#). For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 1:55:40

Agenda Item #10: Materials and Expense Claims

South Coast AQMD staff went over the process for turning in Financial documents, Stipends, and Milage Claims for YLAC members. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 2:01:00

Agenda Item #11: Other Business

Jesse Dong (Diamond Bar) wanted to know about potentially changing the meeting frequency. Dr. Cessa advised due to the scheduling, we would have to keep the calendar for 2026; and that the JEDI team would meet to discuss the process moving forward. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 2:03:16

Agenda Item #12: Public Comment Period

There was no public comment. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 2:05:02

Agenda Item #11: Next Meeting Date

The next regular YLAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 2:05:13

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Vote to Allow Brown Act Teleconferencing Option Under SB 707

Teleconferencing Changes for Non-Elected Committee Members

Does not apply to Governing Board Meetings.

Does not apply to elected officials serving in an official capacity, but they can still participate in Committees remotely by using the traditional Brown Act Procedures.

Non-elected Committee Members will be able to attend Committees remotely without following the traditional Brown Act Noticing Requirements, including posting at the remote location and posting the remote location's address.

On May 1, 2026, the Governing Board made findings that allowed eligible subsidiary bodies to teleconference under these provisions.

Teleconferencing Changes for Non-Elected Committee Members

Before using this new procedure, a Committee or other subsidiary body must approve the use of teleconferencing by majority vote.

A member using this process must visibly appear on camera during the open portion of the meeting unless the appearance would be technologically infeasible.

If the member does not appear on camera due to challenges with internet connectivity, they must announce the reason for their nonappearance prior to turning their camera off.

Are there are any questions?

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Attending South Coast AQMD meetings offers YLAC members an opportunity to learn how air quality policies are developed and implemented across their communities. These meetings are open to the public and include time for public comment, allowing youth leaders to voice their perspectives on environmental justice, air pollution, and community health. Participating in these forums allows YLAC members to stay informed, engaged, and empowered to advocate for cleaner air in their neighborhoods.

Meetings are available on the South Coast AQMD Website Calendar at https://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/calendar_v2

Governing Board Meetings

Governing Board Meeting: Friday, June 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Friday, August 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Friday, September 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Committee Meetings

June 2026

Legislative Committee Meeting: Friday, June 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Administrative Committee Meeting: Friday, June 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mobile Source Committee Meeting: Friday, June 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Stationary Source Committee Meeting: Friday, June 26, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Technology Committee Meeting: Friday, June 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM

August 2026

Legislative Committee Meeting: Friday, August 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Administrative Committee Meeting: Friday, August 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mobile Source Committee Meeting: Friday, August 21, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Stationary Source Committee Meeting: Friday, August 21, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Technology Committee Meeting: Friday, August 21, 2026 at 12:00 PM

September 2026

Legislative Committee Meeting: Friday, September 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Administrative Committee Meeting: Friday, September 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mobile Source Committee Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Stationary Source Committee Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Technology Committee Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Advisory Group Meetings

June MSRC-TAC (Technical Advisory Group): Thursday June 4, 2026 at 1:30 PM

June MSRC Meeting: Thursday June 8, 2026 at 2:00 PM

August MSRC-TAC (Technical Advisory Group): Thursday August 6, 2026 at 1:30 PM

August MSRC Meeting: Thursday August 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM

August YLAC Meeting: Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 12:30 PM

September MSRC-TAC (Technical Advisory Group): Thursday September 3, 2026 at 1:30 PM

September MSRC Meeting: Thursday September 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM

AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meetings

South Los Angeles: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB 2588 Public Notification Meeting: HRA For Sterigenics Ontario: Wednesday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Wilmington / Carson / West Long Beach: Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Eastern Coachella Valley: Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Southeast Los Angeles: Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Working Group Meetings

AB617 South LA Just Transition Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 All CSC Post 5th Year Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 South LA Community Air Monitoring Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Rule Forecast: https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/agendas/governing-board/2026/2026-aug1-012.pdf?sfvrsn=5ac06e7e_1

Keep an eye out for:

Working Group Meetings are scheduled 2 weeks in advance.