

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2022

AGENDA NO. 2

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the October 7, 2022 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Minutes of the October 7, 2022 Board Meeting.

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

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:

Mayor Ben J. Benoit, Chair
Cities of Riverside County

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

Mayor Michael A. Cacciotti
Cities of Los Angeles County – Eastern Region

Supervisor Andrew Do (Left the meeting at 11:49 a.m.)
County of Orange

Gideon Kracov
Governor's Appointee

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
County of Los Angeles

Mayor Larry McCallon
Cities of San Bernardino County

Veronica Padilla-Campos
Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
County of Riverside

Council Member Nithya Raman
City of Los Angeles

Vice Mayor Rex Richardson
Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez (Left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.)
Cities of Orange County

Supervisor Janice Rutherford
County of San Bernardino

Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Benoit called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice Chair Delgado
- Roll Call

For additional details of the Governing Board Meeting, please refer to the recording of the Webcast at: Live Webcast (aqmd.gov)

- Opening Comments

Mayor Cacciotti shared photos of a commercial lawn and garden equipment demonstration that he attended at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. He asked staff to explain how interested parties can participate in the commercial lawn and garden equipment program.

Dr. Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer/Science & Technology Advancement, stated that the concept is to have a voucher program and explained the process and eligibility requirements. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 5:32.

Mayor McCallon announced that last month the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and Stadler unveiled the first hydrogen-powered Zero Emission Multiple Unit (ZEMU) passenger rail. He noted that the state will purchase four, with an option to buy additional units.

Vice Chair Delgado reported meeting with the El Segundo City Manager regarding ongoing compliance issues with the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and had requested that staff coordinate with the City Manager regarding issues related to Hyperion. Executive Officer Wayne Nastri stated that staff is working on this issue.

Supervisor Perez highlighted California Clean Air Day, which was held on October 5, noting that the County of Riverside adopted a proclamation recognizing Clean Air Day and that many residents also pledged to take action to improve air quality and the environment. He also attended a Clean Air Day educational discussion event with the Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment (AWWEE). For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 8:11.

Board Member Padilla-Campos shared photos of a tour that she took of the San Bernardino region. The tour included a visit to the Garcia Center for the Arts, Ruben Campos Community Center, which is located next to the BNSF Intermodal Railyard, and the proposed expansion of the BNSF Colton Intermodal Facility site. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 12:38.

Vice Mayor Richardson announced that he gave the welcome for the launch event of the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES), a new public-private partnership, which includes the city of Long Beach, that aims to advocate for federal funds to develop a renewable hydrogen hub. He reported that the Long Beach City Council would discuss accelerating the transition to unleaded fuel at the Long Beach Airport at their October 18, 2022 meeting, and extended an invitation to South Coast AQMD Board members and staff to participate in the opening of the Long Beach Conservation Corps Environmental Education Center at DeForest Park on October 26, 2022.

Mr. Nastri reported on plans for staff to return to the office on October 18, with an expanded telework program. He noted that regional hearings on the Draft 2022 AQMP will be held on October 18 in the Coachella Valley and in other parts of the Basin on October 12 and 19.

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

Misch Anderson, a member of the public, commented that subsequent to the May Board meeting, she was invited by staff to participate in the pilot phase of the E-bike incentive program and purchased a small cargo E-bike. She commented on the positive experience working with South Coast AQMD staff and recommended that outreach for the Replace Your Ride program be improved. Mayor Cacciotti thanked staff for their efforts in helping Ms. Anderson through the process and Chair Benoit thanked her for coming back to report on the outcome and provide input. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 20:40.

Board Member Padilla-Campos asked whether Ms. Misch had to turn in an older vehicle to get the voucher for an E-bike. Ms. Misch responded that she traded in a 1995 Honda Civic and that according to the eligibility requirements of the program, the vehicle model year must be 2007 or older.

Ranji George, a member of the public, expressed concern that hydrogen fueling stations are being built at a slow rate and that existing fueling stations are not providing adequate service to their customers. He urged staff to contact True Zero, a company that operates a network of hydrogen stations. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 27:29.

There being no further testimony, the Public Comment Period was closed.

CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

Items 1 through 3 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

1. Comply with AB 361 Requirements to Allow South Coast AQMD Board and South Coast AQMD Brown Act Committees to Continue to Meet Remotely
2. Approve Minutes of September 2, 2022 Board Meeting

3. Set Public Hearings to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

November 4, 2022

- A. 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
- B. 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
- C. Certify Final Subsequent Environment Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; and Amend Rule 1168
- D. Determine That Proposed Rule 1460 – Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations Is Exempt from CEQA, and Adopt Proposed Rule 1460

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- E. Certify Final Program Environmental Impact Report for 2022 AQMP and Adopt Draft Final 2022 AQMP

Items 4 through 13 -- Budget/Fiscal Impact

4. Execute Contract to Demonstrate Zero-Emission Port Equipment and Mobile Hydrogen Refueler
5. Transfer Funds to Assist Small Fleets in Purchasing Low NOx and Zero-Emission Trucks Under the Voucher Incentive Program 5. Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Federal Funds, and Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment
6. Adopt Resolution to Authorize Participation as CARB At-Berth Regulation Remediation Fund Administrator, Establish Special Revenue Fund, Recognize Funds, and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs
7. Amend Contracts for Technical Assistance with Incentive Program Implementation and Carl Moyer Program Awards
8. Issue Purchase Order for Ingres Relational Database Management System Software Support
9. Appropriate Funds for Consultant Services for South Coast AQMD's Environmental Justice Outreach and Initiatives, Clean Air Program for Elementary Students and Why Healthy Air Matters Program
10. Amend FY 2022-23 Budget By Adding and Deleting Positions Throughout the Agency to Address Operational Needs
11. Approve Amendments to MOU with South Coast AQMD Professional Employees Association Regarding Employer Contributions for Health Insurance Premiums

12. Amend Provisions of South Coast AQMD's Salary Resolution, Teamsters Local 911 MOU and SC-PEA MOU Relating to Vacation Leave Accrual Limitations
13. Approve Contract Modification Approved by MSRC

Items 14 through 21 – Information Only/Receive and File

14. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
15. Hearing Board Report
16. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
17. Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received
18. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
19. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management
20. 2022 Annual Progress Report for AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plans
21. Report to Legislature and CARB on South Coast AQMD's Regulatory Activities for Calendar Year 2021

Item 22 – Staff Presentation/Board Discussion/Receive and File

22. 2022 AQMP, Socioeconomic Report, and CARB State Strategy for the SIP (Presentation in lieu of Board Letter)

Items 23 through 29 -- Reports for Committees and CARB

23. Administrative Committee
24. Legislative Committee
25. Mobile Source Committee
26. Stationary Source Committee
27. Technology Committee
28. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
29. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report
30. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar
Items 3E, 6, and 22 were pulled for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 9

Mayor Cacciotti expressed support to add funding for the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and the Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program but recommended that these programs incorporate a career development component where students are exposed to professionals and leaders they can learn from and emulate.

Public comment for Agenda Item Nos. 1-29, (except 3E, 6 and 22) was opened; and the following individuals addressed the Board.

Agenda Item No. 4

Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice, commented that the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach released their emissions inventory for 2021 which showed a large impact on communities and the region. The Ports have indicated that they will not meet their voluntary emission goals for 2023 and South Coast AQMD should ask the Ports questions before providing funding. Mr. Martinez expressed concern that the project is \$8 million for one top pick and one hydrogen mobile refueler. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 35:09.

Ranji George commented on the significant cost of the contract with Toyota Tsusho America, Inc. to develop a hydrogen mobile refueler. He expressed support for large-scale solar and wind energy. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 44:24.

Chair Benoit reported that the Riverside hydrogen station is back online after a three-year hiatus.

Agenda Item No. 5

Mr. Martinez expressed opposition to the expenditure of funds on methane burning trucks. He commented that the programs need to shift focus to zero-emission technologies, which include the VIP program.

Agenda Item No. 3C

Rita Loof, RadTech, commented on the ASTM D 7767 test method to measure the VOC content of UV/EB/LED materials. She is strongly opposed to Proposed Amended Rule 1168 because the proposal would eliminate their test method as an option, leaving the UV/EB/LED industry at risk of penalties and fines by regulators because neither U.S. EPA or South Coast AQMD have provided an alternative. She highlighted UV/EB/LED as a low-emission technology that can help provide additional emission reductions and urged the Board to request that staff support efforts to gain U.S. EPA approval of test method ASTM D 7767. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 41:13.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, emphasized the need to ensure the equitable transition to solar and sustainable new renewable energy.

Agenda Item No. 22 (this comment was taken out of order)

Victor Reyes, Valley Industry and Commerce Association, recognized the challenges with the AQMP to reduce NOx emissions and the need to utilize zero-emission technologies. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 48:14.

Disclosures

General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist reported that Vice Mayor Richardson has no financial interests in Agenda Item Nos. 6 and 7 but is required to identify for the record that he is the Vice Mayor of the city of Long Beach which is involved in these items.

