



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## HYBRID ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Committee Members

Chair Vanessa Delgado, Committee Chair  
Vice Chair Michael Cacciotti, Committee Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

**January 16, 2026 ♦ 10:00 a.m.**

### TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Office of Senator Vanessa Delgado  
944 South Greenwood Ave.  
Montebello, CA 90640

Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
78015 Main Street, Ste. 205  
La Quinta, CA 92253

**A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Administrative Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026 through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.**

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## **AGENDA**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **- Roll Call**

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

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| 1. | Board Members' Concerns ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Any member of the Governing Board, on their own initiative may raise a concern to the Administrative Committee regarding any South Coast AQMD items or activities.</i>  | Chair Vanessa Delgado  |
| 2. | Chair's Report of Approved Travel ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )   | Chair Delgado  |
| 3. | Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )  | Wayne Nastri<br>Executive Officer  |
| 4. | Review February 6, 2026 Governing Board Agenda   | Wayne Nastri      pgs. 5-13  |
| 5. | Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/ Consultant(s) (Any material, if submitted, will be distributed at the meeting.) ( <b><i>Motion Requested if Proposal Made</i></b> )  | Chair Delgado      pgs. 14-18  |
| 6. | Update on South Coast AQMD's Internal Community Engagement Activities ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Staff will provide an update on current and future efforts for our internal community engagement activities.</i>  | Anissa Heard-Johnson, PhD<br>Deputy Executive Officer,<br>Community Engagement and<br>Air Programs      pgs. 19-24 |
| 7. | Review Recommended Appointments of Members to South Coast AQMD's Young Leader's Advisory Council (YLAC) for 2026 ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Chair Delgado requests Committee review before the appointment of twenty members and four alternates to serve on the Young Leader's Advisory Council for 2026.</i>                                   | Anissa Heard-Johnson, PhD<br>pgs. 25-33  |
| 8. | Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>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.</i> | Ron Moskowitz      pgs. 34-38<br>Chief Information Officer,<br>Information Management                              |

**ACTION ITEM – Item 9:**

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| 9. Recognize Revenue from 2016 Settlement Agreement for World Logistics Center ( <b><i>Motion Requested</i></b> )<br><i>Under a 2016 Settlement Agreement, the developer of the multi-warehouse World Logistics Center, Highland Fairview, agreed to pay an Air Quality Improvement Fee of \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed at the time a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. The first building under this agreement is expected to receive this certificate in first Quarter 2026 and more buildings are anticipated in the future. The agreement recognizes the South Coast AQMD may use the fee for any purpose that will improve the air quality in the South Coast Air Basin. This action is to recognize revenue, upon receipt, based on \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed from Highland Fairview into the Air Quality Investment Fund (27); and authorize the Executive Officer to accept the Air Quality Improvement Fee to be used to improve the air quality in the South Coast Air Basin.</i> | Michael Krause pgs. 39-40<br>Assistant Deputy Executive Officer<br>Planning, Rule Development & Implementation |
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**WRITTEN REPORT:**

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| 10. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the November 24, 2024 Meeting ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the November 24, 2024 meeting.</i> | Lisa Tanaka pgs. 41-44<br>Deputy Executive Officer,<br>Legislative, Public Affairs & Media |
| 11. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the February 28, 2025 Meeting ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the February 28, 2025 meeting.</i> | Lisa Tanaka pgs. 45-49   |
| 12. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the May 23, 2025 Meeting ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the May 23, 2025 meeting.</i>           | Lisa Tanaka pgs. 50-52   |
| 13. Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the August 22, 2025 Meeting ( <b><i>No Motion Required</i></b> )<br><i>Attached for information only are the Environmental Justice Advisory Group minutes for the August 22, 2025 meeting.</i>     | Lisa Tanaka pgs. 53-56   |

**OTHER MATTERS:**

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| 14. Other Business<br><i>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</i> | Chair Delgado |
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*matter of business on a future agenda. (Govt Code Section 54954.2)*

15. Public Comment

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

16. **Next Meeting Date:** Friday, February 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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1/9/26 – 7:20 p.m.

## DRAFT A G E N D A

### HYBRID GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Comments: Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
Other Board Members  
Wayne Natri, Executive Officer
- Swearing in of Chair and Vice Chair for Terms January 2026 – January 2028

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

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

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

### **Items X and X – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact**

12905. Approve Minutes of January 9, 2026 **Thomas/3268**

12982. Set Public Hearings March 6, 2026 to Consider Adoption of **Natri/3131**  
and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and  
Regulations:

13077. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1124 – **Krause/2706**  
Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing  
Operations, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1124;  
and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation  
Plan

Rule 1124 establishes VOC limits and material-use requirements for aerospace assembly and component manufacturing operations. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has determined that para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride and tert-Butyl Acetate, which are used in certain aerospace materials, have carcinogenic health effects. Proposed Amended Rule 1124 (PAR 1124) includes several compliance pathways to minimize the health impact from aerospace operations. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that PAR 1124 – Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; 2) Amending Rule 1124 – Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations; and 3) Directing staff to submit Proposed Amended Rule 1124 – Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations to CARB and U.S. EPA for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 23, 2026)

13095. Annual and Final Meeting of the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation

Gilchrist/3459

This item is to conduct an annual and final meeting of the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation (Foundation). Foundation staff will present a report detailing the research supported by the Foundation, the Foundation's plan for the future, and a financial report. The Foundation's Board of Directors recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation to remove language requiring South Coast AQMD to be the sole member of the 501(c)(3) organization receiving the remaining assets of the Foundation upon dissolution. Further, given that federal programs fund the same research studies at much higher levels and deeper efforts in multi-year studies than what the Foundation can offer, the Administrative Committee and HEAP Foundation recommend the conclusion and dissolution of the Foundation. (No Committee Review)

**Items X through X – Budget/Fiscal Impact**

13071. Reallocate Funds, Amend and Execute Agreements and Contracts to support Ocean-going Vessel Retrofit Projects

Katzenstein/2219

South Coast AQMD received a 2020 U.S. EPA Target Airshed Grant to partner with Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) to retrofit two ocean-going vessels. However, there was a change in one of the vessel's availabilities, resulting in MSC being unable to complete one of the planned retrofits. Therefore, some funds remain that can be allocated to another retrofit project with a similar scope. Chevron Shipping Company has volunteered one of its Tier 2 tanker vessels for this retrofit development and installation, contingent on U.S. EPA approval. These actions are to: 1) reallocate the MSC remaining U.S. EPA and San Pedro Bay Ports contribution in the amount of \$3.9 million to Chevron Shipping Company for the tanker vessel retrofit; 2) amend the existing MOU with the San Pedro Bay Ports to incorporate the revised project scope; 3) amend and extend the contract with MSC upon approval from U.S. EPA; and 4) execute a contract with Chevron Shipping Company for up to \$3.9 million from the Clean Shipping Technology Demonstration Special Revenue Fund (83) to retrofit a tanker vessel. (Reviewed: Technology Committee, January 23, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13072. Execute Contracts to Evaluate Secondary Particulate Matter Emissions from Tire Off-Gassing, and On-Road Brake and Tire Wear Emissions from Light-, Medium-, and Heavy-Duty Vehicles

Katzenstein/2219

Brake and tire wear research has primarily focused on direct emissions of particles in laboratory simulated conditions, while gaseous organic compounds emissions and emission rates from tires remain understudied. To address this, the University of California, Riverside College of Engineering - Center for



Environmental Research and Technology (UCR/CE-CERT) is starting to study and quantify the amount of secondary particulate matter (PM) emissions that form from tire off-gassing and evaluate on-road particulate and gaseous emissions from brake and tire wear from light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles. These actions are to execute two contracts with UCR/CE-CERT using Clean Fuels Program Fund (31): 1) for the evaluation of secondary PM emissions from tire off-gassing in an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and 2) to evaluate on-road particulate and gaseous emissions from brake and tire wear from light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. (Reviewed: Technology Committee, January 23, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13073. Issue, and if Necessary, Re-Issue Program Announcement for AB 617 Clean Community School Initiative and Transfer Funds for Development of AB 617 Grant Management System

**Heard-Johnson/3428**

In July 2017, AB 617 was signed into California state law and provides a community-focused action framework to improve air quality and reduce exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in communities most impacted by air pollution. The AB 617 Clean Community School Initiative is an incentive-based program focusing on replacing privately-owned internal combustion school buses serving public schools within these heavily impacted communities as early and as cost-effectively as possible. Also, to accommodate the application intake process of the program, the development of an AB 617 Grant Management System will be required. These actions are to: 1) issue, and if necessary, re-issue a Program Announcement to solicit applications for eligible zero-emission school bus and charging infrastructure projects and 2) transfer and appropriate up to \$67,000 for AB 617 Grant Management System from the administrative portion of the Community Air Protection Program (Grant #G19-MCAP-03-1) Fund (77) into Information Management's FY 2025-26 and/or 2026-27 Budget, Services and Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Objects. (Reviewed: Technology Committee, January 23, 2026, Recommended for Approval)

13076. Recognize Revenue from 2016 Settlement Agreement for World Logistics Center

**Krause/2706**

Under a 2016 Settlement Agreement, the developer of the multi-warehouse World Logistics Center, Highland Fairview, agreed to pay an Air Quality Improvement Fee of \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed at the time a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. The first building under this agreement is expected to receive this certificate in the first Quarter of 2026 and more buildings are anticipated in the future. The agreement recognizes the South Coast AQMD may use the fee for any purpose that will improve air quality in the South Coast Air Basin. This action is to: 1) Recognize revenue, upon receipt, based on \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed from Highland Fairview into the Air Quality Investment Fund (27); and 2) Authorize the Executive Officer to accept the Air Quality Improvement Fee to be used to improve air quality in the South Coast Air Basin. (Reviewed:

Administrative Committee, January 16, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

