



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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HYBRID ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members

Chair Michael A. Cacciotti, Committee Chair
Vice Chair Larry McCallon, Committee Vice Chair
Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado
Supervisor Curt Hagman
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

April 10, 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, April 10, 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 9:

1. Board Members' Concerns (***No Motion Required***)
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. Chair Michael A. Cacciotti
2. Chair's Report of Approved Travel (***No Motion Required***) Chair Cacciotti pg. 7
3. Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel (***No Motion Required***) Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer
4. Review May 1, 2026 Governing Board Agenda Wayne Nastri pgs. 8-21
5. Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/
Consultant(s) (Any material, if submitted, will be distributed at the
meeting.) (***Motion Requested if Proposal Made***) Chair Cacciotti pgs. 22-54
6. Update on South Coast AQMD's Internal Community Engagement
Activities (***No Motion Required***)
*Staff will provide an update on current and future efforts for our
internal community engagement activities.* Anissa Heard-Johnson, PhD
Deputy Executive Officer,
Community Engagement and
Air Programs pgs. 55-62
7. Replenish Appointments of Members to South Coast AQMD's
Young Leader's Advisory Council (YLAC) for 2026
(***No Motion Required***)
*Governing Board Chair Michael Cacciotti requests Committee
review before the appointment of twenty members and four
alternates to serve on the Young Leader's Advisory Council for
2026.* Anissa Heard-Johnson, PhD
pgs. 63-64
8. Annual Report on South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment
and Retention Efforts for 2025 (***No Motion Required***)
*Assembly Bill 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3) requires public agencies
to hold a Public Hearing, at least once per fiscal year, to present* John Olvera pgs.
Deputy Executive Officer, 65,75
Administrative & Human
Resources

information about agency vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts. This item is to hold a public hearing to present information on the status of South Coast AQMD's vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts for calendar year 2025.

9. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management (**No Motion Required**)
Information Management is responsible for data systems management services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations. This action is to provide the monthly status report on major automation contracts and planned projects.
- Ron Moskowitz pgs.76-81
Chief Information Officer,
Information Management

ACTION ITEMS – Items 10 through 18:

10. Authorize Purchase of Virtual Meeting Software Support (**Motion Requested**)
South Coast AQMD uses Zoom services to hold virtual and hybrid meetings. The current subscription and support are set to expire on June 8, 2026. This action is to obtain approval for the purchase of a Zoom subscription and support for one year from Information Management's FY 2025-26 Budget, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000. Funds for this purchase are included in Information Management's FY 2025-26 Budget.
- Ron Moskowitz pgs. 82-83
11. Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, and Software (**Motion Requested**)
On January 9, 2026, the Board approved the release of a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. Seven vendors were identified as qualified of providing the products listed in the RFQQ. This action is to approve the seven vendors to provide these products for a two-year period.
- Ron Moskowitz pgs. 84-86
12. Transfer Funds Between Major Objects and Issue Purchase Order for AQ-SPEC Program (**Motion Requested**)
The AQ-SPEC Program performs technical evaluations of currently available air monitoring sensors using both field and laboratory-based testing and communicates the results to the public. AQ-SPEC funds are included as part of the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Based on an assessment of the priorities and resources, there is a need to reallocate funds for enhancing VOC sensor testing capabilities. This action is to transfer up to \$55,000 between Major Objects and issue a purchase order for air monitoring equipment.
- Jason Low, PhD pgs. 88-90
Deputy Executive Officer,
Monitoring & Analysis
13. Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for the PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program, Issue Solicitation and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment (**Motion Requested**)
South Coast AQMD is expected to receive up to \$682,950 from U.S. EPA for the PM2.5 Monitoring Program. These funds will be divided between Salaries and Employee Benefits (\$461,000),
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Services & Supplies (\$146,950), and Capital Outlay (\$75,000). These actions are to recognize revenue and appropriate funds for the PM2.5 Monitoring Program into the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2025-26 and/or 2026-27 Budgets, and to issue a solicitation and purchase orders for air monitoring equipment.

14. Recognize Revenue for Mobile Monitoring Near Operational Logistics Use Developments (**Motion Requested**)
South Coast AQMD anticipates receiving \$1,000,000 from CARB to complete the study provision in Senate Bill 415 and Assembly Bill 98. This action is to recognize revenue for deploying mobile monitoring systems to collect air pollution measurements in communities near operational logistics use developments in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.
Jason Low, PhD pgs. 95-96

15. Execute Agreement with California High-Speed Rail Authority Setting Forth Framework for Development of Future Contract to Reduce Construction Emissions and Satisfy General Conformity for Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project (**Motion Requested**)
The California High-Speed Rail Authority must demonstrate General Conformity to receive federal funding through the Federal Railroad Administration's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program. In order to demonstrate General Conformity, emissions from a federal action that exceed de minimis thresholds must be mitigated and/or offset to zero. The California High Speed Rail Authority seeks to sign and execute a letter of agreement with South Coast AQMD to agree to a future contract to reduce construction emissions and to provide funding to South Coast AQMD for mitigation of the emission increases. The agreement would apply to the construction portion of the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project. In November 2021 and May 2024, the Board approved agreements for construction emissions for the segments between California High Speed Rail Authority and South Coast AQMD for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section and Palmdale to Burbank Project Section, respectively. This action is to approve execution of an agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority setting forth a framework for development of a future contract to reduce construction emissions for General Conformity for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project.
Sarah Rees, PhD pgs. 97-112
Deputy Executive Officer,
Planning, Rule Development &
Implementation

16. Amend Administrative Code and Adopt Resolution to Comply with SB 707 Requirements (**Motion Requested**)
Senate Bill 707 significantly amends and modifies key provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Brown Act requires, with specific exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. SB 707 is intended to increase public participation in local government. This action is to (1) amend Section 30 of the
Bayron Gilchrist pgs. 113-125
General Counsel,
Legal

Administrative Code (South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting Procedures) to incorporate specific requirements of SB 707 regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service, requests for reasonable accommodations, and disruptive meeting conduct and (2) adopt the attached resolution relating to revised teleconferencing requirements for eligible subsidiary bodies.

17. Approve Compensation Adjustments for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2026-27 (**Motion Requested**) *In January 2026, the Board approved a revised methodology to calculate Board Member Assistant and Board Member Consultant compensation. The revised compensation level is based on each Board Member's assignments to Committees, Advisory Groups, and other Board Member assignments, and is for the fiscal year.* Sujata Jain pgs. 126-129
Chief Financial Officer,
Finance
18. Determine That Proposed Amendments to Regulation III – Fees Are Exempt from CEQA; Amend Regulation III – Fees; and Adopt Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27 (**Motion Requested**) *The Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27 have been developed and are recommended for adoption. The Proposed Budget includes adjustments to Executive Staff salaries to establish a 10 percent differential between Designated Deputy position levels. Proposed Amended Regulation III includes: an increase of most fees by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 3.2 percent; new or modified fees which are necessary to provide more specific cost recovery for regulatory actions taken by the agency such as: fees for source test continuous emission monitoring system evaluations; permit fee rate schedule for laser cutters; processing fee for permit application rejections; changes to Hearing Board fees; and administrative changes in Regulation III that include clarifications, deletions, insertions, or corrections of existing rule language, which have no fee impact. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; 2) Amending Regulation III - Fees; 3) Adopting the Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27; and 4) Approving the South Coast Air Quality Management District Salary Resolution Article 7 – Designated Deputy Annual Salaries.* Sujata Jain pgs. 130-159

WRITTEN REPORTS:

No written reports.

OTHER MATTERS:

19. Other Business Chair Cacciotti
Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her

own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Govt Code Section 54954.2)

20. 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.

21. **Next Meeting Date:** Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Directions for TELEPHONE line only:

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

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**EXECUTIVE OFFICE****MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 3, 2026
TO: Administrative Committee
FROM: Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Report of Travel

The following is a report of Board Member travel that has been approved by the Chair:

DATE	TRAVELER	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
March 25-26, 2026	Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson	Sacramento, CA	Mayor Lock Dawson attended the monthly CARB Board meeting as the South Coast AQMD representative.
April 9, 2026	Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson	San Francisco, CA	Mayor Lock Dawson attended a CARB meeting as the South Coast AQMD representative.

There is no out-of-country travel to be reported.



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4/3/26 –8:25 p.m.

D R A F T A G E N D A

HYBRID GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MAY 1, 2026

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Phone controls for participants:

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Questions About an Agenda Item

- The name and telephone number of the appropriate staff person to call for additional information or to resolve concerns is listed for each agenda item.
- In preparation for the meeting, you are encouraged to obtain whatever clarifying information may be needed to allow the Board to move expeditiously in its deliberations.

Meeting Procedures

- The public meeting of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board begins at 9:00 a.m. The Governing Board generally will consider items in the order listed on the agenda. However, any item may be considered in any order.
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CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Comments: Michael A. Cacciotti, Chair
Other Board Members
Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer

Staff/Phone (909) 396-

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

12908. Approve Minutes of April 3, 2026 **Thomas/3268**

12984. Set Public Hearings June 5, 2026 to Consider **Nastri/3131**
Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast
AQMD Rules and Regulations:

13131. Determine That Proposed Rule 444.1 – Particulate **Krause/2706**
Matter Emission Reductions from Forestry and
Agricultural Waste, Proposed Amended Rule 401 –
Visible Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 404 –
Particulate Matter - Concentration, Proposed Amended
Rule 405 – Solid Particulate Matter - Weight, Proposed
Amended Rule 219

Proposed Rule 444.1 will establish requirements for air curtain incinerators (ACIs) and prescribed fire vehicles used to reduce vegetative waste and will help reduce PM emissions from forestry and agricultural waste management practices. Proposed Amended Rule 401, Proposed Amended Rule 404, and Proposed Amended Rule 405 will include an exemption for ACIs and prescribed fire vehicles to allow the use of these technologies in South Coast AQMD jurisdiction. Proposed Amended Rule 219 will exempt ACIs and prescribed fire vehicles not subject to Title V from permitting requirements. Proposed Amended Rule 222 will require ACIs and prescribed fire vehicles exempt from permitting in Proposed Amended Rule 219 to be registered. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Rule 444.1 –Particulate Matter Emission Reductions from Forestry and Agricultural Waste, Proposed Amended Rule 401 – Visible Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 404 – Particulate Matter - Concentration,

Proposed Amended Rule 405 – Solid Particulate Matter - Weight, Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Adopting Rule 444.1 and Amending Rules 401, 404, 405, 219, and 222. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 17, 2026)

13219. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 2011 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 2012 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions, and Proposed Amended Rule 2015 – Backstop Provisions, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rules 2011, 2012, and 2015

Rees/2856

Proposed Amended Rule 2011 and Proposed Amended Rule 2012 will allow an additional pathway for reporting emission data. Proposed Amended Rule 2015 will revise the publication date and streamline the RECLAIM annual audit report. The proposed amendments also include minor editorial corrections and revisions for clarity. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 2011 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 2012 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions, and Proposed Amended Rule 2015 – Backstop Provisions, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rules 2011, 2012, and 2015. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 17, 2026)