Board Action (Items 1–3D, 4, 5, 7-21, 23-29)

MOVED BY KRACOV, SECONDED BY KUEHL TO:
APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4, 5,
7 THROUGH 21, AND 23 THROUGH 29 AS
RECOMMENDED TO:

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-30, RECOGNIZING THE
PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY
GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020 AND THAT
LOCAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND
MEASURES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING;
AND AUTHORIZING FULLY OR PARTIALLY REMOTE
TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR
QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND SOUTH
COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
COMMITTEES SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT, FOR
THE PERIOD OCTOBER 7, 2022 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 6, 2022 PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF
THE BROWN ACT; AND

RECEIVE AND FILE THE COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND CARB REPORT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Do, Kracov,
Kuehl, McCallon, Padilla-Campos, Perez,
Raman, Richardson, Rodriguez, and
Rutherford

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Items Pulled for Discussion (3E, 6, and 22)

Agenda Item No. 6

Board Member Kracov reported having no financial interests in Agenda Item No. 6 but, as required, identified for the record that he is a board member of the California Air Resources Board which is involved in this item.

Council Member Raman made a motion to amend the staff recommendation so that to the extent possible funds administered through this program go towards zero-emission technologies. Supervisor Kuehl seconded the amendment.

Public comment for Agenda Item No 6 was opened; there being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

Board Action (Agenda Item 6)

MOVED BY RAMAN, SECONDED BY KUEHL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 AS RECOMMENDED, WITH THE CONDITION THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FUNDS ADMINISTERED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM GO TOWARDS ZERO-EMISSION TECHNOLOGY, TO:

ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-31, WITH THE REVISIONS SET FORTH BELOW, THAT AUTHORIZES THE SOUTH COAST AQMD TO PARTICIPATE IN CARB'S REMEDIATION FUND PROGRAM AS A REMEDIATION FUND ADMINISTRATOR, ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AT-BERTH REGULATION'S REMEDIATION FUND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CARB;

ESTABLISH THE AT-BERTH REGULATION REMEDIATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (88) UPON EXECUTION OF THE MOU WITH CARB;

RECOGNIZE, UPON RECEIPT, FUNDS FROM CARB INTO THE AT-BERTH REGULATION REMEDIATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (88); AND

REIMBURSE THE GENERAL FUND FOR UP TO 10 PERCENT FROM THE AT-BERTH REGULATION REMEDIATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (88) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Do, Kracov, Kuehl, McCallon, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, Richardson, Rodriguez, and Rutherford

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Modify the Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, South Coast AQMD agrees to use remediation funds for incentive activities that directly benefit communities impacted by excess emissions from the ports or independent marine terminals, and achieve emission reductions consistent with CARB's most recent applicable incentive program guidelines for the: Carl Moyer Program, Proposition 1B Program, Community Air Protection Incentives Program, or similar programs for mobile and/or stationary sources of air pollution; the Remediation Funds, to the extent possible, will be used to fund eligible zero emission projects and infrastructure solicited from the incentive programs; and

WHEREAS, South Coast AQMD agrees to prioritize eligible activities in communities that are also identified by CARB under the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program or disadvantaged communities as defined by the Secretary for Environmental Protection. While at-berth remediation funds can be administered as part of an existing incentive program, the remediation funds will prioritize funding eligible zero emission projects and infrastructure; and cannot be used in place of any required match funding. Remediation funds may only be combined with funds from other incentive programs to the extent that the emission reductions caused by the remediation fund are capable of being calculated and attributed to the remediation fund; and

3E. Set Public Hearing December 2, 2022 to Certify Final Program Environmental Impact Report for 2022 AQMP and Adopt Draft Final 2022 AQMP; and

22. 2022 AQMP, Socioeconomic Report, and CARB State Strategy for the SIP

Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer/California Air Resources Board, gave the CARB staff presentation on their State Strategy for the SIP; and

Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development & Implementation gave the staff presentation on the status of the Draft 2022 AQMP, results from the Draft Socioeconomic Report, an in-depth look at cost-effectiveness, and implications of what a zero-emission AQMP would look like and the "black box."

Board Member Kracov thanked Ms. Chang for her leadership and hard work on the SIP. He commented on the challenges to meet attainment without help from our federal partners, noting that South Coast AQMD and CARB are working together on a federal strategy that includes different options.

Chair Benoit asked whether there is a "black box" in the SIP. Ms. Chang explained that the SIP is CARB's and South Coast AQMD's plan for attainment. The SIP does have black box measures (182(e)(5) measures) that are under federal responsibility. This SIP provides a strategy that establishes a path for how U.S. EPA can achieve the needed 50 tons per day of emission reductions. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:11:31.