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

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| 12913. | Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report<br><br>This report highlights the December 2025 outreach activities of the Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Office, which includes: Major Events, Community Events/Public Meetings, Environmental Justice Update, Speakers Bureau/Visitor Services, Communications Center, Public Information Center, Small Business Assistance, Media Relations, and Outreach to Community Groups and Governments. (No Committee Review)  | <b>Tanaka/3327</b>    |
| 12977. | Hearing Board Report<br><br>This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of December 1 through December 31, 2025. (No Committee Review)   | <b>Ali</b>            |
| 12961. | Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report<br><br>This report summarizes monthly penalties and legal actions filed by the General Counsel's Office from December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. An Index of South Coast AQMD Rules is attached with the penalty report. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 23, 2026)  | <b>Gilchrist/3459</b> |
| 13041. | Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects<br><br>This report provides a listing of environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD between December 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, January 23, 2026)  | <b>Krause/2706</b>    |
| 12926. | Rule and Control Measure Forecast<br><br>This report highlights South Coast AQMD rulemaking activities and public hearings scheduled for 2026. (No Committee Review)   | <b>Rees/2856</b>      |
| 12889. | Status Report on Regulation XIII – New Source Review<br><br>This report presents the state and federal Preliminary Determination of Equivalency for January 2024 through December 2024. The report provides information regarding the status of Regulation XIII - New Source Review in meeting state and federal NSR requirements and shows that South Coast AQMD's NSR program is in preliminary compliance with applicable state and federal requirements from January 2024 through December 2024. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, January 23, 2026) | <b>Aspell/2491</b>    |

13074. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management **Moskowitz/3329**

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**Items XX through XX – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB**

*Note: The January 15, 2026 MSRC meeting was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the MSRC will be held on February 19, 2026.*

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| 12948. | Administrative Committee (Receive & File)                        | Chair: Delgado          | <b>Nastri/3131</b> |
| 12959. | Legislative Committee (Receive & File)                           | Chair: Cacciotti        | <b>Tanaka/3327</b> |
| 12938. | Mobile Source Committee (Receive & File)                         | Chair: Delgado          | <b>Rees/2856</b>   |
| 13008. | Stationary Source Committee (Receive & File)                     | Chair: McCallon         | <b>Aspell/2491</b> |
| 13018. | Technology Committee (Receive & File)                            | Chair: Delgado          | <b>Rees/2856</b>   |
| 12987. | California Air Resource Board<br>Monthly Report (Receive & File) | Board Rep.: Lock Dawson | <b>Thomas/3268</b> |
| XXXXX. | <b><u>Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar</u></b>     |                         |                    |

**STAFF PRESENTATION/BOARD DISCUSSION/RECEIVE & FILE**

13096. Background on State Implementation Plan Requirements (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter) **Rees/2856**
- South Coast AQMD must prepare plans together with CARB on how it will attain federal air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. Staff will provide an informational presentation on key requirements and staff activities to develop these plans, including expected upcoming SIP actions. (No Committee Review)

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL – (No Written Material)**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE – (No Written Material)**

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

**Gilchrist/3459**

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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	NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standards
AQIP = Air Quality Investment Program	NATTS = National Air Toxics Trends Station
AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan	NESHAPS = National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
AVR = Average Vehicle Ridership	NGV = Natural Gas Vehicle
BACT = Best Available Control Technology	NOx = Oxides of Nitrogen
BARCT = Best Available Retrofit Control Technology	NSPS = New Source Performance Standards
Cal/EPA = California Environmental Protection Agency	NSR = New Source Review
CARB = California Air Resources Board	OEHA = Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
CEMS = Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems	PAMS = Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations
CEC = California Energy Commission	PEV = Plug-In Electric Vehicle
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act	PHEV = Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle
CE-CERT = College of Engineering-Center for Environmental Research and Technology	PM10 = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns
CNG = Compressed Natural Gas	PM2.5 = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns
CO = Carbon Monoxide	RECLAIM = Regional Clean Air Incentives Market
DOE = Department of Energy	RFP = Request for Proposals
EV = Electric Vehicle	RFQ = Request for Quotations
EV/BEV = Electric Vehicle/Battery Electric Vehicle	RFQQ = Request for Qualifications and Quotations
FY = Fiscal Year	SCAG = Southern California Association of Governments
GHG = Greenhouse Gas	SIP = State Implementation Plan
HRA = Health Risk Assessment	SOx = Oxides of Sulfur
LEV = Low Emission Vehicle	SOON = Surplus Off-Road Opt-In for NOx
LNG = Liquefied Natural Gas	SULEV = Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
MATES = Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study	TCM = Transportation Control Measure
MOU = Memorandum of Understanding	ULEV = Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
MSERCs = Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credits	U.S. EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency
MSRC = Mobile Source (Air Pollution Reduction) Review Committee	VOC = Volatile Organic Compound
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Click the interpretation Globe icon at the bottom of the screen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- The call in number is the same (+1 669 254 5252)
- The meeting ID number is 161 104 2947
- If you would like to make public comment, please dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

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

- El número de llamada es el mismo (+1 669 254 5252)
- El número de identificación de la reunión es 161 104 2947
- Si desea hacer un comentario público, marque \*9 en su teclado para indicar que desea comentar.

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

**Administrative Committee Meeting  
January 16, 2026**

## Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant

To: Administrative Cmte For meeting on January 16, 2026 From: Board Member Patricia Lock Dawson

In accordance with the policy adopted by the Governing Board April 3, 2015, I submit this proposal to hire the individual named below, in the capacity indicated, to assist me in my duties as a member of the Governing Board of the SCAQMD effective January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026

### Candidate Information

Name: Danielle Chupa

Qualifications (education, professional experience, etc.): Resume attached

### *Proposed Capacity (check one)*

☐ **Board Member Assistant (employee)** - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for an Assistant.

☒ **Board Member Consultant (employee)** - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for a Consultant.

☐ **Board Member Consultant (independent contractor)** - the work to be performed primarily will entail the duties indicated below for a Board Member Consultant and in performing such duties the independent contractor will be responsible for selecting the appropriate method and means of achieving the required results. My proposed Board Member Consultant does ☐/does not ☐ have a business license. If so, the type of business is \_\_\_\_\_, and the business license number is \_\_\_\_\_ issued by the \_\_\_\_\_

### *Proposed Scope of Duties (check one)*

☐ **Assistant (up to \$31.51/hour, \$31.99/hour effective January 1, 2017)** - Performs for Board Member a variety of tasks ranging from liaison with constituent public entities, other Board Members, the public, and District staff related to clerical functions. Typical functions may include preparing narrative and statistical reports, preparing correspondence, filing and maintaining records, arranging meetings and other group functions; monitoring various programs and projects; responding to inquiries from constituent public entities, District Board Members, the public and District staff.

☐ Examples of duties are set forth in the attachment (OPTIONAL)

☒ **Consultant (up to \$56.73/hour, \$57.59/hour effective January 1, 2017)** - Performs for Board Member a variety of professional-level assignments in the development and formulation of policy, data analysis, reports, plans, assessments, and strategies for District programs; provides advice and recommendations to the Board Member regarding matters subject to the Board Member's decision-making authority; may provide liaison with the public on behalf of the Board Member. Typical functions may include planning, organizing, and developing a wide variety of programs on the Board Member's behalf and evaluating the effectiveness of various approaches.

☐ Examples of duties are set forth in the attachment (OPTIONAL)

### *Proposed Rate of Compensation (fill in all blanks)*

\$5,177.55 per month for January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, which is up to a maximum payable during the contract period not to exceed \$31,065.30.

### *For Administrative Committee Use:*

Reviewed by Administrative Committee with advice of District Counsel. Based on the scope of duties, the individual is a:  
☐ Assistant (employee) ☒ Consultant (employee) ☐ Consultant (independent contractor)

By \_\_\_\_\_ for the Administrative Committee

cc: Human Resources

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## Danielle Chupa, MA

### SENIOR ADVISOR

Highly accomplished Senior Advisor with extensive experience in regulatory and environmental work within the electric utility industry. Adept at simplifying complex technical concepts and driving innovative solutions to meet corporate objectives. Passionate about engaging in strategic advisory activities and mentoring teams to achieve impactful results.

### CORE COMPETENCIES

Mentoring | Strategic Leadership | Business Management Support | Project Management  
Strategic Planning | Meeting Facilitation | Safety | Financial/Budgetary Oversight

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

September 2022 – May 2025

**Senior Advisor - T&D Inspections**, October 2023 – May 2025

**Chief of Staff to T&D Inspection's Director**, October 2023 – May 2025

Served as Chief of Staff to T&D Inspections' Director. Provided business management support to Senior Leadership Team. Managed multiple senior-leader meetings, including facilitating, agenda setting, all-hands, and offsites.

- Led and managed special projects, including the UDI Catalyst analysis determining appropriate team to perform work.
- Served as project manager for the Commissioning project spearheaded by ASP, ensuring inspections were completed for the pilot project.
- Led to resolution and timely completion, audit findings across the organization.
- Facilitated the development of safety plans, resulting from the Q1 Safety Stand-ups.
- Collaborated with Distribution on Centralized Gatekeeping activities, including communications and OCM, project milestones and facilitating key decisions addressing HR and accounting issues.
- Established the UAS Steering Committee and E1 Notification Steering Committee to further collaboration, relationship building across organizations, and effectuate decision making. Held quarterly meetings.
- Led and managed ad hoc analyses and activities that cut across all the departments within the Operational Unit and supported corporate objectives and emerging issues.
- Facilitated VIOS' Monthly Safety Culture team. Completed Organizational Change Management (OCM) training to serve as POC within Inspections. Continued to serve as Incident Commander on GEN IMT team.

**Senior Strategic Advisor – Generation**, September 2022 – October 2023

**Chief of Staff to Generation's Managing Director**, September 2022 – October 2023

- Served as Chief of Staff to Generation's Managing Director. Provided business management support to Senior Leadership Team. Managed multiple senior-leader meetings, including agenda setting, all-hands, offsites and leader meetings. Met with operational personnel in Eastern and Western Operations to assess level of support from the headquarters support organizations.
- Led and managed special projects, ad hoc analyses and activities that cut across all the departments within the Operational Unit and supported corporate objectives and emerging issues. Served as Incident Commander on GEN IMT team.
- Worked with Generation leadership to finalize the plan for consolidation of work bases and job specs.
- Collaborated with Labor Relations and negotiated with the IBEW for the proposed changes.
- Compiled all relevant data related to staffing and created a department-wide staffing plan, serving as a living document to manage headcounts, current and future hiring, and for budget planning.
- Collaborated with HR to identify current activities in Generation and incorporated into overall OU People Plan.
- Participated in the small hydro divestiture team.
- Prepared documentation and testimony for purchase sales agreements and 851 applications.
- Served as GEN lead and complete tasks, as assigned, to keep the divestiture on track for completion.

#### CORDOBA CORPORATION

August 2016 – September 2022

**Senior Energy Advisor - Water Infrastructure Sector**, August 2016 – September 2022

**Senior Advisor to Executive Leadership**, August 2016 – 2022

- Served as key liaison to the LA City Sanitation Department's Executive Management Team, including the General Manager, the CFO, and COO of the organization. Provided recommendations and developed strategies for key safety, risk



management, and water related operations for the working team and executive management team. Top initiatives included: (1) developing the organization's Risk Management and Safety Plan to address safety performance, improving the safety program and identifying risk mitigation for safety incidents within the organization and with the public. (2) resolving the TMDL bacteria pollutant load impacting Ballona Creek; and (3) leading a team of internal personnel and additional sub-consultant teams to complete feasibility studies as part of Safe Clean Water Program to meet the regulatory drivers of the Municipal Regional Board permit (MS4) and Enhanced Watershed Program (EWMPs).