13145. Amend Administrative Code and Adopt Resolution to Comply with SB 707 Requirements

Gilchrist/3459

Senate Bill 707 significantly amends and modifies key provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Brown Act requires, with specific exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. SB 707 is intended to increase public participation in local government. This action is to (1) amend Section 30 of the Administrative Code (South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting Procedures) to incorporate specific requirements of SB 707 regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service, requests for reasonable accommodations, and disruptive meeting conduct and (2) adopt the attached resolution relating to revised teleconferencing requirements for eligible

subsidiary bodies. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026, Recommended for Approval)

Items X through XX – Budget/Fiscal Impact

13125. Adopt Resolution and Recognize Funds for Climate Heat Impact Response Program and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs **Katzenstein/2219**

In January 2026, South Coast AQMD submitted an application to CARB for the FY 2025-26 Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP) to request funds in the amount of \$6,225,395. CHIRP provides funding for projects eligible under the Carl Moyer or Community Air Protection Programs. This action is to adopt a resolution and recognize \$6,225,395 for CHIRP into the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) and to reimburse the General Fund from the Carl Moyer Program Fund (32) for CHIRP administrative costs in an amount not to exceed \$778,174. (Reviewed: Technology Committee, April 17, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13127. Execute Contract to Deploy Zero-Emission Ship Assist Tugboats **Katzenstein/2219**

In December 2023, the Board recognized an award of \$76,250,003 from California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) under the 2022 Port and Freight Infrastructure Program to demonstrate a short line hydrogen fuel cell locomotive and deploy direct current fast chargers and hydrogen refueling dispensers for heavy duty trucks. The Board also established the CalSTA Special Revenue Fund (89) to receive the funds and execute contracts with Wabtec Corporation (Wabtec) and Prologis Mobility, LLC. Since then, Wabtec withdrew from the project and South Coast AQMD staff subsequently received a proposal from Arc Boat Company Inc (Arc) for the commercial deployment of four zero-emission electric ship assist tugboats operating in the San Pedro Bay Ports and CalSTA approved the scope change in February 2026. This action is contingent upon CalSTA's final awards, to execute contract with Arc for up to \$33,688,480 from CalSTA Special Revenue Fund (89) for the deployment of four zero-emission tugboats. (Reviewed: Technology Committee, April 17, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13128. Transfer Funds Between Major Objects and Issue Purchase Order for AQ-SPEC Program **Low/2269**

The AQ-SPEC Program performs technical evaluations of currently available air monitoring sensors using both field and laboratory-based testing and communicates the results to the public. AQ-SPEC funds are included as part of the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Based on an assessment of the priorities and resources, there is a need to

reallocate funds for enhancing VOC sensor testing capabilities. This action is to transfer up to \$55,000 between Major Objects and issue a purchase order for air monitoring equipment. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13137. Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program, Issue Solicitation and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment **Low/2269**

South Coast AQMD is expected to receive up to \$682,950 from U.S. EPA for the PM2.5 Monitoring Program. These funds will be divided between Salaries and Employee Benefits (\$461,000), Services & Supplies (\$146,950), and Capital Outlay (\$75,000). These actions are to recognize revenue and appropriate funds for the PM2.5 Monitoring Program into the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2025-26 and/or 2026-27 Budgets, and to issue a solicitation and purchase orders for air monitoring equipment. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13138. Recognize Revenue for Mobile Monitoring Near Operational Logistics Use Developments **Low/2269**

South Coast AQMD anticipates receiving \$1,000,000 from CARB to complete the study provision in Senate Bill 415 and Assembly Bill 98. This action is to recognize revenue for deploying mobile monitoring systems to collect air pollution measurements in communities near operational logistics use developments in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13133. Transfer and Appropriate Funds for Development of a Grant Management System for Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions Mitigation Program **MacMillan/3244**

Staff is developing the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Mitigation Program to provide incentive funding using mitigation fees collected under Rule 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source Rule. The development of a Grant Management System for this program is necessary to receive and process applications for proposed funding projects upon Program Announcement approval by the Board. This action is to transfer and appropriate up to \$275,000 from the administrative portion of the WAIRE Mitigation Special Revenue Fund (86) into Information Management's FY 2025-2026 and/or FY 2026-27 Budget, Services and Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Objects for development of WAIRE Mitigation Program Grant Management System. (Reviewed: Technology Committee, April 17, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13113. Approve Compensation Adjustments for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2026-27 **Jain/2804**

In January 2026, the Board approved a revised methodology to calculate Board Member Assistant and Board Member Consultant compensation. The revised compensation level is based on each Board Member's assignments to Committees, Advisory Groups, and other Board Member assignments, and is for the fiscal year. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

13116. Issue RFP for Legislative Representation in Sacramento, California **Tanaka/3327**

The current contracts for legislative representation in Sacramento, California expire on December 31, 2026. This action calls for the issuance of an RFP for legislative consulting services for South Coast AQMD in Sacramento, California for FY 2027. The RFP will also indicate that the services contract(s) may be extended for up to two additional one-year terms. Total expenditures for the contract(s) shall not exceed \$465,000 for the initial one-year period. (Reviewed: Legislative Committee, April 10, 2026, Recommended for Approval)

13118. Authorize Purchase of Virtual Meeting Software Support **Moskowitz/3329**

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13119. Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware and Software **Moskowitz/3329**

On January 9, 2026, the Board approved the release of a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors for computer, network, printer, hardware and software. Seven vendors were identified as qualified of providing the products listed in the RFQQ. This action is to approve the seven vendors to provide these products for a two-year period. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026, Recommended for Approval)

13126. Execute Agreement with California High-Speed Rail Authority Setting Forth Framework for Development of Future Contract to Reduce Construction Emissions and Satisfy General Conformity for Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project

Rees/2856

The California High-Speed Rail Authority must demonstrate General Conformity to receive federal funding through the Federal Railroad Administration's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program. In order to demonstrate General Conformity, emissions from a federal action that exceed de minimis thresholds must be mitigated and/or offset to zero. The California High Speed Rail Authority seeks to sign and execute a letter of agreement with South Coast AQMD to agree to a future contract to reduce construction emissions and to provide funding to South Coast AQMD for mitigation of the emission increases. The agreement would apply to the construction portion of the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project. In November 2021 and May 2024, the Board approved agreements for construction emissions for the segments between California High Speed Rail Authority and South Coast AQMD for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section and Palmdale to Burbank Project Section, respectively. This action is to approve execution of an agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority setting forth a framework for development of a future contract to reduce construction emissions for General Conformity for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026, Recommended for Approval)

12999. Approve contract modification as approved by MSRC

McCallon

Items XX through XX – Information Only/Receive and File

12917. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report

Tanaka/3327

This report highlights the March 2026 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)

12980. Hearing Board Report

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This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of March 1 through Mach 31, 2026. (No Committee Review)

12964. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report **Gilchrist/3459**
This report summarizes monthly penalties and legal actions filed by the General Counsel's Office from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026. An Index of South Coast AQMD Rules is attached with the penalty report. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 17, 2026)
13044. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects **Krause/2706**
This report provides a listing of environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD between March 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, April 17, 2026)
12929. Rule and Control Measure Forecast **Rees/2856**
This report highlights South Coast AQMD rulemaking activities and public hearings scheduled for 2026. (No Committee Review)
13122. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management **Moskowitz/3329**
Information Management is responsible for data systems management services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations. This action is to provide the monthly status report on major automation contracts and planned projects. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026)

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

12952. Administrative Committee (Receive & File) Chair: Cacciotti **Nastri/3131**
12973. Legislative Committee (Receive & File) Chair: Perez **Tanaka/3327**
12941. Mobile Source Committee (Receive & File) Chair: Delgado **Rees/2856**
13011. Stationary Source Committee (Receive & File) Chair: McCallon **Aspell/2491**
13021. Technology Committee (Receive & File) Chair: Rodriguez **Katzenstein/2219**
12894. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (Receive & File) Board Rep.: Hagman **Katzenstein/2219**
12990. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report (Receive & File) Board Rep.: Lock Dawson **Thomas/3268**
00000. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

STAFF PRESENTATION/BOARD DISCUSSION/RECEIVE & FILE

13110. Permitting Enhancement Program Status Update
(Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter)

Aspell/2491

Staff will present a status update on the Workplan to implement the Permitting Enhancement Program. In August 2023, as part of Senator Delgado's priorities as Chair, staff presented a comprehensive Workplan to overcome current and future permit processing challenges which included several short-term and long-term actions. Staff will present their progress on the actions and upcoming efforts. (No Committee Review)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13112. Determine That Proposed Amendments to Regulation III – Fees Are Exempt from CEQA; Amend Regulation III – Fees; and Adopt Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27

Jain/2804

The Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27 have been developed and are recommended for adoption. The Proposed Budget includes adjustments to Executive Staff salaries to establish a 10 percent differential between Designated Deputy position levels. Proposed Amended Regulation III includes: an increase of most fees by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 3.2 percent; new or modified fees which are necessary to provide more specific cost recovery for regulatory actions taken by the agency such as: fees for source test continuous emission monitoring system evaluations; permit fee rate schedule for laser cutters; processing fee for permit application rejections; changes to Hearing Board fees; and administrative changes in Regulation III that include clarifications, deletions, insertions, or corrections of existing rule language, which have no fee impact. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; 2) Amending Regulation III - Fees; 3) Adopting the Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27; and 4) Approving the South Coast Air Quality Management District Salary Resolution Article 7 – Designated Deputy Annual Salaries. (Reviewed: Special Board Meeting/Budget and Fee Rule Workshop, April 10, 2026)

13081. Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1136; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan (***This item was continued from the April 3, 2026 Board Meeting***)

Krause/2706

Rule 1136 establishes VOC limits for wood products coatings. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment determined that two compounds, para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and tert-Butyl Acetate (t-BAc), which are used in many wood products coatings, have carcinogenic health effects. Proposed Amended Rule 1136 includes a future effective prohibition for pCBtF and t-BAc, equivalent alternative Product Weighted Maximum Incremental Reactivity (PW-MIR) VOC limits, sell-through and use-through provisions, and removes outdated provisions. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that PAR 1136 – Wood Products Coatings is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, 2) Amending Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings; and 3) Directing staff to submit PAR 1136 - Wood Products Coatings for Inclusion into the State Implementation Plan. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, February 20 and April 17, 2026).

13102. Annual Report on South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts for 2025

Olvera/2309

Assembly Bill 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3.) requires public agencies to hold a Public Hearing, at least once per fiscal year, to present information about agency vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts. This item is to hold a public hearing to present information on the status of South Coast AQMD's vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts for calendar year 2025. (Reviewed: Administrative Committee, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 131XX. Approve Amendments to Executive Agreements with Executive Officer and General Counsel

Olvera/2309

The Board conducted performance appraisals for the Executive Officer and the General Counsel. As an outcome of this process, this item is to approve proposed amendments to the Executive Agreements with Executive Officer and General Counsel to provide adjustments to their compensation terms. Sufficient funding for this action is available in the FY 2025-26 Budget and will be requested in subsequent budgets. (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.