In response to clarifying questions from Chair Benoit and Board Member Padilla-Campos, Dr. Rees explained that the cost savings is associated with all of the health benefits and it covers all measures in the Draft 2022 AQMP. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:17:47.

Supervisor Kuehl called attention to the issue of cost shifting because the costs for health issues related to pollution gets shifted to the counties, private health care providers and insurance, and there is also loss of tax revenue when people are not able to work.

Dr. Elaine Shen, Planning Manager explained that the 10 million jobs in the region is from the U.S. Bureau of Economic and Welfare that counts every single job, recognizing that one person can hold multiple jobs. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:21:50.

Mayor McCallon inquired about results that show ozone levels tend to be lower in EJ communities. Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, Planning and Rules Manager explained that on average, there's higher ozone in the Inland Empire, relative to LA County, and less environmental justice communities in the Inland Empire relative to LA County. So that relative difference is why we are seeing that difference on the ozone and the PM in the EJ and non-EJ communities. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:50:26.

Supervisor Kuehl commented that the term "cost-effectiveness" is not intuitive as high cost-effectiveness implies that a measure is very effective and is a good "bang for buck" when that may not be the case. Mr. Nastri replied that staff will clarify the term in future presentations. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:31:38.

Mayor Rodriguez asked if the analysis includes the cost for zero emission technologies and infrastructure costs. Dr. Rees explained that all available cost data was incorporated into the analysis, however there is a gap since cost data is not available for a number of zero emission technologies and associated infrastructure. Mayor Rodriguez expressed his concern that cost estimates for zero-emission technology infrastructure costs are not available and emphasized the importance of having that information re-examined.

Board Member Kracov commented that as control measures are developed into rules, there will be more information and details for the Board as they consider each rule proposal. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:38:04.

Board Member Padilla Campos asked if the \$325,000 threshold is different than the 2016 AQMP. Dr. Rees confirmed the proposed \$325,000 threshold is different and that the 2016 AQMP had a cost-effectiveness threshold of \$50,000 per ton of NOx reduced. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:46:50.

Mr. MacMillan provided an overview of how staff is communicating to the CPUC and the CEC about the energy needs to support the Draft 2022 AQMP. Mr. MacMillan commented that the CPUC and CEC are the best agencies to forecast the future energy demands and potential costs estimates statewide and commented that the future role is unclear for other non-electric generation sources, such as hydrogen, energy storage systems, solar, and wind. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:53:03.

Mayor McCallon complimented staff for providing a detailed, comprehensive presentation that highlights issues that need to be addressed.

Veronica Padilla-Campos asked about the process for submission of the AQMP to U.S. EPA and a follow-up question regarding contingency measures. Dr. Rees provided the process and timeline for approval and disapproval of the AQMP, black box measures, and contingency measures. Mr. Nastri provided additional clarification about sources under federal authority, federal regulatory efforts and regulatory process, and the importance of getting federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) programs. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:12:29.

Public comment for Agenda Item Nos. 3E and 22 was opened; and the following individuals addressed the Board.

Tiffany Sanchez, a member of the public, emphasized the need to electrify the Ports and trucks to help reduce NOx emissions and pursue investing in cleaner technology for locomotives.

Nayiri Baghdassarian, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Debbie Coraline, Los Angeles South Chamber of Commerce
Elias Garcia, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Wanda Love, Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce
Mandeera Wijetunga, Pacific Environment
Sarah Wiltfong, Los Angeles County Business Federation

These commenters provided testimony on the following issues:

- Acknowledged the challenge of developing an AQMP that needs significant emission reductions even though most of the emission sources are not within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction;
- Supports zero-emission technology but the AQMP also has to include options for businesses when zero-emission technologies are not practical, available or affordable;
- Concerned that the costs of zero-emission technologies have not been fully estimated;
- Cannot support an AQMP that will result in businesses closing and significant job loss based on the cost-effectiveness threshold; and
- Urged for input from all stakeholders and focus on an AQMP that is achievable and includes practical solutions that businesses and consumers can comply with, does not require technologies that would impact the electrical grid and would not be sustainable.