**Client Advisor for Energy Projects to Imperial Irrigation District's (IID's) General Manager, 2018 - 2022**

- IID's 230kV S-Line Upgrade Project: Cordoba was awarded a direct contract with Imperial Irrigation District to provide technical support services required to develop the overall program and schedule for IID's 230kV S-Line Upgrade Project. Provided resourcing and staffing to serve as Owners' Engineer, Project Management for IID personnel and external developer/consultants, Inspection Services and Construction Oversight. Solidified the partnership with IID to help meet the needs of the agency to ensure the construction and commissioning of this Transmission Line.
- Transmission and Distribution Standards: Assembled the necessary technical experts and team to review IID's existing engineering and construction standards, updated critical portions, and provided overview of next steps needed to update the standards to meet industry expectations.
- Electrify America (EV Program): Supported the Cordoba team in developing the business case on behalf of IID to expand their electric vehicle program via business investments from Electrify America. Supported identifying key elements for a successful business case and identified strategic recommendations for IID's development of a long-term electrification strategy.

**Chief of Staff to Executive Officer, 2021 – 2022**

- Served as Chief of Staff to reorganize and manage the Water Sector since the departure of the Vice President.
- Restructured the sector to realize efficiencies, reduce costs, and streamline operational issues to provide a solid foundation for future growth plans.
- Developed short-term and long-term strategic plans for the organization, completing performance management of all personnel and identifying key staff and reassigning to the appropriate projects matched with the skill sets.
- Tracked monthly financial performance and identified opportunities to grow the sector.
- Identified and led pursuits for new opportunities with key clients.
- Managed and developed several new projects in the Water Sector and the Energy Sector.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**

**May 2016 – August 2016**

**Principal Manager, Operations Services Support -- Safety, Business Resiliency and Training (GEN)**

- Strategic Leadership & Management: Improved training, safety, and business within a newly created position responsible for enhancing and resiliency programs across Generation through OU-wide processes and building cohesive and consistent approaches to initiatives that impacted all generation team members.
- Developed Operations Services staff of 11 management personnel into a functioning and effective team.
- Implemented multi-skill training and FEMA Incident Management Teams in Generation and identified areas for training improvement and implementation mitigation plans.
- Improved safety support and developed a plan for addressing contractor safety, as it applied to Generation.

**EASTERN HYDRO DIVISION (GEN)**

**September 2012 – May 2016**

**Principal Manager -- Hydro Generation Fleet -- Southern California Edison Company**

- Strategic Leadership & Management: Oversaw the operations and management of the Eastern Hydro Generation Fleet, comprised of 24 run of the river and storage hydro generation plants, 54 generating units, over 105 miles of water conveyance systems, over 24 dams/diversions and intake structures supplying 154 MW megawatts of clean electric power. 113 MW of the Division output were listed in CA as renewable energy resources.
- Led a Division of 4 AORs with facilities dispatched from Mono Basin/Bishop to Redlands, Kern River to the reaches of the Sequoia National Park consisting of 100+ personnel, both represented and non-represented.
- Established the direction and goals, both short-term and long-term for the Division, to meet the requirements of the Department and the Company. Provided overall regulatory, safety and compliance oversight of the Eastern Hydro Generation Fleet.
- Addressed the overall safety program, including serving as sponsor to address cause analysis for incidents within the organization and led the Department's Safety Council, supporting both union and management personnel.
- Provided clear direction to ensure the successful compliance with the required FERC licenses, federal, state and local laws and company policy and procedures.

- Clearly communicated complex issues to senior management to help set the direction of the company.
- Demonstrated leadership in cultivating and promoting a safety-first culture, leading by example.
- Managed an overall expense budget of approximately \$14M.
- Provided sponsorship of capital projects to Engineering group, representing approximately \$20M in annual spend.
- Made strategic decisions to prioritize infrastructure upgrades; ensure safe, reliable and secure facilities; and ensure the most appropriate expenditures for the company, ratepayers and shareholders.
- Managed the creation of 5-year operating plans and implemented the strategic business plan for the Division.

#### **ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**, Environmental & Regulatory Compliance Manager - Eastern Hydro Division (GEN);  
 Program/Contract Manager 3 - Transmission & Distribution: Environmental Services;  
 Technical Specialist 4 - Corporate Environmental Affairs

#### **EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science**  
 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science and International Relations (Magna Cum Laude)**  
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### **CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING**

- FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training - Incident Commander Role (July 2014, Southern California Edison Company)
- TDBU Project Management Certification -- UCI Extension Program
- Leadership @ EIX Program Graduate -- Southern California Edison Company
- Certificate in Hazardous Materials Management -- UCLA Extension

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2008 SCE's Chairman's Award
- 2 Employee Recognition Events
- 5 Excellence Awards
- 6 Celebration Awards
- 1 Certificate of Recognition
- 1 Safety Award
- 7 spot bonuses
- 8 Edison Tier Awards Golden Key National Honors Society (USC)
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (USC)
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (USC)
- National Dean's List
- CSULA and USC Dean's Lists
- Accelerated Entrance Program Student (CSULA)

# Administrative Committee

## January 16, 2025

*Dr. Cessa Heard-Johnson  
Deputy Executive Officer  
Community Engagement and Air Programs*



# FABULOUS FEMALE FRIDAY

## Sophia Kianni

### Social Entrepreneur and Climate Activist

- Founded Climate Cardinals at age 18, a youth-led international nonprofit mobilizing thousands of volunteers to translate climate, air-quality, and environmental health information into over 100 languages, expanding access to pollution and climate data worldwide
- Served as the youngest U.S. delegate to the UN COP climate negotiations, elevating youth perspectives on air pollution, climate mitigation, and environmental equity at the international level
- She has been named VICE Media's Youngest Human of the Year, a Gloria Steinem fellow, Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awardee, and has also been recognized in BBC's 100 Women, TIME Magazine's 100 Next, Forbes 30 under 30

[www.sophiakianni.com](http://www.sophiakianni.com) | [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvNWW\\_thRC4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvNWW_thRC4)



Born: January 1, 2002



# EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP UPDATES



## All Employee Resource Groups: Event

- Event designed to educate staff with an overview of South Coast AQMD's Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) and their roles within the agency including purpose, activities, and opportunities for engagement
- Event includes an overview for how to formalize an ERG

## Asian, Pacific Islander + (API+) ERG

- Agencywide Lunar New Year Planning began for February 2026

## Black Employees Resource of Change (BEROC) ERG

- Planning in-person commemorative event for African American Heritage Month

## Persian ERG

- Planning in-person commemorative event for Nowruz



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025 • 1:00PM - 2:00PM**  
Zoom Link: <https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1606668031> • Meeting ID: 160 666 8031

Constructive dialogue is only the beginning. Lasting change requires translating insight into meaningful action. Join us for the third and final installment in our Justice and Educational Development Initiatives (J.E.D.I.) Think Tank series, where we'll explore the subject of conflict, specifically through strategies for maintaining momentum, integrating lessons learned, and co-creating structures that make inclusive engagement part of our everyday work.

**WHERE WE'VE BEEN (INSTALLMENTS 1 AND 2):**

We reframed conflict as a catalyst for connection, examined how our assumptions shape engagement, and practiced listen-first approaches to strengthen relationships and trust. We also explored practical tools for navigating tense moments through asking non-judgmental questions, naming impact without blame, setting boundaries, and rebuilding shared understanding.

**WHERE WE'RE GOING:**

In this closing session, we'll focus on translating reflection into practice by embedding the principles of justice, inclusion, and accountability into our long-term community engagement efforts. Together, we'll identify ways to sustain collaboration, maintain trust, and create space for continued learning across our programs and partnerships.

**ABOUT J.E.D.I. THINK TANKS:**

A peer-led, cross-division forum to explore justice and educational development topics within the context of community engagement, generating practical ideas for inclusive day-to-day work. Each session in this three-part series builds on the last to support collaboration, resilience, and culture change.

**BE PART OF THIS JOURNEY—YOUR PERSPECTIVE MATTERS!**

**JUSTICE AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**



For more information on this or other events contact:  
[ceap@aqmd.gov](mailto:ceap@aqmd.gov)

# JEDI THINK TANK

**December 2, 2025 | 27 Attendees**

- Focused on practical, systems-level approaches to addressing conflict in the workplace
- Featured TEDx talk "*Why there's so much conflict at work — and what you can do to fix it*" by Liz Kislik
- Expanded opportunities for cross-division dialogue, allowing participants to discuss experiences, challenges, and strategies
- Introduced examples and facilitated discussion prompts to support real-world, on-the-ground workplace scenarios

**"This video spoke to me. My takeaways from [the discussion] will impact how I engage with my teammates and leadership."**



# MULTICULTURAL MERCADITO & STAFF CRAFT FAIR



**December 4, 2025**  
**202 Participants**

"This was a great event. I got the chance to shop for my loved ones and to support my coworkers and community."

"Such a fun event. Thank you for organizing it. [...] It is morale boosting, making SCAQMD such a special place to work."

"I love this event, it was so fun meeting new people and learning about different cultures otherwise I wouldn't have. :) "



# INFOGRAPHICS

## 2025 MULTICULTURAL OBSERVANCES

### SOYAL – HOPI WINTER SOLSTICE CEREMONY Sunday, December 21st



Soyal is the winter Solstice ceremony of the Zuni and Hopi peoples held December 15, the shortest day of the year. Participants ceremonially bring the sun back from its long journey, mark the beginning of another cycle of the "Wheat of the Year" and work on purification.

The Soyal ceremony is preceded by gifts of feathers bound with cotton or other fibers which are exchanged among members of the tribe. Prayer sticks are made prior to the Soyal ceremony, to bring all the community, including homes, animals, and plants.

At night, the Hopi gather in a kiva, a sacred underground prayer space, bringing their gifts of feathers to decorate the space while people dance, sing, give offerings to the gods, and pray music. The ceremony also performs an elaborate dance which mimics the struggle between darkness and light, with the sun and ultimately emerging in triumph.

The sacred underground kiva chambers are ritually opened to mark the beginning of the kiva season. In addition to performing specific ceremonies on Soyal, many Hopi also exchange gifts and well wishes.