CLOSED SESSION -- (No Written Material)

Gilchrist/3459

ADJOURNMENT

*****PUBLIC COMMENTS*****

Members of the public are afforded an opportunity to speak on any agenda item before consideration of that item. Persons wishing to speak may do so in person or remotely via Zoom or telephone. To provide public comments via a Desktop/Laptop or Smartphone, click on the "Raise Hand" at the bottom of the screen, or if participating via Dial-in/Telephone Press *9. This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

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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.

Written comments will be accepted by the Board and made part of the record. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Sections 7920.000 et seq.) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request or posted on the South Coast AQMD website.

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	OEHHA = 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
	ZEV = Zero Emission Vehicle

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- 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.

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- El número de identificación de la reunión es 161 104 2947
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**Approval of Compensation for Board Member
Assistant(s)/Consultant(s)**

**Administrative Committee Meeting
April 10, 2026**

Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant

To: Administrative Cmte For meeting on April 10, 2026 From: Board Member Janet Nguyen

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 March 16, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026

Candidate Information

Name: Dirissy Doan

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)

\$ 1,246.25 per month for March 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026 per month, up to a maximum payable during the contract period not to exceed \$4,985.

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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DIRISSY DOAN

Professional Overview

Nonprofit executive with over 19 years of experience leading REALTOR® associations through fiscal turnaround, member stabilization, and regulatory advocacy. Proven success managing full organizational P&L (budgets up to \$3.5M), leading policy wins in local housing and land use and reversing double-digit membership churn. Direct experience with FPPC compliance and testimony before public agencies.

Key Competencies

- Strategic planning and implementation budgeting oversight
- Board governance and nonprofit legal operations
- Membership retention and value proposition development
- Stakeholder engagement and coalition-building expertise
- Full-spectrum P&L and revenue stream management
- Advocacy, political influence and regulatory compliance

Kreate Strategies (KStrat), Anaheim, CA

03/2026 to Present

KStrat is a data-driven strategy and insights firm specializing in polling, survey research, and advanced analytics to inform decision-making. The firm integrates AI, behavioral data, and insider network mapping to translate complex public opinion and stakeholder dynamics into actionable strategy. KStrat works with public, private, and nonprofit clients to shape messaging, strengthen positioning, and drive measurable outcomes through faster, more precise insights.

- Lead external affairs strategy, managing relationships with clients, partners, and key stakeholders across public, private, and nonprofit sectors
- Serve as primary client liaison, ensuring clear communication, alignment on objectives, and high-quality delivery of projects
- Oversee end-to-end project management, including timelines, deliverables, and cross-functional coordination with research and analytics teams
- Translate complex polling, survey data, and insights into clear, actionable narratives for clients and decision-makers
- Drive client engagement and retention by identifying opportunities to expand services and deepen partnerships
- Collaborate with internal teams to develop strategic messaging, positioning, and communications plans
- Manage multiple high-priority accounts simultaneously while maintaining attention to detail and responsiveness
- Support business development efforts, including proposals, presentations, and strategic outreach
- Ensure consistency in brand voice and messaging across client-facing materials and communications

- Monitor industry trends, public sentiment, and stakeholder dynamics to inform strategy and recommendations

The Elizabeth Do Team – Keller Williams Premier Properties, Huntington Beach 07/2025 to 02/2026

The Elizabeth Do Team, powered by Keller Williams Premier Properties, is a top-producing real estate group with over 25 years of experience delivering exceptional results. Known for market expertise and client-first service, the team specializes in building lasting relationships and providing seamless home buying and selling experience.

- Directed multi-channel marketing operations, including digital campaigns, event promotion, social media strategy, and content creation, to increase brand visibility and client engagement.
- Oversaw budget development, marketing calendars, and performance tracking, aligning initiatives with organizational goals to maximize return on investment.
- Spearheaded innovation in lead generation and client outreach through QR codes, Brivity integration, and digital farming, enhancing pipeline efficiency.
- Managed cross-functional collaboration with agents, virtual assistants, and vendors, ensuring seamless execution of marketing, branding, and property promotion.
- Led strategic planning and operational oversight of special events, community outreach, and brand activations, strengthening client relationships and market presence.
- Advanced into Chief Operating Officer role, scaling systems, streamlining processes, and linking marketing insights with overall business operations to drive team growth and efficiency.
- Directed administrative, financial, and operational support functions across multiple business entities, ensuring compliance, productivity, and alignment with company culture and standards.
- Served as point of contact and problem-solver across departments (marketing, closing, property management), unifying people, processes, and technology to achieve organizational excellence.

Southwest Riverside County Association of REALTORS® 06/2024 to 07/2025

Regional residential real estate trade association based in Murrieta, CA representing and serving over 4,000 REALTOR® members across ten cities. Budget of \$3.4M and 15 employees.

Government Affairs Director

Role spans political advocacy, member engagement, education, and policy execution across multiple municipalities.

- Blocked costly zero-emission appliance mandates by flipping Riverside County’s stance on South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1111/1121; built opposition case by quantifying homeowner cost impacts and mobilizing regional leaders and stakeholders to pressure the Board.
- Elevated SRCAR’s brand impact by building a pro-housing selection process, aligning endorsements by electability odds, and directing over \$310,000 in NAR independent expenditures (IE) and LCRC funds to shape and steer regional peer associations’ support decisions, achieving 86%-win rate.
- Developed a scalable pre-engagement model for C.A.R. Legislative Day and NAR Capitol Hill Meetings, blending stakeholder research, body language decoding, and calibrated small talk to align prep, compliance, and outreach strategy; achieved 12%+ post-event delegate satisfaction score.

- Grew fragmented network of 25 contacts into database of 150+ allies within first 60 days, enabling targeted endorsement process and candidate outreach to drive measure policy gains.
- Achieved 23% REALTOR® Action Fund contribution increase through member-aligned incentives (opportunity draws, newsletters) to exceed annual quota, despite starting behind at 3.2% late Q2.
- Refined member communications by redesigning the website and newsletter and optimizing campaign targeting to boost open rates from 31% to 64% and click-through-rate from 1.2% to 4.3%.
- Led and managed the public affairs team through vendor restructuring and staffing upgrades, reducing costs by 10%, tripling legislative tracking, and elevating influence in public roundtables.
- Resolved member complaints regarding slow response time by launching CRM-based issue escalation tracking system, which reduced response times from 5+ business days to under 24 hours.
- Designed and led a comprehensive REALTOR® education program with 471% YoY growth in attendance, expanding professional development offerings across advocacy and industry topics.
- Delivered first governance overhaul in 22 years by codifying PAC protocols and updating bylaws and LGR oversight, with revamped billing systems that expedited past due collection by one quarter.
- Developed executive support protocols for board briefings, external policy statements and operational memos to cut preparatory time by 88%, while enhancing institutional continuity.

Orange County Association of REALTORS®

01/2006 to 06/2024

Regional REALTOR® association based in Laguna Hills, CA representing and serving over 15,000 members across residential and commercial real estate markets, covering 13 cities. Budget of \$14.9M and 34 employees.

Government Affairs Director / Director of Strategic Partners

Led advocacy, partnership strategy, and public affairs initiatives while expanding governance, outreach, education, and community impact programs. Increasing responsibility over an 18-year tenure through positions in administration, membership, events, education, community, and advocacy.

- Directed \$300,000 per cycle to directly recruit, support, and retain local REALTOR® and trade association champions across the region to sustain long-term coalition efficacy.
- Secured \$190,000 per cycle in additional NAR funding by analyzing high-priority local races and delivering persuasive presentations to national peers, expanding total disbursement capacity; all funds deployed with 100% C.A.R. and NAR compliance.
- Reframed Aliso Viejo’s non-smoking ordinance to pro–public safety stance as a property rights and safety risk; activated and sequenced aligned voices to shift narrative and halt policy.
- Forged community partnerships to negotiate a fair and updated sign ordinance to prevent excessive fines and ensure a balanced solution that protected both city standards and member business needs.
- Applied over \$100,000 IMPAC funds to defeat a Huntington Beach real-estate business license tax, threatening to scale county-wide, by raising awareness and amplifying support through on-site (e.g., preview meetings, council) and digital (e.g., text, mail, ads) outreach.
- Unseated anti-housing majority on Huntington Beach City Council by mobilizing REALTOR® members and leading business groups into a unified coalition by leveraging role as Orange County Jobs Coalition Vice Chair to advance housing, land use and tax priorities.

- Spearheaded 241 Toll Road extension advocacy by mobilizing over 700 constituent letters, the highest of any local trade group, prompting the Governor to shift from “aggressively neutral” to active support despite strong opposition from Surfrider and state parks.
- Blocked expansion of residential PACE loan programs across Orange County by raising consumer protection concerns, safeguarding homeowners, especially seniors—from predatory lending, tax hikes, and refinancing barriers.

Community Affairs Administrator

- Organized high-impact policy forums and regional educational workshops to connect elected officials with REALTOR® members on issues like land use and zoning.
- Developed internal systems to streamline cross-committee engagement and prepare materials for government-focused meetings.

Member Services Team Leader

- Coordinated staff to manage and optimize policy networking forums, including regional network education workshop series.
- Trained new staff on core REALTOR® compliance (DRE, Supra, MLS), building subject matter fluency across technology and membership services to streamline operations and improve quality control.

Administrative Assistant

- Took early ownership of FHA/VA and veteran housing issue groups by building draft policy briefs and facilitating alignment across staff and REALTOR® volunteers.
- Managed annual committee scheduling, billing cycles for partner dues, and internal outreach.

Industry Honors

- Orange County REALTORS® President’s Award
- 40 Under 40, Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce
- 40 Under 40, National Association of Asian Pacifics in Politics & Public Affairs
- 21 Leaders of 2021, Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Emerging Leader, San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer

- Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc., National Board of Directors (2023-Present)
- Orange County United Way, Leadership Council (2021-2022)
- Orange County Rescue Mission

Board & Committee Service

- Board of Directors, Orange County Taxpayers Association (2023–2024)
- Board of Directors, Orange County Forum (2018–2024)
- Chair, Local Government Affairs Directors (GADs), California Association of REALTORS® (2022)
- Vice Chair, Associations Executive/GAD Institute Planning Committee (2021)
- Board of Directors, South Orange County Economic Coalition (2019–2022)

Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant

To: Administrative Cmte For meeting on April 10, 2026 From: Board Member Dr. Cedric Jamie Rutland

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 April 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026

Candidate Information

Name: Italo M. Brown

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.

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Proposed Scope of Duties (check one)

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Proposed Rate of Compensation (fill in all blanks)

\$ 2,180.55 per month for April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 per month, up to a maximum payable during the contract period not to exceed \$6,541.65.