Whitney Amaya, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
(EYCEJ)
Laura Cortez, EYCEJ and Southeast Los Angeles resident
Jocelyn Del Rio, EYCEJ and Southeast Los Angeles resident
Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice (Written Comments Submitted)
Ana Gonzalez, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
(CCAEJ) (Written Comments Submitted)
LB, Sierra Club, Altadena resident

Marcos Lopez, EYCEJ
Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice (Written Comments Submitted)
Marven Norman, San Bernardino resident and CCAEJ
Mandeera Wijetunga, Pacific Environment

These commenters provided testimony on the following issues:

- Urged for a stronger AQMP;
 - Commented on the significant number of days with poor air quality;
 - Commitment to a true zero-emission approach is needed;
 - Expressed concerns about the “black box”;
 - Need to eliminate cost effectiveness thresholds;
 - Commit to pursuing control measures in the AQMP;
 - Abandon subsidies for combustion technology and provide incentives to programs promoting zero-emission technologies;
 - Stronger emission reduction commitments with measurable targets;
 - Pursue clear targets for the Ports and Railyard Indirect Source Rules;
 - Stronger emission reduction commitments for large commercial and industrial combustion sources;
 - Opposition to use of LNG; and
 - Hydrogen not as efficient as electricity or battery.
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Angie Balderas, Sierra Club, thanked Board Members Raman and Padilla-Campos for visiting the Inland Empire. She commented on the heat and air pollution in the Inland Empire, emphasizing the need for a strong AQMP that makes a real impact on community pollution.

Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance, expressed disappointment with the cost-effectiveness proposal that would burden small businesses with impossible compliance costs and result in small businesses closing, relocating, and jobs being lost. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:29:04.

Mark Abramowitz, Community Environmental Services, expressed concern that essential services like wastewater treatment plants are not required to do their fair share to offset emission increases like all other sources in the Basin. He emphasized the need to change New Source Review to require equal treatment. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:34:01.

Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental Economic Balance, asked if staff has analyzed what impact the alternative cost effectiveness threshold would have on local businesses, and would the socioeconomic report look differently if it took into account the alternative cost effectiveness threshold. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:43:04.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

Chair Benoit invited the public to submit detailed comments in writing. Staff noted that the public comment period on the Draft Socioeconomic Report is still open and will close on November 2. Staff will be responding to comments received. Mr. Nastri appreciated all of the input received from all stakeholders and commented that staff will be working to provide more clarity relative to comments from the Board members. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:46:29.

Mayor Cacciotti asked about Mark Abramowitz's question regarding emergency services, wastewater facilities, etc. Mr. Nastri replied that there are a number of details that staff will be looking at such as Mr. Abramowitz's comments regarding New Source Review essential public services. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:49:40.

Board Member Padilla-Campos commented that she recognizes that zero-emission technologies will cost more, however, it is important to highlight the health impacts. She also mentioned a letter submitted by Earthjustice with targets, and that she would like to see staff's response to the letter. Board Member Padilla-Campos also asked for a clear deadline for the rail and Ports ISR. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:50:34.

Mr. Nastri commented that the AQMP has one target, and that's the 2037 attainment date for ozone. He explained that staff will be taking the questions and comments received today and will be incorporating responses to the written comment letters in the final board package. Staff is continuing to look at the technology for the port and the rail ISR efforts. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:52:42.

Board Members thanked staff for all their work and taking the time to explain the complex issues.

Written Comments Submitted By Earthjustice

- One letter (dated October 6, 2022) Regarding Agenda Item No. 22 signed by the following organizations: Adrian Martinez and Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; Ana Gonzalez, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Jesse N. Marquez, Coalition for A Safe Environment; Taylor Thomas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Andrea Vidaurre, People's Collective for Environmental Justice; Peter Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition; Yassi Kavezade, Sierra Club; and Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association.

(Mayor Rodriguez and Supervisor Do left the meeting)

Board Action

MOVED BY MCCALLON, SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3E AS RECOMMENDED TO:

SET THE PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 2, 2022 TO
CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2022 AQMP.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Benoit, Cacciotti, Delgado, Kracov, Kuehl,
McCallon, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman,
Richardson, and Rutherford

NOES: None

ABSENT: Do and Rodriguez

CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at approximately 12:04 p.m., pursuant to Government Code sections:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATING LITIGATION

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

Following closed session, Mr. Gilchrist announced that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Gilchrist at 12:20 p.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on October 7, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Ben J. Benoit, Chair

ACRONYMS

AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan
ASTM = American Society for Testing and Materials
BACT = Best Available Control Technology
CARB = California Air Resources Board
CEC = California Energy Commission
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
CPUC = California Public Utilities Commission
FY = Fiscal Year
LAER = Lowest Achievable Emission Rate
NOx = Oxides of Nitrogen
RECLAIM = Regional Clean Air Incentives Market
UV/EB = Ultraviolet/Electron Beam
VIP = Voucher Incentive Program