Source:  
<https://www.sitingspot.org/blog/participant-a-celebration-of-new-life>

Photo:  
<https://www.booking.com/tickets/where-to-celebrate-the-winter-solstice-in-the-usa-en-gb.html>

### YALDA Sunday, December 21st



Celebrated on the Winter Solstice, Yalda is an important celebration that originates from Ancient Iran. As the longest night of the year and known as the "Day of Zoroaster" (birth of Mithra the sun god), this day symbolizes the triumph of light and goodness over the powers of darkness.

On Shab-e-Yalda (Yalda Night), people gather in groups of friends or relatives (usually at the home of grandparents or the elderly) to pass the longest night of the year together. Eating nuts and fruits such as watermelon and pomegranates is significant to the festivities. Eating watermelon is thought to keep one safe from hurt and winter disease while pomegranates symbolize fertility, and the red seeds symbolize the glow of life.

Poems written by the renowned 14th-century Persian poet Rumi and mystical stories from the book of Shahnameh by the 12th-century epic poet Ferdowsi are also read throughout the night. People conducting with this time to make good wishes, talk and laugh all together, and enjoy some musical interludes throughout the night and into the next day.

Source:  
<https://www.cdn-son.com/CMS/celebrations/yalda.htm>

Photo:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Yalda\\_Night.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Yalda_Night.jpg)

### YULE Lands on the shortest day of the year | Sunday, December 21st



Yule is a Winter Solstice celebration stemming from the first millennium in what is now known as Scotland and in other northern European countries. It was a celebration to honor the Sun God and rejoice in his return as the days get longer signifying the coming of Spring. This makes Yule both a time to reflect and make resolutions for the year ahead. Modern festivities include making wreaths, lighting yule logs, sharing a meal, and wishing rituals.

Source:  
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Yule-Lands-day>

## 2025 MULTICULTURAL OBSERVANCES

### CHRISTMAS Thursday, December 25th



Source:  
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Christmas>

A Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with origins from the Gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew in the New Testament. Traditions include setting up and decorating pine and fir trees with lights and ornaments, exchanging gifts, attending prayer services, and enjoying a meal with loved ones.

### KWANZAA Friday, December 26, 2025 – Thursday, January 1, 2026



Source:  
<https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.html>

Kwanzaa is a celebration of African American culture based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of Africa, including West and Southeast Africa.

Each day of Kwanzaa is tied to one of the holiday's seven principles: unity (Umoja), self-determination (Kujichagulia), collective responsibility (Ujima), cooperative economics (Ujamaa), purpose (Nia), creativity (Kreombwa), and faith (Imani). There are also seven symbols of the holiday: fruits, vegetables, and nuts; a straw mat; a candleholder; ears of corn (maize); gifts; a communal cup signifying unity; and seven candles in the African colors of red, green, and black, symbolizing the seven principles.

On each day the family comes together to light one of the candles in the kinara, or candleholder, and to discuss the principle for the day. On December 31, families join in a community feast called the karamu. Some participants wear traditional African clothing during the celebration.

## 2025 MULTICULTURAL OBSERVANCES

### MAIDHYAIRYA (MAIDYAREM GAHAMBAR) Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – Sunday, January 4, 2026



Source:  
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Beharbarref6253>

Photo:  
<https://www.heritageinstitute.com/zoroastrianism/gahambar/index.htm>

Practiced in India and Iran by Zoroastrians whose holy scripture is the Avesta. Zoroastrian beliefs are grounded in nature and its rhythms. From December 31st through January 4th, they honor creation by celebrating with a five-day feast for the Spirit Vohu Manah (Good Sense or Good Intent), creator and protector of animals.

### LA BEFANA Celebrated on the Epiphany | Tuesday, January 6th



Source:  
<https://www.italianet.com/culture/legend-to-befana>

On January 6th throughout Italy, excited children prepare for a late-night visit from La Befana by hanging up socks to be filled with presents and treats. Befana, a grandmotherly woman who resembles a kindly witch, brings gifts to good little children, depositing them in stockings hung above the hearth, then tying up a bit before taking her leave.

Befana arrives after children have gone to bed on the eve of the Festa dell'Epifania (Feast of Epiphany), which is a celebration of the visit of the Three Kings or Magi to the newborn Christ child in Bethlehem. It's thought that her name derives from the word "Epiphania."

Most modern representations of Befana — seen in storybooks and as popular dolls — depict her as an elderly woman wrapped in a dark shawl, wearing a kerchief on her head, and carrying or riding a broom. According to a popular song about Befana, she is dressed "in the Roman custom" (col vestito alla romana). Most often, Befana is seen smiling while carrying a basket heaped with goodies. She's affectionately known as "the Christmas witch."

### DOSMOICHE Occurs on the 28th and 29th day of the 12th Tibetan Month Tuesday, February 17th – Wednesday, February 18th, 2026



Dosmoche, or feast of the dying year, is an annual two-day Buddhist festival held in Leh, India to mark the triumph over evil forces and the end of the year according to the Tibetan Lunar Calendar. Monks from different monasteries gather at the palace to perform "Chams" in masks and multi-colored robes around a magical wooden pole. Dancers dress up to frighten away evil spirits for the coming year. Feasts and prayers fill the days leading up to the finale when the pole is torn down.



Diskit is a collection of folk dances that are performed as interludes to the "Chams". The evils are destroyed with great elaboration that signifies all the evil spirits. The lamas are dressed in their religious costumes along with the Black Hat Dancers along with the local people. The Dosmoche festival ends up with cheers and whistles and it celebrates the dispersion of evil forces from Leh.

Source:  
<https://www.lehleadathinda.com/festivals/dosmoche>

Photos:  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dosmoche>  
<https://www.lehleadathinda.com/festivals/dosmoche>

### BUTTER SCULPTURE FESTIVAL Tibetan New Year typically falls between February – March Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026



The celebration of the Buddhist New Year (LOSAR) in Tibet is followed by MONLAM, a two-week prayer festival. On the 15th day, everyone goes to a monastery to view the butter sculptures. Completed over a period of months, the huge sculptures are made from yak butter and pigmented with dyes. They are fastened to 30-foot-high frames for display purposes and illuminated by special butter lamps. Each monastery maintains a workshop where its own artists shape the cold-hardened butter into depictions of legends, or other themes, that depict a different fable each year.

Source:  
<https://asia.si.edu/happy-losar>

Photo:  
<https://www.nowlontours.com/news-notes/yak-butter-sculpture-in-tibet>

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**DATE:** January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**TO:** Administrative Committee

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

**SUBJECT:** Young Leaders Advisory Council – **Updated Membership Request for CY 2026**

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South Coast AQMD’s Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC) is comprised of up to 20 members representing the four counties within South Coast AQMD’s jurisdiction. It consists of at least two full members and one alternate from each county. YLAC Chair, Dr. Anissa “Cessa” Heard-Johnson, recommends approval to add the members listed below to full membership for the 2026 term.

Candidate	Affiliation (If Any)	Representing	Recommended Action
Emmanuel Jeffrey Alcantar Rodriguez	Previous YLAC Member	Los Angeles County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Christian Ali	No Affiliation – New Alternate	Los Angeles County	Appoint as an alternate YLAC Member
Marilynn Margarita Alvarado	No Affiliation – New Alternate	San Bernardino County	Appoint as an alternate YLAC Member
Charalampia (Haroula) Baliaka	No Affiliation – New Member	Los Angeles County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Gabriela Ballesteros *	Previous YLAC Member	Los Angeles County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Daniel Choi	No Affiliation – New Member	San Bernardino County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Marcos “Andres” Coronel *	Previous YLAC Member	Riverside County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Jose Marquez Cuevas	Previous YLAC Member	Riverside County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Emanuel De Jesus Cruz Martinez *	Previous YLAC Member	Los Angeles County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Jennifer De Tejada	No Affiliation – New Member	San Bernardino County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Alex Deng	No Affiliation – New Member	Los Angeles County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Heaven Denham	Previous YLAC Member	Riverside County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Simone Despina Bilodeau	No Affiliation – New Member	Orange County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member <sup>25</sup>

Jesse Isaac Dong	No Affiliation – New Member	Los Angeles County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Alexander Goytia Fajardo	Previous YLAC Member	Los Angeles County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Quincy Andre Loyola	No Affiliation – New Alternate	Orange County	Appoint as an alternate YLAC Member
Roberto G Mendoza	Previous YLAC Member	Orange County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Rosalie Zazie Deglise Moore	No Affiliation – New Member	Los Angeles County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Samantha N. Noor	No Affiliation – New Member	Riverside County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Shirley Mariel Rivera	Previous YLAC Member	Los Angeles County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez	Previous YLAC Member	San Bernardino County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Joshua Michael Minh Quang Scheel *	Previous YLAC Member	San Bernardino County	Reappoint as a full YLAC Member
Andrea Gianina Vega	No Affiliation – New Member	Los Angeles County	Appoint as a full YLAC Member
Spencer David Young	No Affiliation – New Alternate	Riverside County	Appoint as an alternate YLAC Member

The above members will serve a one-year term for 2026, meeting quarterly in February, May, August, and November.

\* Of the 11 YLAC members requesting to return, four returning members ( Gabrielle Ballesteros, Andreas Coronel, Emmanuel De Jesus Cruz Martinez and Joshua Scheel) will be on their 3<sup>rd</sup> year (and their 2<sup>nd</sup> one year term extension). We would ask to keep them on for peer mentorship and to assist us with agency legitimacy amongst the YLAC members. Their continued membership is not in violation of the charter, and they continue to be active and engaged leaders amongst YLAC members.

ATTACHMENT: Objectives of Proposed New Members

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Objectives of Proposed New Member (as per the application).

**Los Angeles County**

**Jesse Isaac Dong**

“Growing up in Southern California, I’ve seen firsthand how environmental inequities affect different communities—from freeway-adjacent neighborhoods blanketed in smog to low-income areas burdened by industrial pollution. These experiences, combined with my studies in Environmental Analysis and Data Science at Claremont McKenna College, have shaped my commitment to addressing air quality issues through both science and community engagement. Through my work with the California Department of Transportation’s GIS Division, I analyzed wildfire-prone regions across Los Angeles County, deepening my understanding of how environmental data can inform policy decisions that protect public health. As president of SteamOn, the nonprofit I founded to teach STEM to underrepresented students, I’ve also learned how to communicate complex environmental concepts in ways that inspire curiosity and empowerment. Serving on the Young Leaders Advisory Council would allow me to merge these experiences—to bring a data-driven yet community-centered perspective to South Coast AQMD’s mission. I’m eager to contribute to discussions on sustainable urban planning, environmental justice, and youth engagement, and to help bridge the gap between technical research and meaningful public action for cleaner air across our region.”