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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Italo M. Brown, M.D., M.P.H. FAAEM

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine, Meharry Medical College; <i>Nashville, TN.</i>	06/2015
Post-baccalaureate in Medicine, Meharry Medical College; <i>Nashville, TN.</i>	06/2011
Master of Public Health, Boston University, School of Public Health; <i>Boston, MA.</i>	05/2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dual Concentration: Epidemiology, Social & Behavioral Sciences	
Bachelor of Science in Biology, Morehouse College; <i>Atlanta, GA.</i>	07/2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor: Public Health	

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

Advanced Mentorship - Social Emergency Medicine, Health Advocacy track. Stanford Hospital, Stanford University; <i>Palo Alto, CA.</i>	08/2019 - 08/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attending at Level I Trauma Center, Interventional Cardiology, and Transplant Center of ExcellenceFocus: 1) Exposure to Nonviolent Trauma in as a Predictor of ER Utilization; 2) Social Drivers of Emergency Department Utilization; Special Project: Barbershop-Based Health Interventions as a model for addressing the social determinants of health.	
Chief Resident - Jacobi/Montefiore Emergency Medicine Residency Albert Einstein College of Medicine; <i>Bronx, NY.</i>	06/2015 - 07/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Largest residency program in the country<i>Graduated Responsibility</i> model of training with full year of pre-attending training.	
Jacobi Medical Center, <i>Bronx, NY</i> Adult and Pediatric Level I Trauma Center	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public hospital with combined 112,000 Adult and Pediatric visits annuallyStroke Center, Burn Center, Hyperbarics, Snakebite Center	
Montefiore Medical Center, Moses Division <i>Bronx, NY</i> Adult Level II Trauma Center Children's Hospital at Montefiore	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Combined 255,00 Adult and Pediatric ED visits annually4th Busiest Emergency Department in the country	

Last updated: 12/18/2025

- Stroke Center, Cardiac Catheterization, Interventional Neurosurgery, Transplant and Re-implantation Center

Jack D. Weiler Hospital, Bronx, NY
Adult Level II Trauma Center

- Tertiary Care facility, 75,000 ED visits with 11,000 Pediatric visits annually; Interventional Cardiology, Stroke Center, Cancer Center

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine; Department of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine and Stanford Hospital. Palo Alto, CA	8/01/2020 – 05/20/2025
Social Justice and Health Equity Curriculum Thread Lead, Office of Faculty Development and Diversity, Stanford University School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA	11/01/2020 – 05/20/2025
Clinical Instructor, Emergency Medicine; Department of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine and Stanford Hospital. Palo Alto, CA	08/01/2019 – 07/31/2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Impact Officer, T.R.A.P. (Trust, Research, Access, and Prevention) Medicine. Los Angeles, CA	2014 - 2025
Consultant, Admission Impossible, LLC. Hayward, CA	05/2020 – 05/2025
Writer & Resident Contributor, ABC News Medical Unit. New York, NY	09/2019 - 2020
Research Associate, 1) <i>FASTPATH</i> and 2) <i>Steps To Health</i> Studies General Internal Medicine, Boston Medical Center. Boston, MA	2008 - 2010
Practicum Student, <i>Massachusetts Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition</i> Boston University; Boston, MA	2007 - 2008

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Creative Director, *Gr8Media* (Subsidiary of Great 8 Productions, LLC); Boston, MA 2007 - 2011

Program Research Assistant 2007
W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African-American Research
Harvard University; Cambridge, MA

Summer Scholar, *Epidemiology and Prevention Research Group (EPRG)* 2005
The National Institute on Drug Abuse Summer Internship
Washington University School of Medicine; St. Louis, MO

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Health Equity Rounds 2019 -2024
Social Emergency Medicine
Principal Investigator: Italo Brown, MD
Additional Investigators: William Dixon, MD and Moises Gallegos, MD

Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept. of Emergency Medicine 2012 - 2013
Survey of Health and Wellness, Barbershop-based Health Initiative
Social Emergency Medicine
Mentors: Ewen Wang, MD and Ayesha Khan, MD

Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN | Self-guided Research 2008 - 2010
Direct Primary Care: A Solution to the Primary Care Conundrum
Mentor/Co-collaborator: Dave Chase, CEO/Co-Founder of *Avado*, Senior Vice President of WebMD, former Staff writer for *Tech Crunch*

Boston Medical Center, Dept. of General Internal Medicine 2008 - 2010
FAST PATH (Facilitated Access to Substance Abuse Treatment with Prevention and Treatment of HIV Program) Project
Substance Abuse Intervention for HIV/AIDS & High-Risk Patients
Principal Investigator: Dr. Alexander Walley
Research Associate: Italo Brown, MPH

Boston Medical Center, Dept. of General Internal Medicine 2008 - 2010
Steps To Health Project
Embodied Conversational Agents & Physical Activity Among the Elderly
Principle Investigator: Dr. Michael Paasche-Orlow
Research Associate: Italo Brown, MPH

NON-CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, GlaxoSmithKline. Philadelphia, PA. 2024

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- Advised leadership team on asthma disparities and the social determinants of health that impact asthma management in vulnerable populations.

Consultant, Inclusive Health.

- Advised health benefits start-up co-founders on key health equity principles and provided solutions through platform/product design phase. 2022 - 2023

Consultant, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategies, Senior Leadership Team; Vituity. Emeryville, CA.

2021 - 2023

- Advised senior leadership team on DEI strategic plan and assisted in the development of health equity metrics and dashboards.

Consultant, Impact 4 Health, LLC., Oakland, CA.

2021 - 2023

- Advised Sutter Health Labor and Delivery (Alta Bates) leadership on health equity metrics, and developed strategies to improve health outcomes.

Consultant, Moderna, Inc. Cambridge, MA.

2021 - 2022

- Advised senior leadership team on vaccine hesitancy in communities of color and barriers in access to therapeutics.

Consultant, Amgen/AstraZeneca. Thousand Oaks, CA.

2021

- Advised on asthma health disparities, social drivers of health, and community engagement strategies surrounding asthma outcomes.

Consultant, Underwriters Laboratories LLC. (UL). Northbrook, IL.

2021

- Advised on health disparities, antiracism and DEI policy development.

Consultant, Adaptive Biotechnologies. Seattle, WA.

2021

- Advised senior leadership team on racial/ethnic barriers to participant recruitment and developed equity in research strategic goals.

Consultant, YouTube Health; YouTube. San Bruno, CA.

2020 - 2021

- Advised on health equity content development including the *Barbershop Medicine* Web Series.

Consultant, Google benefits team; Google. Mountain View, CA.

2020

- Advised team during 90-day comprehensive review of Google health benefits and provided recommendations on health equity metrics.

LICENSES

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California State Medical License **A163900** 2019 - Present
Expiration: 7/31/2025

D.E.A. License #**FB8627791** 2019 - Present

LEADERSHIP

Stanford Leadership Development Program (SLDP), Stanford Health Care, Stanford Hospital, and Stanford School of Medicine. 2023 - 2024

Executive Advisor, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, American Association of Emergency Medicine (AAEM). 2023 - 2024

Clinician Leader in Access to Care, Health Equity Leaders Roundtable; Office of Public Engagement, The White House. 2021 - 2023

Chair, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, American Association of Emergency Medicine (AAEM). 2022 - 2023

Track Chair, Public Health and Social Justice. Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC - GREAT) Joint Conference. 2022 - 2023

Chief Resident, Jacobi/Montefiore Emergency Medicine Residency Program 2018 - 2019

Alumni Advisor to National Board, Committee of Interns & Residents (CIR). Trustee, House Staff Benefits Plan 2018 - 2019

New York Regional Vice President, Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR) 2017 - 2018

AAEM/Resident & Student Association Diversity and Inclusion Task Force 2016

NYC Coalition to Dismantle Racism in the Health System 2016

American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Health Policy Section 2016 - 2019

Board Member, The Tennessee Health Care Campaign Nashville, TN 2014 - 2015

Vice-President, School of Medicine Class of 2015 Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN 2014 - 2015

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Director of Health Policy, Student National Medical Association (SNMA) 2013 - 2015
Meharry Medical College Chapter, Nashville, TN

President (Chapter), American Medical Student Association (AMSA) 2012 - 2013
Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Primary Care Leadership Program 2012 Scholar 2012 - 2013
General Electric & National Medical Fellowships
Site: United Neighborhood Health Services, Nashville, TN

Chief Teaching Assistant, Gross Anatomy 2012 - 2013
Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Frontline Scholars Planning Committee, TEDMED 2013 2012 - 2013

Director of Chapter Programming, Chi Chapter 2012 - 2015
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Peer Tutor, Senior (Medicine, Public Health, and Dentistry). Meharry 2012 - 2015
Medical College, Nashville, TN.

Health Policy Scholar, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) 2012 - 2015
Center for Health Policy, Meharry Medical College; Nashville, TN

CERTIFICATIONS

**Board Certified, Emergency Medicine - American Board 2021 - Present
of Emergency Medicine (ABEM)**

Basic Life Support for Health Providers 2011 - Present
The American Heart Association

Pediatric Advanced Life Support 2013 - Present
The American Heart Association

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support 2014 - Present
The American Heart Association

Operations Management, Coursera Online 2013
Wharton School of Business, Univ. of Pennsylvania

Marketing, Coursera Online 2013
Wharton School of Business, Univ. of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)	2019 - Present
Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)	2019 - Present
American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM), Fellow	2019 - Present
American Public Health Association (APHA), Member	2012 - Present
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Center for Health Policy at Meharry, Health Policy Scholar	2012 - 2015
American Medical Association (AMA), Meharry Chapter	2011 - 2015
American Medical Student Association (AMSA), Meharry Chapter, Member	2011 - 2015
Student National Medical Association (SNMA), Meharry Chapter, Member	2011 - 2015
American College of Physicians (ACP), Student Member	2011 - 2015
Morehouse College Alumni Association	2006 - Present

ACTIVITIES AND NON-CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

CIR Family Health Challenge	2016 - 2019
Mentors In Medicine	2015 - 2019
Tour 4 Diversity; Mentor for URM Undergraduate and Graduate students	2014 - 2025
The South Africa Medical Externship, Medical Mission Trip	2014
Music City Marathon, Medical Support Team	2014
Semifinalist, Simulation Olympics (Simlympics) Team, AMSA	2014
12 South Student Run-Free Clinic, Dir. of Sustainability	2012 - 2014
Shade Tree Student Run-Free Clinic, Volunteer	2010 - 2012
Web Enhancement and Strategy Team (WEST), Meharry Medical College	2011 - 2015
The PULSE, Student Newspaper; Staff Writer	2010 - 2011
Greater Boston Morehouse College Alumni Association	2006 - 2010
The Maroon Tiger, Student Newspaper; Staff Writer	2003 - 2006

HONORS & AWARDS

National Medical Association Top Physicians Under 40	2023
Marcus L. Martin Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion Award (SAEM)	2022
Young Educator Award - AAEM	2022
10 Under 10 Meharry Medical College National Alumni Association	2022
Dr. Wes Curry Award for Social Justice; Vituity	2021
Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Inductee (<i>Stanford</i>)	2020
<i>Outstanding Clinical Educator of the Month</i> , Stanford Emergency Medicine	2020
<i>Outstanding Future Academician Award</i> , ADIEM (Section of SAEM)	2017
<i>The 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health Award</i> , National Minority Quality Forum	2017
<i>Resident of the Block</i> . Jacobi Medical Center.	2016
Physicians of Tomorrow Award, The AMA Foundation	2014
The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Award, National Medical Fellowships	2014
Student Health Activist Award - Honorable Mention; APHA	2013
AAMC "Light-years Beyond Flexner; Medicine 2033" Competition 2 nd Place	2013
The Gertrude E. Skelly Foundation Scholarship	2013