**Alexander Goytia Fajardo**

“I am reapplying to the Young Leaders Advisory Council as it has provided me with an irreplaceable resource to foster community, learn, and remain a committed member to current initiatives on air quality. Within the past year, I have built relationships with equally motivated council members who envision their homes where clean air is no longer an inequity, but rather an accessible reality to all. From my peers, I have learned about the interconnectedness of air pollution that start from the Ports of LA, to heavy duty trucks in congested freeways, into warehouses throughout Riverside, Orange, and LA County. It takes diverse perspectives and lived experiences to truly understand where to begin to tackle air quality concerns. This is something SCAQMD values as evident by the YLAC program, which is why I seek to continue serving on the council. Additionally, through YLAC, I have been able to come into contact with individuals who truly shape my day to day life. For instance, in one meeting we met with Vanessa Delgado, who developed big commercial and affordable housing projects such as Azalea Shopping Center in my community of South East LA. She provided insight into the relationship between infrastructure development and air quality. Most recently, we met with Malinda Dumisani who is a part of CARB and is responsible for many grant fundings for the non-profit organization I work with, Communities for a Better Environment (South East LA Chapter). These points of connections allow me to bring what I learn from YLAC and SCAQMD, and put it into practice at home. Furthermore, YLAC has emboldened me to engage in innovative initiatives on air quality. Alongside Communities for a Better Environment, we have organized community air monitoring initiatives where I track the particulate matter and volatile organic compounds in my surroundings as I go about my day-to-day. In anticipation of the upcoming year, I would love to share my findings with the council and potentially invite staff over to certain regions in LA County to immerse the leadership on my air quality priorities.”

**Emmanuel Jeffrey Alcantar Rodriguez**

“We’re seeing continued rollbacks on climate policy at multiple levels of government, and it’s more critical than ever to have youth voices centered in the decisions agencies make. I’m interested in joining YLAC because I want to help demystify how these agencies work and ensure they live up to their mission of protecting vulnerable communities from pollution, especially as someone who grew up in, and

continues to call home, South Central Los Angeles. I've spent the past several years working directly on climate, clean energy, and environmental justice issues, from serving on the LA County Youth Climate Commission to working with frontline community organizations and local policymakers. This experience has shown me how important it is for young people to have a real seat at the table, and I hope to bring that perspective to YLAC."

**Andrea Gianina Vega**

"Over the past few years I have been a vocal advocate for environmental justice in Southern California. Through my work as an organizer at the climate organization Food & Water Watch, I have worked alongside frontline communities impacted by fossil fuel pollution to campaign for an equitable transition to clean energy. The impacts that fossil fuels have on air quality make it evident that they are not only a danger to our climate but to public health as well. I commend the South Coast Air Quality Management District's recent efforts to reduce gas consumption through the proposed amended Rules 1111 and 1121. This critical step forward would address our region's gas dependency issue, improve affordability, and reduce pollution. Policies like these are what our region needs more of to truly become climate-resilient. As new fuel technologies emerge, it's crucial that we carefully evaluate those technologies and consider the impacts they would have on communities with longstanding histories of being burdened by pollution. I would be honored to help shape important policies that would improve air quality in our region and move us towards a clean energy future."

**Charalampia (Haroula) Baliaka**

"As a PhD student at Caltech, I have come to appreciate how scientific research achieves its greatest impact when it reaches and resonates with the people it serves. My work in air-quality research has continually shown me that clear, accessible communication can be just as powerful as the science itself, especially through my experience following the 2025 Eaton Canyon Fire. I helped plan, launch, and manage PHOENIX (the Post-fire airborne Hazard Observation Environmental Network for Integrated eXposure), a network of more than two dozen mid-cost air sensors in and around the burned area of Altadena. Our goal was to monitor post-fire dust during cleanup efforts, providing real-time air-quality data to the public. We installed sensors on the roofs of homes, schools, and small businesses, and it was inspiring to see how the community came together to make this network possible. Our work even inspired a team from UCLA to replicate the effort in the Palisades area. This project remains one of the most meaningful parts of my PhD because it showed how science and community partnership can directly protect public health and build trust through shared knowledge. Beyond research, I have been deeply involved in public health outreach and leadership. I have been at the forefront of air-quality communication and engagement involving the fires, participating in webinars and community discussions that reached more than 2,600 attendees. I am also planning to contribute to upcoming podcast episodes focused on air quality and environmental health to further broaden public access to scientific information. In addition, I have mentored graduate and undergraduate students, and in 2023, I led the team behind Caltech's K-12 Geological and Planetary Sciences outreach program (GO-Outdoors). Within a year, we reached over 600 students from underrepresented schools, and I was honored with Caltech's GPS Division Mentoring and Outreach Award. These experiences reflect my commitment to equity, public engagement, and building partnerships that amplify community voices. I am eager to serve on the Young Leaders Advisory Council to help bridge scientific understanding and everyday awareness of air quality. I hope to inspire my peers to think more deeply about what good air quality truly mean and to help answer questions such as: What does the AQI tell us? how has the air quality in the LA Basin improved over time? How can we interpret publicly available data? Or how can the public better utilize the amazing resources AQMD has but that people may not know about, especially during extreme events like wildfires or 4h of July fireworks? By making this information more approachable and relevant, I hope to help educate and engage young adults on understanding air quality issues."

**Rosalie Zazie Deglise Moore**

“I am interested in serving on the Young Leaders Advisory Council because I am an aspiring climate policymaker deeply committed to addressing systemic environmental challenges—particularly poor air quality—that disproportionately affect marginalized communities. This inequity is especially evident in the South Coast Basin. As an L.A. County resident living near the Inglewood Oil Field, the largest urban oil field in the country, I have seen firsthand how air quality can vary significantly across neighborhoods and how proximity to industrial sites can influence environmental and health outcomes. During my internship at South Coast, I gained valuable insight into how agency regulations and initiatives confront these deeply rooted air quality issues and work to create cleaner, healthier air for both communities and the climate. YLAC offers an excellent opportunity for me to further engage with my community, develop my leadership and representative skills, and ground my academic and professional development in policy work that is intrinsically connected to the people it serves. My time interning at South Coast was incredibly inspiring and empowering; it showed me a tangible pathway to making a meaningful difference. I am eager to remain involved and continue contributing to South Coast’s mission, and I believe YLAC is the ideal space for me to do so.”

**Shirley Mariel Rivera**

“As a 2025 YLAC member, I did my best to amplify community events at meetings. For 2026 I hope to do the same for East LA and San Gabriel Valley.”

**Emanuel De Jesus Cruz Martinez**

“Continue to promote clean air in LA and community engagement”

**Gabriela Ballesteros**

“I am interested in continuing to serve on the Young Leaders Advisory Council because I care deeply about environmental justice, public health, and the long-term sustainability of our communities. Air quality impacts every aspect of daily life, from our health and education to economic opportunity and I want to be part of the effort to ensure that future generations inherit cleaner air and a healthier environment.”

**Alex Deng**

“I am interested in serving on the Young Leaders Advisory Council because my work sits at the intersection of the arts, community engagement, and sustainability. As Artistic Director of the San Gabriel Valley Symphony, I have organized large-scale cultural events that bring people together from across the region, and I have seen how the arts can be a platform for civic education and social impact. The San Gabriel Valley faces serious environmental challenges, including car-dependent infrastructure, limited pedestrian-friendly streets, and close proximity to major freeways. These factors contribute to poor air quality and higher rates of respiratory illness and lung cancer. In my hometown of Alhambra, the elderly population is especially vulnerable to these conditions, which has made me more aware of how environmental health and community well-being are deeply connected. Joining YLAC would allow me to contribute my perspective as a cultural organizer, raise awareness of air quality challenges through community-driven arts initiatives, and help engage young people in creating a cleaner and healthier future for our region.”

**Christian Ali**

“I am a second-year law student at UCLA, serving as an environmental policy consultant to California State Senator Caroline Menjivar. As I have worked with the Senator's Office over the last several months, I have done extensive research on the issues of air quality in Senate District 20, which is under South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. Through my work with the district, I have learned that while there is interest on behalf of South Coast to reduce fugitive emissions, there are lingering questions about the cause of constituent unrest regarding air pollution. Whether that be a lack of enforcement on behalf of South

Coast, regulatory loopholes that allow polluters to go unscathed, or other potential issues my policy team and I uncover as we continue our work. As a Black man from Los Angeles with experience operating in the broader public affairs landscape, and an understanding of South Coast and California's overall air and environmental landscape, I would bring a valuable and much-needed perspective to the South Coast's Young Leaders Advisory Council.”

## **Orange County**

### **Simone Despina Bilodeau**

“My path to this council application comes from experiencing SCAQMD's work from multiple angles and realizing that everything I'm doing in my research and community involvement ultimately connects back to the air we breathe. During my time with SCAQMD as a summer Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media intern, I wasn't just observing the agency's mission. I was actively advancing it. I developed and delivered educational programming on air quality to groups of 50+ individuals, conducted outreach workshops on air pollution reduction initiatives, and presented to local government agencies as an SCAQMD representative about protecting regional air quality and implementing voluntary mobile source reduction programs. I connected community-based organizations and vendors for major events like Environmental Justice Conferences learning firsthand how to translate complex air quality science into actionable information for diverse audiences. That experience taught me how SCAQMD bridges the gap between regulatory policy and community impact, but it wasn't until I started my other work that I truly understood how directly that mission affects health outcomes at a molecular level.

My liquid biopsy research at UCLA with Dr. David Wong focuses on lung cancer detection, the disease most directly linked to the air pollutants SCAQMD regulates. Every day in the lab, I'm working on early detection methods for a disease that air quality policy can actually help prevent. This research has transformed how I understand the educational workshops I once led: they weren't just about compliance or environmental protection. They were about cancer prevention at a population level. Through KDSAP, where we provide free chronic kidney disease screenings at UCLA, I have discovered another critical connection. The same PM2.5 and PM10 particles I once educated community members about are directly linked to increased CKD risk and accelerated progression to dialysis. I'm now on the front lines seeing patients who may be experiencing health impacts from the very pollutants I once helped SCAQMD communicate about. This connection became crystal clear during the January 2025 fires. When I advocated for my sorority and Greek life to cancel events, I was applying the same protective thinking and communication strategies I learned while conducting SCAQMD outreach, but now informed by my understanding of the physiological mechanisms at play. I want to serve on this council because I bring a unique full-circle perspective. I have done the grassroots community education work that SCAQMD relies on, I understand the physiological mechanisms of how air pollution damages organs at a molecular level, and I have successfully mobilized my peers around air quality issues. I can help this council understand how to communicate with young people effectively because I have been the person crafting those educational materials and delivering those presentations. I know what resonates, what falls flat, and how to translate complex regulatory work into messages that drive actual behavior change.

I'm not coming to learn about air quality communication. I am coming to contribute what I've already learned from both sides, representing a generation that will live with the long-term health consequences of today's air quality decisions.”

### **Roberto G Mendoza**

“I am interested in continuing in the council because I care deeply about the current state of the environment and how environmental impacts disproportionately affect certain communities, often due to socioeconomic factors. Many of us are affected by pollution in some way—whether by living near industrial areas that have contaminated water or soil, or by residing in neighborhoods that lack green spaces and adequate support from local jurisdictions. I want to continue learning about the work being done through the South Coast AQMD so I can better prepare myself for a career in this field, particularly

within local government. My goal is to help create healthier, more equitable communities through informed environmental policy and community-focused solutions.”

### **Quincy Andre Loyola**

“I would like to serve the YLAC to promote environmental sustainability, equity, and public health. I am currently enrolled at UCI studying Earth System Science with a specialization in Atmospheric Science and a minor in Public Health. I want to have an opportunity to apply my interests and passion for these fields in my local region, and I am eager to learn more about the program and South Coast AQMD. Thank you for considering my application!”

### **Riverside County**

#### **Jose Marquez Cuevas**

“I am interested in renewing my term on the Advisory Council so I can continue to build my knowledge on environmental justice and advocate for my communities. Given that this last meeting this cycle did not meet a quorum, I would like to start the new year by proposing some adjustments to the charter to ensure not only a bit of a more formal structure, but also allow members to be actively engaged in community projects within the counties they serve. This past year has served me in building the foundations as I got to learn more about South Coast AQMD, its governing board and committees, and the regulatory power they hold at the local level. I would like to continue in the Advisory Council, so I can continue building relationships with community-based organizations while creating sustainable goals and targets to meet this upcoming year. I’m also excited for the next year, as one of the goals was to have more interaction/camaraderie between other committee members and/or the governing body itself. My personal goal this next year is not only to invite some members to visit a site in my community, but also to develop a community survey about what environmental concerns they have and any suggestions they could offer on solving some of the issues. Another primary motivator is that I ultimately want to find ways to reduce the rates of underlying health issues such as asthma, allergies, neurodevelopmental disorders, cancer, and other pulmonary diseases. My driving force is to gather more data that may be helpful, so I can present those findings in the Advisory Council to draft actionable recommendations/resolutions. I would be grateful to serve on the Council again, and I thank all South Coast AQMD staff and board members for their kind consideration. Thank you!”

#### **Samantha N. Noor**

“I want to join the Young Leaders Advisory Council because I’m motivated to help make our region’s air quality better and to bring our communities and local governments together to do it. Growing up in Corona, I experienced firsthand how air quality affects our daily lives. When I was a young girl, I remember playing outside when a sudden blast shook my surroundings and a massive plume of smoke mushroomed from the mountains just a few miles away. I later learned that the beautiful mountains that circled my home were being mined, releasing toxic gases into the air and contributing to respiratory issues that impacted my family and community. Over the past two decades, I’ve watched the Inland Empire transform from empty fields into a major industrial and transportation hub. Warehouses now stretch to the horizon, and 18-wheelers fill our roads. While our region experienced economic growth, that opportunity came at the cost of our health and environment. For many of us, poor air quality has become an accepted part of life, but I believe it doesn’t have to be. As frustrating as the situation is, we’re in a world where innovations, solutions, and forward-thinking policies can help us grow both sustainably and prosperously. I want to join YLAC to be part of those conversations - to learn from others around the region, share what my community is experiencing, and figure out how we can make real progress together. I’m particularly excited to work with other young leaders on ways to engage local communities, businesses, and public health groups, to explore alternatives to reduce local emissions, and bring

environmental justice to a region that's been long overlooked. I also look forward to engaging with policymakers and understanding how public participation can shape air quality management in meaningful ways."

#### **Heaven Denham**

"I am interested in serving in the Young Leaders Advisory Council to serve as an informed young community advocate. I am a PhD student at UCR in Environmental Science and research air quality and environmental justice, I also live and participate in the local community and the broader Inland Empire and Coachella Valley. I am also currently working alongside the Climate Action Campaign to advocate on campus and to our local governing board members for clean air, additionally I have connected with EJ non profits like Alianza in the Coachella Valley and the Peoples Collective for Environmental Justice in San Bernardino. Overall, AQMD's mission is of great importance to me not just as someone who loves the environment and science, but a community member who loves southern California. I believe as a young 24 year old who is connected with undergraduates, non scientists, and simply family and friends who live in Southern California, I have a unique perspective on issues that AQMD is tasked with addressing."

#### **Marcos "Andres" Coronel**

"As a current member of YLAC, the current work of the Council is superb. I would like to stay on to continue to learn and share my experiences as a resident of the Coachella Valley related to air quality."

#### **Spencer David Young**

"As a current member of YLAC, the current work of the Council is superb. I would like to stay on to continue to learn and share my experiences as a resident of the Coachella Valley related to air quality."

### **San Bernardino County**

#### **Jennifer De Tejada**

"I'm interested in serving on the Young Leaders Advisory Council because I care deeply about environmental justice and want to use my voice to advocate for clean air and healthier communities. I've seen firsthand how the Inland Empire is being affected by environmental injustices, especially the growing number of warehouses and the poor air quality that impacts residents' health and quality of life. Through my current outreach work focused on clean energy and electric vehicles, I've seen how education and local engagement can create meaningful change. I want to bring that same energy to YLAC, helping to elevate youth perspectives, share community concerns, and promote sustainable solutions that make the Inland Empire a place where everyone can breathe cleaner air and thrive. I'm proud to be from the San Bernardino County that is resilient and full of potential, and I want to be part of shaping a cleaner, more equitable future for it."

#### **Daniel Choi**

"I am interested in serving on the Young Leaders Advisory Council because I want to continue building bridges between young people and public institutions, and protect my peers from harmful air pollutants. During my time interning with Senator Schumer's office, I saw how meaningful policy begins with listening to constituents, whether it was helping constituents navigate federal agencies or directly giving resources to local community members. That experience showed me how government can be a powerful tool for service when it truly engages with the people it represents, especially youth voices like mine that are often overlooked. As a student leader at Pomona College and an Army ROTC cadet, I've learned the importance of responsibility, collaboration, and civic commitment. I hope to bring those values to the Council by contributing both policy insight and conversation to improve air quality."



**Joshua Michael Minh Quang Scheel**

“I want to continue to better my understanding about the kinds of research that are relevant to the communities in my life. This better positions my ability to accomplish relevant research.”

**Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez**

“I am interested in environmental advocacy and the opportunity to make a difference in the local social region.”

**Marilynn Margarita Alvarado**

“I want to join the AQMD Advisory Council because I care deeply about the air we breathe and the health of our communities. I often see unlawful burning in my area that fills the air with smoke and pollution, and I want to help address it. Through my work with public agencies, I’ve seen how the right mix of policy, education, and community engagement can create real change. I bring experience in public policy, project management, and stakeholder collaboration that I believe can support AQMD’s mission.”

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 6, 2026

AGENDA NO.

REPORT: Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

SYNOPSIS: Information Management is responsible for data systems management services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations. This action is to provide the monthly status report on major automation contracts and planned projects.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, January 16, 2026, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Wayne Nastri  
Executive Officer

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### **Background**

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

### **Summary of Report**

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

### **Attachment**

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

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Status Report on Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for  
Information Management

Agenda Tracking System	
Brief description:	Develop a new Agenda Tracking System for submittal, review, and approval of Governing Board meeting agenda items.
Estimated project cost	\$250,000
Overall project status	In Progress
Percentage complete	85%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User Acceptance Testing and Training</li> </ul>
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User Acceptance Testing and Go-Live Preparation</li> </ul>
Original estimated go-live date	11/15/24
Current estimated go-live date	3/20/26
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	The schedule has been extended to incorporate additional user enhancements and to allow for additional training and testing. The system is now ready for parallel testing, with a plan to mirror board meeting cycles for two months prior to go-live.

Permit Workflow Automation	
Brief description:	Automate application acceptance and engineering evaluation processes into paperless workflows. This phase includes an electronic workflow that encompasses major functions of the Permit Application process.
Estimated project cost	\$250,000
Overall project status	In Progress
Percentage complete	70%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Development in Progress</li> </ul>
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Development in Progress</li> </ul>
Original estimated go-live date	3/14/25
Current estimated go-live date	5/15/26
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	The schedule has been extended to incorporate new system requirements and design changes. Next-phase functionality development is in progress.

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Compliance System	
Brief description:	Develop a new Compliance System to help streamline the compliance business process. The new system will provide full integration of incident management, inspection process, field operations, and operations dashboard.
Estimated project cost	\$450,000
Overall project status	In Progress
Percentage complete	80%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Development in Progress</li> </ul>
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Development in Progress</li> </ul>
Original estimated go-live date	2/28/25
Current estimated go-live date	4/14/26
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	The schedule has been extended to accommodate new system requirements, design changes, and additional time for user adoption and testing.

Carl Moyer Program GMS Phase III	
Brief description:	Develop Contracting, Invoicing, and Annual Reporting modules for Carl Moyer Program web application. This system will include integration with internal South Coast AQMD systems.
Estimated project cost	\$200,000
Overall project status	In Progress
Percentage complete	85%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User Acceptance Testing</li> </ul>
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on going live</li> </ul>
Original estimated go-live date	4/10/25
Current estimated go-live date	2/17/26
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	The schedule has been extended to allow for additional time to conduct testing due to the reallocation of testing resources to higher-priority projects.

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<b>Air Quality Data Platform Phase 3</b>	
Brief description:	Integrate individual data systems into a cloud-based platform for efficient data management and the creation of interactive visualizations and dashboards for web access.
Estimated project cost	\$386,800
Overall project status	In Progress
Percentage complete	45%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Development in progress</li> </ul>
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Development in progress</li> </ul>
Original estimated go-live date	4/22/26
Current estimated go-live date	7/10/26
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	Schedule extended to accommodate adjustments related to dependent software.