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The Edwin T. Johnson, M.D. Family Endowed Memorial Scholarship	2013
The Gabriel F. and Harriett B. Lefebvre Endowed Memorial Scholarship	2012
General Electric & National Medical Fellowships PCLP Scholar	2012
TEDMED 2012 Frontline Scholar	2012
Meharry Medical College General Scholarship	2011 - 2015
Carl J. Herzog Presidential Endowed Scholarship	2011 - 2015
The Devail Wyatt Memorial Scholarship	2011
Dr. Thomas J. Blocker Memorial Scholarship	2011 - 2012
The Jean T. Herlin Memorial Scholarship	2010 - 2011
The <i>30 Under 30</i> Award, Sacramento Observer News Group; Sacramento, CA	2009
Academic Tuition Scholarship, Morehouse College	2002 - 2006

SERVICE INVOLVEMENT AND INITIATIVES

<i>Trap Medicine</i> - Barbershop Open-Access Health Initiative; CA	2016 - Present
• Board Member	
• Advisor in Strategic Partnerships and Community Outreach	
• Medical and Public Health Curriculum Development	
ACEP Leadership & Advocacy Conference; Washington, DC	2016, 2023
• Core legislation Lobbying coordinator	
• NYC (Resident) and CA (Attending) Representative	
Tennessee Health Care Campaign, Statewide Health Advocacy Group	2011 - 2015
• Board Member	2013
• Speaker - Affordable Care Act (ACA) SCOTUS Decision Town Forum Legislative Plaza; Nashville, TN	2012
• Volunteer Policy Navigator - Senior Education on Medicare & Medicaid Expansion	2012
American Medical Student Association (AMSA)	2011 - 2015
• Lobbyist - National Lobby Day, Capitol Hill; Washington, D.C.	2013
• Lobbyist/ Coordinator - State Lobby Day, Legislative Plaza; Nashville, TN	2012
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Chi Chapter, Nashville TN	
• March of Dimes Fundraiser Captain	04/2013
• Brother's Keeper: Health Awareness Program	02/2013
• Barbershop Health Outreach	02/2013
• Voter's Registration Drive Coordinator	10/2012
Peer Counselor, Sexual Health Outreach Program	2007 - 2008
• <i>Dimock Community Health Center</i> , Boston, MA	

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS - OTHER

Landry, Alden M. **Brown, Italo M.** The Glass Ceiling – Racial Disparities Among Emergency Medicine Chief Residents. Invited Commentary. *JAMA Network*. 2024; 7(9):e2432606. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2024.32606

Heron, S. Calderon, Y. Moll, J. Rotoli, J. Franks, N. Hassan, M. Ander, D. **Brown, I. Lewis, J.** Diversity, equity, inclusion, justice—Are we accountable? *Academic Emergency Medicine*. First published: 24 November 2022. doi: 10.1111/acem.14632

Brown, Italo M. The Arc of DEI Embraces Community Engagement. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News*. April 2022 - Volume 44 - Issue 4 - p 21
doi: 10.1097/01.EEM.0000827712.84181.94

Brown, Italo M. How to Address Health Disparities Exacerbated During a Crisis (Like a Pandemic). *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News*. March 2022 - Volume 44 - Issue 3 - p 25; doi: 10.1097/01.EEM.0000824184.29981.f7

Brown, Italo M. Exposing Equity Blind Spots with Ethnic Identifiers. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News*. February 2022 - Volume 44 - Issue 2 - p 19
doi: 10.1097/01.EEM.0000820908.64662.a7

Brown, Italo M. Simulation Cases Exploring Racial Equity Are Long Overdue. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News*. January 2022 - Volume 44 - Issue 1 - p 18
doi: 10.1097/01.EEM.0000815560.21388.e2

Brown, C. Brown, K. **Brown, I. Daniel, R.** Dear White People in Emergency Medicine. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. Vol. 78, Issue 5, p587(92), 01 Nov 2021.

Brown, Italo M. Social Determinants of Health are in EPs Wheelhouse. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News*. 43(11):22, November 2021.

Milam, A.J., **Brown, I.**, Edwards-Johnson, J., McDougle, L., Sousa, A., Furr-Holden, C. Experiences of Discrimination Institutional Responses to Seminal Race Events and Depressive Symptoms in Black Medical Students. *Submitted to Academic Medicine*. Revise and Resubmit. September 2021. Published 22 Feb 2022.

Otugo, O. Alvarez, A. **Brown, I. Landry, A.** Bias in Recruitment: A focus on virtual interviews and holistic review to advance diversity. *AEM Educ Train* 2021 Sep 29; eCollection 2021 Sep.

Brown, Italo M. Mentorship is the Missing Ingredient in DEI. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News*. 43(8):28, August 2021.

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Brown, Italo M. Tipping the Scales on the Minority Tax. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 43(7):9, July 2021.

Brown, Italo M. In Search of Restorative Justice. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 43(4):9, April 2021.

Brown, Italo M. The Case for Health Equity Rounds. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 43(3):4, March 2021.

Fofana, Mariame; **Brown, Italo M.** A Day in the Life of a Black Female EP. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 43(2):10, February 2021.

Brown, Italo M. Code-Switching as an EM Survival Tactic. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 43(1):7, January 2021.

Brown, Italo M. Armor-Piercing Rounds Lodged Next to My Heart. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 42(12):15, December 2020.

Brown, Italo M. Blind Spots: EPs, Microaggressions, and Privilege. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 42(11):25, November 2020.

Brown, Italo M. John Lewis's Legacy Extends into the ED. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 42(10):19, October 2020.

Brown, Italo M. A Bridge Over Troubled Waters: The Impact of COVID-19 on UIM Candidates. *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 42(9):1,33, September 2020.

Brown, Italo M. "Racism: The Elephant in the ED". *Diversity Matters, Emergency Medicine News.* 42(8):1,33, August 2020.

Landry, A. **Brown, I.** Blomkalns, A. Wolfe, R. The Role of an Academic Emergency Department in Advancing Equity and Justice. *Academic Emergency Medicine.* 2020 Oct 30.

Brown, I. Khan, A. Slocum, J. Campbell, L. Lacey, J. Landry, A. COVID-19 Disparities and the Black Community: A Health Equity-Informed Rapid Response is Needed. *American Journal of Public Health.* In-Print. September 2020, Vol 110, No. 9.

Milam AJ, Furr-Holden D, Edwards-Johnson J, Webb B, Patton III JW, Ezekwemba NC, Porter L, Davis T, Chukwurah M, Webb AJ, Simon K, Franck G, Anthony J, Onuoha II G, **Brown IM,** Carson JT, Stephens BC (2020) Are clinicians contributing to excess African American COVID-19 deaths? Unbeknownst to them, they may be, *Health Equity* 4:1, 139-141, DOI: 10.1089/heq.2020.0015.

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Landry, A. **Brown, I.** Back to Basics: Key Terms in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. SAEM Pulse. Sept - Oct 2021, 12 (13).

Yiadom, M. **Brown, I.** Bennet, C. Are We Really Prepared to be Anti-Racists? SAEM Pulse. Sept - Oct 2020, 40(1).

Brown, Italo M. "How Health Systems Can Effectively Serve Minorities Communities: Shift the Cost-Access-Quality Axis." RWJF Human Capital Blog. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 23 Apr. 2014. Web. 23 Apr. 2014

Brown, Italo M. "Pros and Cons of Federally-Mandated Comprehensive Care." RWJF Human Capital Blog. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 2 Aug. 2013. Web. 21 Aug. 2013.

Brown, Italo M. "Where Supply Meets Demand: Why Medical Students Should Aim Their Sights at Primary Care." RWJF Human Capital Blog. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 5 May 2013. Web. 18 June 2013.

WEB PUBLICATIONS

Brown, Italo M. *In Harm's Way.* The New York Times. Published 11 June 2020.

Brown, Italo M. "We are Meharry, Not Juul's Marionette." TheRoot.com. Published 10 July 2019.

Brown, Italo M. "Under Pressure: Black America and its Silent Killer." Medium.com. Published 12 July 2019.

Brown, Italo M. "Rare case of cancer passed from organ donor to 4 recipients, leaves 3 dead: Report." ABC News. Published 20, Sept. 2018

Brown, Italo M. "Parents take note: Kids, teen, college student mental health problems on the rise." ABC News. Published 15, Sept. 2018

Brown, Italo M. "Among teens, transgender boys are most likely to attempt suicide." ABC News. Published 11, Sept. 2018

Brown, Italo M. "3 out of 4 college students say they're stressed, many report suicidal thoughts." *Good Morning America*, ABC News. Published 6, Sept. 2018.

Brown, Italo M. "Deadly infections in kids: What you should know about sepsis." ABC News. Published 5, Sept. 2018

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Brown, Italo M. “Ketamine may be helpful in treating depression, study shows.” ABC News. Published 29 Aug. 2018.

Brown, Italo M. “Deaths from Drugs, Alcohol Now Outpace Diabetes, study shows.” ABC News. Published 27 Aug. 2018.

Brown, Italo M. “How Uzi Vert is Changing Mental Health for Millennials.” Medium.com. Published 19 June 2018.

Brown, Italo M. “DeMar DeRozan, Mental Health’s Unsung Hero.” Medium.com. Published 17 Mar. 2018.

Brown, Italo M. “10 Reasons Why I’m Moving to Wakanda to Practice Medicine.” Medium.com. Published 15 Feb. 2018.

Brown, Italo M. “What Should Medical Students Expect from Health Reform?” KevinMD.com. 5 May 2013. Web. 5 June 2013.

AUDIO & VIDEO PUBLICATIONS

Brown, Italo. *How to Stay Calm in Emergency Situations.* Life Kit. National Public Radio (NPR). 15 May 2025.

Landry, Alden. **Brown, Italo.** *EM:Rap Roc ‘n Roll: AMA Discharges.* EM:Rap Podcast. 30 Sept 2024.

Landry, Alden. **Brown, Italo.** Johnson, Whitney. *EM Hodgepodge: Anti-DEI Legislation.* EM:Rap Podcast. 7 July 2024.

Bradley, S. **Brown, I.** Sunrise or Sunset? The Future of DEI in Medicine. The Black Doctors Podcast. Season 9: Episode 9. 25 Feb 2024.

Bradley, S. **Brown, I.** *The Ethical Implications of Unilateral Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders.* The Black Doctors Podcast. Season 7: Episode 14. 8 May 2023.

Landry, Alden. **Brown, Italo.** Anani, Love. *EM:Rap Snacks: Abdominal Pain, Pain Control, and Missed Appendicitis.* EM:Rap Podcast. Apr 2023.

Landry, Alden. **Brown, Italo.** *EM:Rap Health Equity and DEI Primer.* EM:Rap Podcast. Mar 2023.

Bradley, S. **Brown, I.** *Overcoming Barriers with the Tour for Diversity in Medicine.* The Black Doctors Podcast, Season 6, Episode 16. 19 Sept 2022.

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Brown, Italo. Contributor. *The Bakari Sellers Podcast - Discussing Monkeypox with Dr. Italo Brown and Dr. Ulysses Burley.* The Ringer. Aug 2022.