<b>AB 617 Clean Community School Package Initiative Phase I</b>	
Brief description:	Develop a new web application portal for application intake and evaluation modules. This system will include integration with internal South Coast AQMD systems.
Estimated project cost	\$67,000
Overall project status	Ready to go-live
Percentage complete	90%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on going live</li> </ul>
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-Production Support</li> </ul>
Original estimated go-live date	1/30/26
Current estimated go-live date	N/A
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	

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Projects that have been completed within the last 12 months are shown below	
COMPLETED PROJECTS	
PROJECT	DATE COMPLETED
Peoplesoft Financials 9.2 Upgrade	November 11, 2025
Zoom for Government	October 31, 2025
Prop 1B GMS - 2025 Solicitation	October 28, 2025
Ingres Upgrade	October 27, 2025
AB2766 FY 24-25	October 21, 2025
ELECTRIC - Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) Grant Program Phase 1.2	September 30, 2025
AirNet Upgrade	August 17, 2025
ELECTRIC - Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) Grant Program Phase 1.1	August 15, 2025
Invest Clean	August 15, 2025
New Timecard	July 23, 2025
WAIRE POP Phase V	June 26, 2025
Methyl Bromide Web Application	June 6, 2025
Digiforms	May 13, 2025
IDF Network Switch Refresh Phase 5	May 4, 2025
South Coast AQMD Mobile Application Phase 6	April 30, 2025
South Coast AQMD Telephone Directory	March 28, 2025
Website Upgrade	March 24, 2025
Forms Approval Workflow	March 11, 2025
Position Management	March 4, 2025
Rideshare Matching Application	February 26, 2025
Wildfire Monitoring	February 21, 2025

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 6, 2026

AGENDA NO.

**PROPOSAL:** Recognize Revenue from 2016 Settlement Agreement for World Logistics Center

**SYNOPSIS:** Under a 2016 Settlement Agreement, the developer of the multi-warehouse World Logistics Center, Highland Fairview, agreed to pay an Air Quality Improvement Fee of \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed at the time a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. The first building under this agreement is expected to receive this certificate in the first Quarter of 2026 and more buildings are anticipated in the future. The agreement recognizes the South Coast AQMD may use the fee for any purpose that will improve air quality in the South Coast Air Basin.

**COMMITTEE:** Administrative Committee, January 16, 2026; Reviewed

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Recognize revenue, upon receipt, based on \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed from Highland Fairview into the Air Quality Investment Fund (27); and
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to accept the Air Quality Improvement Fee to be used to improve air quality in the South Coast Air Basin.

Wayne Nastri  
Executive Officer

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**Background**

Highland Fairview is the real estate developer of a multi-warehouse project called World Logistics Center located in city of Moreno Valley in Riverside County that has planned for 40,600,000 square feet of logistics facilities. In August 2015, Moreno Valley certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and, thereafter, granted a number of land use approvals for the project. In September 2015, the South Coast AQMD file a lawsuit in the Riverside Superior Court related to the EIR's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, followed by another lawsuit in February 2016 on the validity of initiatives adopted by Moreno Valley in November 2015 in response to the initial lawsuits questioning the validity of the land use approvals. In September 2016, there was a judgment in favor of Moreno Valley and Highland

Fairview while the South Coast AQMD maintained the air quality mitigation measures set forth in the EIR were inadequate. In October 2016, Moreno Valley, Highland Fairview, and South Coast AQMD signed a Settlement Agreement that included an Air Quality Improvement Fee of \$0.64 per square foot of each warehouse building constructed in the World Logistics Center at the time of issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the funds collected may be used for any purpose that will improve the air quality in the South Coast Air Basin. On October 25, 2016, the presiding judge approved the Agreement as part of a stipulated judgment entered in County of Riverside California Superior Court Case No. RIC 1511213. World Logistics Center's first building is anticipated to receive a Certificate of Occupancy in the first Quarter of 2026. More buildings are anticipated in the future but the exact number of buildings, the ultimate square footage, and timing for issuance of certificates of occupancy with correspondening receipt of payments are not known at this time.

### **Proposal**

Staff recommends recognizing the revenue, upon receipt, based on \$0.64 per square foot of each building constructed from Highland Fairview into the Air Quality Investment Fund (27) and to authorize the Executive Officer to accept the Air Quality Improvement Fee to be used to implement projects to improve air quality in the South Coast Air Basin. This action is to only establish the fund to accept the Air Quality Improvement Fee, and does not include at this time the selection, implementation, or funding of air quality improvement projects. Staff will present options through a public process for use of the fees received which may include incentive funding, emission reductions projects or programs, and technology demonstration projects.

### **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

Per the Agreement, the use of the fees will be used to benefit air quality. The air quality benefits will be specific to the types of projects and programs that are implemented.

### **Resource Impacts**

Existing staff resources will be used to accept the Certificate of Occupancy, calculate the fee, invoice Highland Fairview, and process the fees collected. At the time of any future project selection for use of funds, appropriate recovery of administrative costs would be included based on the staff resourcing estimates specific to the types of projects and approach that are used to select and implement the various air quality projects.





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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

### **Board Members Present:**

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair  
Supervisor Curt Hagman

### **Members Present:**

Manuel Arredondo  
Pamela Atcitty  
Angelica Balderas  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Ada Briceño  
Paul Choe  
Kerry Doi  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan  
Kareem Gongora  
Ana Gonzalez  
Lisa Hart  
Donald Smith  
Rafael Yanez

### **Members Absent:**

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), Chair (Board Member)  
Mayor José Luis Solache  
Elizabeth Alcantar  
Suzanne Bilodeau  
Mary Figueroa  
Angela Garcia  
Dr. Jill Johnston  
Humberto Lugo  
Edward Marquez  
Oscar Rodriguez

### **South Coast AQMD Staff:**

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer  
Lisa Tanaka, Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Josephine Lee, Sr. Deputy District Counsel, Legal  
Alicia Lizarraga, Sr. Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Phillip Crabbe, Sr. Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs, & Media

Michael Morris, Planning & Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation  
Evangelina Barrera, Sr. Public Affairs Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Brisa Lopez, Administrative Assistant I, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

**Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Advisory Group Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., and roll call was taken.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2024, May 24, 2024, and August 30, 2024; and Agenda Item #3: Goals and Objectives**

Ana Gonzalez moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 23, 2024, May 24, 2024, and August 30, 2024, and the Goals and Objectives in one motion. Manuel Arredondo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ayes: Advisory Group Chair Padilla-Campos, Supervisor Hagman, Arredondo, Atcitty, Balderas, Beeson, Briceño, Choe, Doi, Gongora, Gonzalez, Hart, and Rodriguez.

Absent: Solache, Alcantar, Bilodeau, El-Hasan, Figueroa, Garcia, Johnson, Lugo, Marquez, Smith, and Yanez.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) beginning at 30:14.

**Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

1. Members requested an update on Rule 1135 as a future agenda item.

The item was included in the agenda.

2. Members requested update on Assembly Bill (AB) 98, regarding warehouses.

The item was included in the agenda.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) beginning at 09:39.

**Agenda Item #4: Update on Assembly Bill (AB) 98: Planning and zoning: logistics use: truck routes.**

Phillip Crabbe, Sr. Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs, & Media, provided an update on AB 98: Planning and zoning: logistics use: truck routes. Supervisor Curt Hagman asked if there was consideration of any legal action due to the lack of funding to proceed. Mr. Crabbe said he was not aware of any legal action on this matter.

Ms. Gonzalez asked whether South Coast AQMD could allocate some Indirect Source Rule (ISR) funds to complete the report given that South Coast AQMD already has data, and whether it would be possible to work with the state legislature to request matching funds. Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, stated that it is unknown if the penalty fees would be enough to cover the cost of implementing the bill and conducting the study.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) beginning at 10:23.

**Agenda Item #5: Update on Rule 1135: Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities**

Michael Morris, Planning & Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented an overview and update on Rule 1135: Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities.

Rafael Yanez asked whether wind technology has been studied. Mr. Morris confirmed that wind patterns have been studied. Advisory Group Chair Padilla-Campos inquired when the land at Middle Ranch would be available for use. Mr. Morris indicated that Middle Ranch is available with restrictions and the operator is looking at that option. Angie Balderas inquired whether solar technology was going to be used at Middle Ranch. Mr. Morris responded that renewable energy sources are preferred.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) beginning at 32:57.

**Agenda Item #6: 2025 Meeting Schedule**

Alicia Lizarraga, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs, & Media, provided an update on the meeting schedule for 2025 which will be provided to EJAG Members. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2025.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) beginning at 53:12.

**Agenda Item #7: Member Updates/Other Business**

Ms. Gonzalez requested a presentation on the permitting process for crematoriums. She also requested an update on rulemaking related to Ports.

Action Item: Provide presentation on the permitting process for crematoriums.

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer, stated that updates on the Port ISR cannot be provided at EJAG due to potential Brown Act conflicts. Ms. Nakamura requested staff to send EJAG members the date for future Port Working Group meeting.

Action Item: Send EJAG members date of Port Working Group meeting.

Kerry Doi requested a presentation on ozone and PM2.5 emission reductions.

Action Item: Provide presentation on ozone and PM2.5 emission reductions.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) beginning at 53:52.

**Agenda Item #8: Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting date is February 28, 2025.

**Adjournment**

Advisory Group Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.



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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

### **Board Members Present:**

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), Chair (Board Member)  
Supervisor Curt Hagman

### **Members Present:**

Pamela Atcitty  
Angelica Balderas  
Suzanne Bilodeau  
Kerry Doi  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan  
Mary Figueroa  
Ana Gonzalez  
Lisa Hart  
Donald Smith

### **Members Absent:**

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair  
Elizabeth Alcantar  
Manuel Arredondo  
Ada Briceño  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Paul Choe  
Angela Garcia  
Kareem Gongora  
Dr. Jill Johnston  
Edward Marquez  
Rafael Yanez

### **South Coast AQMD Staff:**

Lisa Tanaka, Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Jason Aspell, Deputy Executive Officer, Engineering & Permitting

Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel/Legal  
Eric Praske, Program Supervisor/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation  
Shannon Lee, Sr. Air Quality Engineering Manager/Engineering & Permitting  
Alicia Lizarraga, Sr. Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Aisha Reyes, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

**Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Supervisor Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and roll call was taken.

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2024**

Item continued to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Agenda Item 2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Lisa Tanaka reviewed the action items from the November 14, 2024, meeting:

1. An update was requested on crematoriums and the permitting process.  
This item was included in the agenda for the February 28, 2025, meeting.
2. An update was requested on the Ports Indirect Source Rule (ISR).  
Staff notified members of a Ports ISR Working Group Meeting via email.
3. Ms. Lisa Hart requested a presentation on Proposed Amended Rules (PARs) 1111 and 1121. Information was provided by email, and members were advised that a Working Group Meeting would be held on March 6.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:03:54.