Landry, Alden. **Brown, Italo.** EM:Rap Snacks: Negative Patient Descriptors. EM:Rap Podcast. Apr 2022.

Brown Italo. Contributor. Omicron and Its BA.2 Variant Pose New Challenges for Doctors and Hospitals. Newsy. 31 Jan 2022.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *The Bakari Sellers Podcast - Bakari and Van Lathan talk Omicron with Dr. Italo Brown.* The Ringer. Jan 2022.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *The Impact of COVID-19.* Black In Focus, Bloomberg. Oct 2021.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. Black In Focus, Bloomberg. Jul 2021.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. A Barbershop Take on the Vaccine from Dr. Fauci. YouTube Health and The American Public Health Association (APHA). Jul 2021.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *Why COVID-19 has hit the Black community so hard.* YouTube Health and The American Public Health Association (APHA). Jul 2021.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *The Bakari Sellers Podcast - The Truth About COVID Vaccines with Jalen Rose and Dr. Italo Brown.* The Ringer. May 2021.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *"Fight Like Chadwick".* Truth Be Told Podcast, KQED. Sept 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *"Importance of Colon Cancer Screening Among Black Men Highlighted After Chadwick Boseman Death."* National Public Radio (NPR). Aug 2020

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *"Vaccine Development and Mistrust, Hesitancy in Communities of Color."* Health in Harlem Radio Show, Sept 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *"Overcoming Rejection".* Black Man in a White Coat Podcast with Dr. Dale. 3 Aug 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *"The Burden of Being a Black Doctor".* Docs Outside the Box Podcast with Dr. Nii Darko. 20 July 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. *"Debunking Health Myths with Dr. Italo Brown".* WIRED Magazine. 9 July 2020.

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Brown, Italo. Contributor. “*Health Disparities in the time of COVID*”. Announce Podcast. 26 May 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. “*On the Frontlines*”. Millennial Health, Podcast. 30 March 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. “Go See the Doctor”. Protégé Podcast with Rory Verrett. Podcast. 4 Feb 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. “Racial Bias and the Hidden Effects on the Opioid Crisis”. Health in Harlem, Radio Show. 9 Jan 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. “The Breakdown: Medical Injuries in Film”. Gentleman’s Quarterly Web Series. 7 Jan 2020.

Brown, Italo. Contributor. “This Meharrian Life: Episode 1”. Podcast. 23 Jan 2019.
<https://soundcloud.com/thismeharrianlife>

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Health Equity Rounds. DEI Rounds, Dept of Emergency Medicine. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. 9 Oct 2024.

Introduction to Social Justice and Health Equity in Medicine. UME Mini-Quarter. Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA. 26 Aug 2024.

An Educator’s Playbook: Insights on SDoH and UME/GME Curricular Integration. Kaiser Santa Clara Faculty Conference. Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA. 20 Aug 2024.

Delivering Care During a Humanitarian Crisis: Social Activism and Student Involvement. INDE 297 (UME Curriculum). Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA. 16 Aug 2024.

Race-based Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease: Gene Variants, Drugs, and Health Disparities. Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA. 17 May 2024.

Reproductive Justice. INDE 297 (UME Curriculum). Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA. 8 Dec 2023.

Health Equity Rounds. DEI Rounds, Dept of Emergency Medicine. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. 23 Aug 2023.

Race-based Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease: Gene Variants, Drugs, and Health Disparities. Stanford School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA. 26 May 2023.

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Healthcare for the Incarcerated. INDE 297 (UME Curriculum). Stanford School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA. 2 Dec 2022.

Health Equity Rounds. Grand Rounds, Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. 5 Oct 2022.

Health Equity Rounds. DEI Rounds, Dept of Emergency Medicine. Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. 14 Sept 2022.

Health Equity Rounds. DEI Rounds, Dept of Emergency Medicine. Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. 17 Aug 2022.

Laying a Foundation for Health Equity and Social Justice in Medical Education. 5th Annual Medical & Bioscience Education Day/ SIMEC VII. Stanford School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA. 21 May 2022.

Race-based Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease: Gene Variants, Drugs, and Health Disparities. Stanford School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA. 17 May 2022.

Making the Case for Diversity In Emergency Medicine. Keynote Speaker, Western Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Regional Assembly. Stanford School of Medicine. Palo Alto, CA. 1 Apr 2022.

Five Health Equity Lessons I Learned from the Barbershop. LEAD Program, Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. 17 Mar 2022.

Health Equity Rounds. Grand Rounds, Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. 8 Dec 2021.

Organ Trafficking. Human Trafficking: Historical, Legal, and Medical Perspectives. Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. 3 Mar 2021.

More than a Meme: How Social Media Normalizes Mental Health Among Black Men. AfroTech Health Conference, AfroTech, LLC. San Francisco, CA. October 2020

Conquering the Interview. Doctors on Board Conference, Physicians Medical Forum (PMF). Oakland, CA. March 2018

The Story that Counts: Finding and Developing Your Personal Statement. Doctors on Board Conference, Physicians Medical Forum (PMF). Oakland, CA. March 2018

Conquering the Interview. Doctors on Board Conference, Physicians Medical Forum (PMF). Oakland, CA. March 2017

The Story that Counts: Finding and Developing Your Personal Statement. Doctors on Board Conference, Physicians Medical Forum (PMF). Oakland, CA. March 2017

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Code of Ethics: Bias and Values in Information Systems and Artificial Intelligence. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 16 May 2025

Shhh! Don't Say DEI: An Open Dialogue to Address DEI in Academic Emergency Medicine. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 16 May 2025

Reaffirming DEI in Med Ed: A Review on Anti-DEI legislation and the effect on the URiM Pathway into Emergency Medicine. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 12 May 2025

Health Equity Skills Simulation. Pre-Conference Workshop. Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 12 May 2025

Best Practices for Culturally Humble Healthcare. Student National Medical Association Medical Education Conference (AMEC). St. Louis, MO. 19 Apr 2025.

What Lies Ahead: Effects of Affirmative Action Ruling on Medical Schools. Student National Medical Association Medical Education Conference (AMEC). St. Louis, MO. 18 Apr 2025.

Excited Delirium: Fact or Fiction. American Academy of Emergency Physicians (AAEM) Scientific Assembly. Miami, FL. 9 Apr 2025.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Where We Are, Where We Are Going, and Best Practices to Get There. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. 1 Oct 2024.

Social Emergency Medicine That Matters Most in the Trenches. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. 1 Oct 2024.

Unaffirmative Action: A Review of the Supreme Court of the United States Repeal and Its Effects on the Underrepresented in Medicine Pipeline into Educational and Employment Opportunities. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting - Resident & Student Association. Las Vegas, NV. 30 Sept 2024.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Fireside Chat Centering Best Practices. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. 30 Sept 2024.

Unaffirmative Action: A Review of the Supreme Court of the United States Repeal and Its Effects on the Underrepresented in Medicine Pipeline into Educational and Employment Opportunities. Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine (CORD). DEI Conference. Virtual Presentation. 17 Sept 2024.

Health Equity Rounds: Creating Space for Conversations on Race, Health Disparities, and Social Justice. CORD DEI Conference. Virtual Presentation. 17 Sept 2024.

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Unaffirmative Action: A Review of the Supreme Court of the United States Repeal and Its Effects on the Underrepresented in Medicine Pipeline into Educational and Employment Opportunities. SAEM Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. 16 May 2024.

Capturing Wind: The Case for Health Equity in Emergency Medicine. Grand Rounds, Emory University, Department of Emergency Medicine. Atlanta, GA. 16 Apr 2024.

Exploring the Reach of Social Emergency Medicine. Annual Medical Education Conference, Student National Medical Association. New Orleans, LA. 28 Mar 2024.

Anchoring Health Equity in Emergency Care Delivery. JEDI-WeST Lecture. University of Southern California Emergency Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 29 Feb 2024.

Advancing the Dream: Equity and Justice in Health Care. George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Washington, DC. 16 Jan 2024.

Innovating Training with an Equity Lens: Integration of Social Justice and Health Equity within the MD Curriculum. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. 5 Nov 2023.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. Grand Rounds, University of Cincinnati, Department of Emergency Medicine. Cincinnati, OH. 24 Oct 2024.

Social Emergency Medicine That Matters Most in the Trenches. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. 12 Oct 2023.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Where We Are, Where We Are Going, and Best Practices to Get There. American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. 11 Oct 2023.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. Grand Rounds, Brooke Army Medical Center, Department of Medicine. San Antonio, TX. 21 Jul 2023.

Health Equity Rounds. Grand Rounds, Ascension Providence, Department of Emergency Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 26 Jul 2023.

Engagement Strategies: How to Find and Leverage Partnerships with Community Leaders. RARE Health Equity Forum. Global Genes Conference. San Diego, CA. 18 Sept 2023.

Wilson, L. Brown, I. Lewis, John. James, T. *Modeling Equity Driven, Anti-Racist, Community Centered Partnership.* SAEM Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 19 May 2023.

Mundo W, Alvarez A, Vora S, Brown I, Brown C, Smith K, Detiege P, Datta S, Ward-Gaines J. *Health Equity Skills Simulation: Being an Upstander to a Patient Racist Encounter.* Lead Faculty Planners. Small Group Clinic. AAEM23. New Orleans, LA. 23 April 2023.

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The Elephant in the Room. Health Equity and Racial Justice (HEAR), GME Pathways Program. University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. San Francisco, CA. 24 April 2023.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. EM Grand Rounds, George Washington University Emergency Medicine. Washington, DC. 15 Feb 2023.

Diversity, Inclusion, and Health Equity Symposium. Center for Healthcare Innovation. San Francisco, CA. 14 Feb 2023.

Health Equity Rounds: Clinical Case Lab. EM Grand Rounds, University of California at Davis Emergency Medicine. Sacramento, CA. 7 Feb 2023.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. EM Grand Rounds, Northwestern University Emergency Medicine. Chicago, IL. 1 Feb 2023.

Advancing Health Equity in Emergency Medicine through Community-Based Participatory Research. Webinar, Academy for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Medicine (ADIEM), SAEM. 25 Jan 2023.

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. EM Grand Rounds, University of Florida, Jacksonville Emergency Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 8 Dec 2022.

Against the Grain: Centering Equity in the Fight for Better Health Outcomes. Keynote Address, National Hemophilia Foundation Leadership Summit. Phoenix, AZ. 15 Nov 2022.

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. EM Grand Rounds, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Virtual Presentation. 10 Nov 2022.

Where Do We Go from Here? Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis. Health Professions Week National Workshop. Virtual Presentation. 9 Nov 2022.

Finding the Missing Pieces. Missingness in Action (MIA) Conference. Stanford University. Virtual Presentation. 21 Sept 2022.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. EM Grand Rounds, Virginia Commonwealth University Emergency Medicine. Richmond, VA. 17 Aug 2022.

From Preparation to Action: Moving the Needle on Antiracism in Emergency Medicine. The National Medical Association 2021 Convention and Scientific Assembly. Atlanta, GA. 1 Aug 2022.

Against the Grain: Centering Equity in the Fight for Better Health Outcomes. National Hemophilia Foundation Health Equity Summit. Atlanta, GA. 1 Jun 2022.