**Agenda Item 3: Progress in Reducing Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Particulate Matter (PM) Emissions**

Eric Praske provided an overview and update on progress made in reducing NOx and PM emissions.

Donald Smith requested clarification on NOx emissions classified under “cooking,” and a breakdown of NOx emissions by source type. Mr. Praske provided an explanation of the types of equipment and a general description of NOx emissions by source type.

Rafael Yanez inquired about emissions output by transport source type. Mr. Praske noted that a detailed breakdown is available on the South Coast AQMD website.

**ACTION ITEM:** Share link regarding breakdown of mobile sources with the group.

Mr. Yanez also asked how the new administration's policies might impact California's environmental regulations. Supervisor Hagman stated that the agency continues to work with legislators as changes develop.

Dr. Afif El-Hasan requested information on exposure levels and health effects in environmental justice communities near freeways.

**ACTION ITEM:** Provide Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V) study links and details to the group.

Ms. Hart asked whether the South Coast AQMD would be able to enact regulatory measures if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is defunded. Sang-Mi Lee clarified that U.S. EPA has the authority to establish attainment status of the region, but even without an U.S. EPA designation or mandate, South Coast AQMD can plan for and pursue avenues of regulation.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:05:13.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Overview on Permitting Crematories**

Shannon Lee, Sr. Air Quality Engineering Manager, Engineering & Permitting, presented an overview of the permitting process for crematories.

Angelica (Angie) Balderas asked about the inspection process and how to use the Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) tool to access facility information.

Dr. El-Hasan inquired whether medical devices or treatments in a body are considered when assessing potential contamination in ash or smoke. Jason Aspell responded that these are not factored into permitting evaluations.

Ana Gonzalez asked whether crematoriums require both land-use approval and a South Coast AQMD permit to operate. Ms. Lee and Mr. Aspell confirmed that both are necessary.

Pamela Atcitty asked if facility permits can be viewed in F.I.N.D. and how to report a suspected violation. Ms. Lee confirmed that permits are fully accessible on F.I.N.D. and if there is suspected violation, the public can call 1-800-CUT-SMOG.

Mr. Yanez raised concerns that some facilities may be unaware of regulations and suggested distributing permit checklists through cities. Ms. Tanaka noted that South Coast AQMD's Small Business Assistance team provides a checklist, which the Geographic Outreach Team shares with local governments.

Dr. El-Hasan asked how crematorium emissions compare to oil refineries. Mr. Aspell clarified that crematories, as individual sources, produce far less NOx and VOCs than refineries.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:36:38.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Member Updates/Other Business**

Ms. Tanaka clarified that a Ports ISR working group meeting was held on February 28, 2025.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 01:02:05.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Public Comment**

Ms. Hart expressed disappointment over the lack of acknowledgment of the climate crisis in relation to the LA fires and the pause in Home Electrification and Appliance rebates, which supported home electrification under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Dr. El-Hasan announced that the American Lung Association would participate in Advocacy Week in Washington, D.C. and would also be working on protecting regulations and ordinances aimed at transitioning lawn and garden equipment from gas-powered to electric models.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 01:02:58.



**Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Curt Hagman adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.



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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

### **Board Members Present:**

Supervisor Curt Hagman

### **Members Present:**

Manuel Arredondo  
Pamela Atcitty  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan  
Lisa Hart  
Kareem Gongora  
Rafael Yanez

### **Members Absent:**

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair  
Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), Chair (Board Member)  
Elizabeth Alcantar  
Angelica Balderas  
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Alicia Lizarraga, Sr. Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Xin Chen, Information Technology Manager/Information Management  
Uyen-Uyen Vo, Planning and Rules Manager/Community Engagement & Air Programs  
Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Iliana Garcia, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Kajeja Shenghur, Sr. Administrative Assistant/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

**Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Advisory Group Chair Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and roll call was taken.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2024 and February 28, 2025**

Item continued to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Ms. Tanaka reviewed the action items from the February 28, 2025, meeting:

1. Share link regarding breakdown of mobile sources with the group.
  - a. Staff provided this information via email on 5/13.
2. Provide Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V) study links and details to the group.
  - a. Staff provided this information via email on 5/13.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:05:10.

**Agenda Item #3: F.I.N.D. Application and Facility Map**

Mr. Chen presented on South Coast AQMD's F.I.N.D. application.

Rafael Yanez asked about the difference between circle sizes on the facility map and if facilities would be searchable by street intersections. Mr. Chen explained that the circles represent the density of facilities and that using the street name is possible using the F.I.N.D. tool.

Pamela Atcitty asked if the database allows users to review permit information and complaints made against a facility. Mr. Chen stated that permits can be reviewed and Notices of Violation (NOVs) are available.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:06:00.

**Agenda Item #4: Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Update**

Uyen-Uyen Vo, Planning and Rules Manager, Community Engagement & Air Programs, presented on Assembly Bill 617.

Lisa Hart asked for clarification on "participatory budgeting." Ms. Vo stated that each community has been allocated funding, which is required by CARB to be applied to a project outlined in their Community Emission Reduction Plan, and that a series of meetings were held with each Community Steering Committee to determine their local priorities. Manuel Arredondo offered

insight into how participatory budgeting has been used as part of his AB 617 community in the Eastern Coachella Valley.

Kareem Gongora asked about the end date for AB 617 projects. Ms. Vo responded, and a discussion regarding the status of the AB 617 program and funding, ensued.

Harvey Edder advocated for the inclusion of solar energy in future plans.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:30:15.

**Agenda Item #5: Member Updates/Other Business**

Dr. Afif El-Hasan announced that the annual American Lung Association's State of the Air report has been published. He also discussed the proposed cuts to Medicare, which will affect many of the environmental justice communities in California.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 01:13:15.

**Agenda Item #6: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #7: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting date is Friday, August 22, 2025, at 12 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Hagman adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.



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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

### Board Members Present:

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair  
Chair Vanessa Delgado  
Supervisor Curt Hagman

### Members Present:

Manuel Arredondo  
Pamela Atcitty  
Angelica Balderas  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Suzanne Bilodeau  
Lisa Hart  
Mary Figueroa  
Rafael Yanez

### Members Absent:

Elizabeth Alcantar  
Ada Briceño  
Paul Choe  
Kerry Doi  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan  
Angela Garcia  
Kareem Gongora  
Ana Gonzalez  
Dr. Jill Johnston  
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Donald Smith

### South Coast AQMD Staff:

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Lisa Tanaka, Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Carlos Gonzalez, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel  
Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer of Technology Advancement Office  
Eugene Kang, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation

Victor Juan, Program Supervisor, Technology Advancement Office  
Alicia Lizarraga, Sr. Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Evangelina Barrera, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, Community Engagement and Air Programs  
Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Kajeja Shenghur, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

**Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., and roll call was taken.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2024, February 28, 2025, and May 23, 2025**

Item continued to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

There were no action items for review. Lisa Tanaka introduced Carlos Gonzalez, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Legislative, Public Affairs and Media.

**Agenda Item #3: INVEST CLEAN and WAIRE**

Ms. Tanaka provided an overview of the INVEST CLEAN project and. Eugene Kang provided an update on the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) program.

Chair Vanessa Delgado asked whether program funds would be allocated by geographic region and how such decisions would be determined. Dr. Aaron Katzenstein confirmed that geographic diversity would be considered during application reviews, which would be approached holistically. Chair Delgado further inquired about the application process and asked for clarification about a map where no mitigation fees were collected. Dr. Katzenstein explained that the process was designed to be straightforward. Supervisor Hagman asked about the types of equipment eligible for program funding. Dr. Katzenstein confirmed the programs are designed to support commercial equipment.

Rafael Yanez asked if the funding totals reflected collections over multiple years and if funding is categorized. Mr. Kang confirmed that totals are over multiple years and that funding is not currently categorized.

Angelica Balderas inquired whether AB 617 communities would receive priority. Ms. Tanaka explained that while recent efforts have secured future AB 617 funding, the INVEST CLEAN program is specifically intended to focus on communities most impacted by goods movement, which broadly overlaps with AB 617 communities.

Harvey Eder suggested that public power could be a solution to concerns regarding energy availability

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:05:52.

**Agenda Item #4: Residential Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Rebate Program**

Victor Juan provided an update on the Residential Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Rebate Program (eL&G).

Chair Delgado asked about the turnaround time for participants to receive rebates and W9 forms. Mr. Juan estimated a two-to-four-week turnaround and applicants would be asked to submit a W9 Form.

Mr. Yanez asked about the commercial program. Mr. Juan clarified the program was similar to a scrap-and-replace program and staff would provide Mr. Yanez information about the Commercial eL&G program.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to provide more information to Mr. Yanez regarding the Commercial eL&G program.

Mary Figueroa inquired about a breakdown regarding applicants by county so that outreach could be targeted to lesser-served communities. Mr. Juan confirmed that applicant demographic information is recorded during the application process.

Chair Delgado expressed concern regarding community hesitation to take advantage of government programs considering recent immigration enforcement measures. Mr. Juan affirmed the Residential program does not request any information besides address, and Dr. Katzenstein affirmed the Commercial program has not seen a significant slowdown in correlation to recent activities.

Ms. Balderas encouraged proactive collaboration with AB 617 community advocates to leverage greater outreach and accessibility of program information.

Mr. Eder encouraged consideration of integration of solar power in implementation of the program.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:46:58.

**Agenda Item #5: Member Updates/Other Business**

Lisa Hart shared concern regarding the status of Proposed Amended Rules 1111/1121 and requested clarification and updates on next steps in pursuing integration of electric appliances. Chair Delgado shared that the project would be discussed at the next Stationary Source meeting.

Manuel Arredondo shared information about the 2nd Annual Healthy Desert, Healthy You Environmental Health Summit to be held in Palm Springs, which would include discussion topics on air quality and environmental justice and encouraged the South Coast AQMD to pursue

collaboration with the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation. He also shared a school air filtration program to be implemented by the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation.

Ms. Figueroa shared successful community interventions opposing warehouse development and suggested that the EJAG meeting be hosted at the new CARB building in Riverside in efforts to attract the local community.

Mr. Yanez noted advancing understanding of carbon capture and air pollution sources including marine sources. He also noted confusion in finding more information regarding solar and how it could be outreached to and facilitated for renters.

For more information, refer to [Webcast](#) at 01:05:07.

**Agenda Item #6: Public Comment**

Mr. Eder advocated for greater attention to solar energy options.

**Agenda Item #7: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting date is October 24, 2025, at 12 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Chair Padilla-Campos adjourned the meeting at 01:30 p.m.