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Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. EM Grand Rounds, LSU Emergency Medicine. New Orleans, LA. 25 May 2022.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. EM Grand Rounds, LSU Emergency Medicine. New Orleans, LA. 25 May 2022.

Health Equity Rounds: Creating Space for Conversations on Race, Health Disparities, and Social Justice. SAEM Annual Meeting. 10 May 2022.

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. Social EM Grand Rounds, East Carolina University Emergency Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 6 Apr 2022.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. Hackensack Meridian Health DANDI Symposium. Virtual Presentation. 30 Mar 2022.

Health Equity Lab. RFHP Spring 2022 Forum. George Washington University School of Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 15 Mar 2022.

Five Health Equity Lessons I Learned from the Barbershop. CityBlock Grand Rounds. Virtual Presentation. 14 Mar 2022.

Against the Grain: Centering DEI in the Fight for Health Equity. University of Michigan, Diversity in Medicine Conference 2022. Virtual Presentation. 12 Mar 2022.

Five Health Equity Lessons I Learned from the Barbershop. University Hospitals - Black History Month Grand Rounds. Virtual Presentation. 23 Feb 2022.

Health Equity Rounds. Alaska Black Caucus and Alaska Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Project. Virtual Presentation. 17 Feb 2022.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. Alaska Black Caucus and Alaska ECHO Project. Virtual Presentation. 17 Feb 2022

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impacts Medicine and Healthcare. Baylor College of Medicine DEI Grand Rounds. Virtual Presentation. 3 Feb 2022

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Health Equity Grand rounds. Virtual Presentation. 24 Nov 2021

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. Washington University in St. Louis and St. Louis University (SLU) Joint Emergency Medicine Conference. Virtual Presentation. 10 Nov 2021.

The Elephant in the Room: How Race and Racism Impact Medicine and Health Equity. UCSF Fresno Emergency Medicine, DEI Lecture Series. Virtual Presentation. 28 October 2021.

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Health Equity Lab. RFHP Spring 2021 Forum. George Washington University School of Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 28 Sept 2021.

COVID-19 and the Distrust of Healthcare. Infodemic, National Consensus Conference. Stanford School of Medicine. Virtual Presentation. Aug 2021.

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education & Practice in the Post-COVID Era. The National Medical Association 2021 Convention and Scientific Assembly. Virtual Presentation. 19 Jul 2021.

Did That Just Happen? How to Respond to Microaggressions in the Emergency Department. SAEM Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation. 12 May 2021.

Bending the Arc toward Antiracism in Medicine. University of Rochester School of Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 24 Apr 2021.

Health Equity Rounds. University of California at Davis Internal Medicine Grand Rounds. Virtual Presentation. 1 Apr 2021.

Social Emergency Medicine and Community Engagement. Sinai Grace Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. Virtual Presentation. Mar 2021.

Antiracism in Medicine. RFHP Spring 2021 Forum. George Washington University School of Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 30 Mar 2021.

Antiracism in Medicine. Keynote Address. Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 25 Feb 2021.

Health Equity Rounds: Creating Space for Uncomfortable Conversations on Race, Health Disparities, and Social Justice. CORD Connects. Virtual Presentation. 25 Feb 2021.

The Blindspot: Microaggressions in the ED. Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Virtual Presentation. 9 Feb 2021.

Implicit Bias. American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians Scientific Assembly 2020. Virtual Presentation. Oct 2020

Barbershop Health Interventions. APHA 2020 Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation. Oct 2020

We are the Champions: Using your Platform to Advance Health Equity and Social Justice. Association for Healthcare and Social Media (AHSM) Conference. Virtual Presentation. 8 Aug 2020.

Social Justice and Health Equity in Emergency Medicine. Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Jacobi/Montefiore. Virtual Presentation 8 Jul 2020.

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Putting the Med in Social Media: Health Advocacy in a Digital Age. Medicine and Entrepreneurship Conference. Houston, TX. Sept 2019

Health Innovation and Health Equity. Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, Futures Expo. Washington, DC. Sept 2019

Implicit Bias in Emergency Medicine. Emergency Medicine College of Education, Grand Rounds. Jacobi Medical Center. Bronx, NY. March 2019

Case Presentation: Approach to PEA and Post-Arrest Management in the Setting of Submassive Pulmonary Embolism. Emergency Medicine & Critical Care Medicine Joint Conference, Montefiore Medical Center. Bronx, NY. May 2018.

Becoming a Good Mentor and Mentee: Finding and Maintaining the Relationship. Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors (CORD) Academic Assembly. San Antonio, TX. April 2018

Case Presentation: Cardiac Arrest in the Cardiac Transplant Patient. Emergency Medicine & Critical Care Medicine Joint Conference, Montefiore Medical Center. Bronx, NY. Jan 2018.

Early Exposure and Maximizing Impact: The Added Value of Mentors and Role Models. HBCU Empower2 Conference. Nashville, TN. June 2017

Applying to Medical and Dental School: Logistics and Planning. Tour for Diversity in Medicine. Hampton University, Hampton, VA. Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC. South Carolina State University, Columbia, SC. Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL. Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS. Feb 2017

Strike the Match. Meharry Medical College Department of Student Services Inaugural Leadership Symposium. Nashville, TN. Nov 2016

Pathways to Emergency Medicine. Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program. The City College of New York. Manhattan, NY. Nov 2016

The Impact of STEM Education. Pfizer Essential Health Lecture Series. International High School for Health Sciences. Queens, NY. Nov 2016

Motivating Medical Minds. Panelist. The Brooklyn Nets & Motivating Medical Minds. Brooklyn, New York. Nov 2016

Test Prep and Anxiety Management. Mentors in Medicine, Kaplan Test Prep. Manhattan, NY. Aug 2016

The Non-Traditional Applicant. Mentors in Medicine, STEP Summer Program. Fordham University. Bronx, NY. Jul 2016

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Applying to Medical and Dental School: Logistics and Planning. Tour for Diversity in Medicine. Langston University, Oklahoma City, OK. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, AK. Dillard University, New Orleans, LA. Xavier University, New Orleans, LA. Feb 2016

Applying to Medical and Dental School: Logistics and Planning and Test-Taking Workshop. Tour for Diversity in Medicine. Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), Tallahassee, FL. Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL. Miami-Dade College, Miami, FL. Feb 2015

The Success Series: Dress for Success. Meharry Medical College. Nashville, TN. Feb 2014.

Direct Primary Care: A Solution to the Primary Care Conundrum. Meharry Medical College Research Day Poster Session. Nashville, TN. March 2013

Direct Primary Care: A Solution to the Primary Care Conundrum. Student National Medical Association Region X Conference Poster Session. Nashville, TN. November 2012

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Five Health Equity Lessons I Learned from the Barbershop. MEMC - GREAT Joint Congress. Rhodes, Greece. 8 Sept 2023.

Social Emergency Medicine: Implications for Medical Education and Practice in a Post-COVID Era. MEMC - GREAT Joint Congress. St. Julian's, Malta. 24 Sept 2022.

The Rose that Grew Beneath Stretchers: Othering in Emergency Medicine. MEMC - GREAT Joint Congress. Dubrovnik, Croatia. Sept 2019

Using a Razor with a Shaky Hand. Case Presentation Competition, MEMC- GREAT Joint Congress. Lisbon, Portugal. Sept 2017

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Medical Advisor, *Men's Health* Advisory Panel. Men's Health Magazine. 2021-present

Staff Writer, *Diversity Matters* Column. Emergency Medicine News. 2020-present

Editor-in-Chief, *EM Rounds*, Jacobi/Montefiore Emergency Medicine Resident Site
<http://emrounds.org> 2015-2019

Editor-in-Chief, *Voices of Diversity* Blog; <http://tour4diversity.com/blog> 2015-2019

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MENTORSHIP

Linelle Campbell, MD, MS - *Attending and Director of Equity in Quality and Safety, Jacobi Medical Center.* 2019 - present.

Jessica Faiz, MD - *Attending, University of California, Los Angeles Health.* 2021 - present.

Jarvis Garner, MD - *PGY-3, Emergency Medicine, University of Texas, Southwestern.* 2022 - present.

Corydon Wilson, MD - *PGY-2, Emergency Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, Olive View.* 2023 - present.

Taylor Harrell, MD - *PGY-2, Emergency Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis.* 2023 - present.

Eric Jenkins, MD - *PGY-2, Emergency Medicine, University of California, Davis.* 2023 - present.

Ryan Johnson - M3, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN. 2025 - present.

Johnny Powell - M3, Stanford School of Medicine. 2024 - Present

Proposal for SCAQMD Board Member Assistant/Consultant

To: Administrative Cmte For meeting on April 10, 2026 From: Board Member Dr. Cedric Jamie Rutland

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 April 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026

Candidate Information

Name: Polash Mukerjee

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)

\$ 2,180.55 per month for April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 per month, up to a maximum payable during the contract period not to exceed \$6,541.65.

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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Polash Mukerjee (He/Him)

[LinkedIn](#)

Air quality & climate researcher with 11+ years of experience advancing community focussed clean energy & public health initiatives. Strong record with technical advisory, policy analysis, program management & partnerships across government & non-profit settings.

Skills: Policy & Analysis | Environment Equity | Strategic Communication & Outreach | Stakeholder Engagement | Decision Support

Fellowships and expert committee appointments

Fellowships:

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Environmental Justice Scholar, *Fogarty International Centre, USA* 2024–25

Appointments and expert committee memberships:

- Member, *India-Pakistan Climate Collective* 2023 – Present
- Invitee, National Clean Air Program (NCAP) consultation, *Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, India* 2022
- Member, Air Quality Action Forum, *United Nations Environment Program India* 2021 – Present
- Invitee, *NCAP governance committees* for the province of Gujarat, India, and cities of Ahmedabad and Pune 2019 – 2023
- Member, Heat Wave committee, *National Disaster Management Authority, India* 2019 – 2022
- Member, *Clean Air Collective, India* 2018 – Present
- Special Officer, *Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority for National Capital Region (EPCA)* 2015 – 2019

Professional experience

Independent Strategy and Research Consultant - Air quality, Climate and Health – Global June 2023 - Present

[Coalition for Clean Air](#) – California, USA April 2025 - Present

- Pro-bono research, advocacy, and strategy on equity-linked emission reduction pathways for shipping and rail, working with local governments and regulators. Work with local air districts, state air resources board and community-based organizations.

[Respirer Living Sciences](#) – Maharashtra, India

October - November 2025

- Strategic advisory on business development, partnerships, and communications to expand air quality and climate data solutions across new geographies, markets, policy networks, and investor platforms, strengthening visibility and growth.

[Sustainability Equity Diversity \(SED\) Fund](#) – South Holland, Netherlands

April – November 2024

- Lead strategy review and impact assessment of air quality-focussed philanthropic efforts in India. Engaged with community organisations, funders and policy experts to align resources with environmental justice and public health priorities

[Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago \(EPIC\)](#) – Illinois, USA

September 2023 – February 2024

- Co-developed a philanthropic framework to expand community air monitoring in under-resourced, high impact LMIC countries, informing the EPIC Air Quality Fund (Open Philanthropy supported), targeting 1 billion beneficiaries by 2030

[India-Pakistan Climate Collective](#) – Delhi, India

May 2023 – April 2024

- Co-authored the inaugural India–Pakistan Climate Collective report, identifying transboundary strategies for transport emissions and clean energy coordination. Was one of three national experts at the India-Pakistan Track II dialogue on air quality management

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Environmental Justice (EJ) Scholar, 2024-25

December 2024 – January 2025

[Fogarty International Center](#) – Maryland, USA

- Worked to develop a practical framework to strengthen EJ research capacity in low- and middle-income (LMIC) countries, focusing on frontline-led health and air quality research. Centered equity, community priorities, and translated research into policy impact

Lead, Air Quality & Health, Climate Resilience & Health Unit

May 2019 – August 2023

[Natural Resources Defense Council \(NRDC\)](#) - Delhi, India

Strategy development, fundraising, and outreach

- Represented NRDC at strategic forums on air quality and health, including with the govt. decisionmakers, regulatory organizations, and civil society forums. Led engagement on air quality and health sectoral work in India, partnering with cities and provinces
- Developed and strengthened cross-sectoral partnerships with multiple actors from diverse ideological and cultural backgrounds
- Contributed to climate policy research, including drafting sectoral briefs for bilateral and multilateral climate negotiations

Air quality management and health focussed advocacy

- Co-produced a novel research study assessing city-level air quality and health co-benefits of localised climate action in India
- Spearheaded local and regional efforts in partner provinces to strengthen air quality health risk reduction efforts, through effective early warning systems, monitoring and evaluation efforts, and improved governance and compliance
- Developed and implemented localised sectoral interventions in 5 cities across 2 provinces, under a national government programme
- Consolidated the convergence of air quality and environmental health interventions, via monitoring and evaluation of air quality

health outcomes and improved participation of health stakeholders in national and regional air quality decision-making

Heat health and governance

- Planned and executed heat health strategy with local, regional, and national decisionmakers, contributing to strengthen response to extreme heat – increasing in intensity and frequency over multiple regions in India, focussing on vulnerable communities

Zero Emission Mobility

- Co-developed a localized financial and siting model for EV charging networks and contributed to provincial incentive policies
- Co-developed an international platform for electric mobility and charging infrastructure partnerships between India and the USA

Senior Research Associate, Clean Air & Sustainable Mobility Unit

October 2015 – April 2019

Centre for Science & Environment (CSE) - Delhi, India

Clean air action plan for cities

- Jointly drafted a regional medium and long-term air pollution emission reduction roadmap for Delhi, India, and successfully advocated for legal adoption as well as provided implementation support. Also worked with Kolkata, West Bengal and Orissa

Energy transition and industrial emissions

- Co-authored report on clean industrial fuels and advocated successfully for regulating high sulphur petroleum coke and furnace oil
- Advocated successfully for national emission standards for SO_x and NO_x for 34 categories of industries
- Researched fuel taxation and advocated successfully for imposing an environment cess on dirty fuels to offset higher emissions

Electric Mobility

- Advocated for expansion of the national electric mobility initiative, including fuel efficiency standards and taxation reforms
- Analyzed national and provincial government policies and incentives for electric mobility, worked with charging infrastructure

Clean fuel, efficiency, and vehicle technology

- Advocated successfully for expedited timelines for Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) fuel and vehicular emission norms
- Developed a strategy for advancing Real Driving Emissions (RDE) monitoring of new BSVI vehicles
- Modelled emission reduction benefits from fuel efficiency norms for light and heavy-duty vehicles

Public transport

- Co-authored a policy note on mainstreaming taxi aggregators and app-based ride hailing services at the national level
- Advocated successfully for the augmentation of regional Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) infrastructure for clean mobility

Capacity building

- Designed and organised international training workshops on air quality, clean mobility, extreme heat, and health, for 500+ trainees

Publications (Representative references)

- 2025, “*Rolling Back Progress: California’s Locomotive Regulation Repeal*” Coalition for Clean Air, Los Angeles, [Web link](#)
- 2024, “*Reduced Transboundary Air Pollution Across India and Pakistan*”, India-Pakistan Climate Collective, New Delhi, [Web link](#)
- 2023, “*The Case for Closing Global Air Quality Data Gaps with Local Actors*”, EPIC, Chicago, [Web link](#)
- 2023, “*Air quality & health co-benefits of climate actions: a study in Ahmedabad, India*”, Environ. Res.: Health, [Web link](#)
- 2022, “*Climate action improves health from cleaner air in Ahmedabad, India*”, NRDC, New Delhi, [Web link](#)
- 2021, “*Clearing the air: Highlights of city actions in 2020 to reduce air pollution*”, NRDC, New Delhi, [Web link](#)
- 2020, “*Clearing the air: Review of 10 city plans to fight air pollution in India*”, NRDC, New Delhi, [Web link](#)
- 2019, “*How Delhi’s draft e-vehicle policy stands out*”, Down to Earth, New Delhi, [Web link](#)
- 2018, “*Fuel efficiency standards: Did centre buckle to industry pressure?*”, Down to Earth, New Delhi, [Web link](#)
- 2017, “*Diesel: On the toxic trail of devil’s engine*”, CSE, New Delhi, India, [Web link](#)

Outreach & Public Communication (Representative references)

- July 7, 2025, “*Delhi Is About To Try Something That Sounds Like Science Fiction*”, Boomlive, [Web link](#)
- January 3, 2024, “*India’s Disadvantaged Groups Face More Air Pollution*”, Eos (American Geophysical Union), [Web link](#)
- November 13, 2023, “*Delhi AQI: Can artificial rain fix toxic air in India’s capital?*”, BBC, [Web link](#)
- January 27, 2023, “*Health as a focus of air quality and climate action*”, CERCA IIT Delhi Expert Talk Series, [Web link](#)
- July 8, 2022, “*Converging heat action plans and climate goals for healthy communities*”, Mongabay, [Web link](#)
- February 15, 2022, “*Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas Act, 2021*”, Rajya Sabha TV, [Web link](#)

Education and languages

Integrated Master of Arts in Development Studies

2009 – 2014

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Languages: Full professional fluency – English, Hindi, Bengali and Gujarati.

Administrative Committee

April 10, 2026

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



FABULOUS FEMALE FRIDAY

Dr. Alice Hamilton

Physician; Pioneer in Industrial Medicine

- Led the first U.S. investigations into toxic air exposures in the workplace, including lead dust, mercury vapor, and other hazardous industrial emissions
- Documented how airborne toxics impacted worker health, helping establish the scientific link between air quality and disease
- Advised the U.S. Department of Labor, contributing to early workplace air safety standards and exposure protections
- First woman appointed to the faculty at Harvard Medical School



[The Pharmacologist: Alice Hamilton](#) | [SciShow: The Doctor Who Made Work Safer](#)



MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Attendees:

- Bay Area Air District
- California Air Resources Board
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- San Diego Air Pollution Control District
- Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District
- South Coast Air Quality Management District

STATEWIDE ENGAGEMENT PRACTITIONERS MEETING

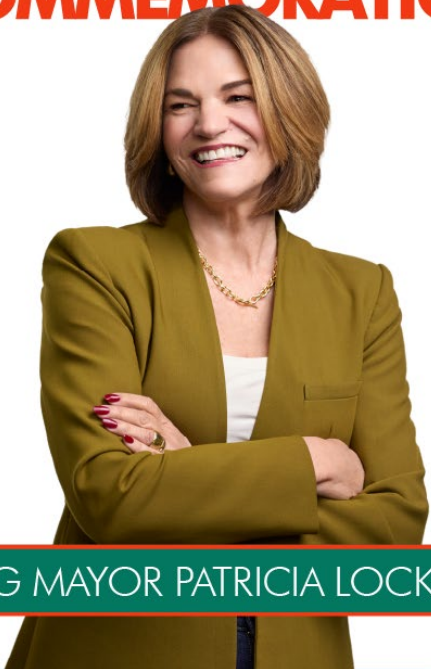
Multiple agencies expanding community-focused practices for increased employee learning and onboarding efforts

Increased investment in language access, including large-scale translation of materials to reach broader communities

Continued shift towards embedding community engagement into core agency programs rather than standalone initiatives

WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

**WOMEN'S
HERSTORY
MONTH 2026
COMMEMORATION**



FEATURING MAYOR PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON

March 19, 2026 - 59 Participants

"Hearing directly from Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson made the experience feel both personal and practical. It was a powerful reminder of what thoughtful leadership looks like in action, and it left me feeling more connected to the work we do and the communities we serve."

"Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's ability to connect her background in science with her experience across multiple levels of government was incredibly impactful. Hearing how she uses storytelling to make complex issues more accessible really stood out and showed what effective, grounded leadership can look like. "

"I am so much more thankful I hail from Riverside County now. We need more opportunities to see our leaders in action and to be able to connect with them in this way."

NOWRUZ: PERSIAN NEW YEAR COMMEMORATIVE EVENT



March 11, 2026
166 Participants

"These lunch and learn cultural immersion events bring people together and bridge the diversity gap. Providing knowledge while satisfying the lunch hunger gives a sense of full immersion and promotes camaraderie and togetherness. I hope CEAP will continue having these meaningful events..."

"These occasions help boost morale, unity, understanding, familiarity and tolerance. CEAP team and their organization are indispensable."

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP UPDATES



Black Employees Resource of Change (BEROC) ERG

- Recognized and celebrated two retirees, including a member of their leadership, honoring their contributions and service

Hispanic and Latinx Organization for Success (HALOS) ERG

- Engaged in ongoing dialogue regarding recent concerns and expressed appreciation for transparency and inclusion in agency conversations
- Moving forward with Farmworker Awareness Week, including the third annual donation drive in partnership with FIND Regional Food Bank to support Coachella Valley communities with essential items

Persian ERG

- Expressed appreciation for the opportunity to share their perspectives and culture with staff in a meaningful way
- Provided guidance on navigating complex developments related to Iran and helped shape a Nowruz program centered on reflection, resilience, and cultural respect

DISPLAYS



WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH

Display featured books from our Justice and Educational Development Initiatives Library

Staff are also able to keep a postcard featuring different women in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) fields



NOWRUZ – PERSIAN NEW YEAR HAFT-SEEN TABLE

This display is setup annually by our Persian Employee Resource Group members

INFOGRAPHICS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND AIR PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH MARCH 2026

CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO CLEAR THE AIR

Women across the globe are shaping environmental policy, advancing scientific research, and fighting for communities disproportionately affected by pollution. Their leadership is transforming the air we breathe and the future we share.

HOW WOMEN ARE LEADING

- Advancing scientific research
- Shaping environmental policy
- Mobilizing communities
- Innovating sustainable solutions

[DR. AYANA ELIZABETH JOHNSON | MARINE BIOLOGIST, POLICY EXPERT, CLIMATE STRATEGIST](#)

Focus: Climate policy, environmental justice, community-centered solutions

Dr. Johnson is a leading voice in climate and environmental policy, emphasizing how air pollution and climate impacts disproportionately affect marginalized communities. Her work bridges science, policy, and storytelling to push for cleaner air and a healthier planet.



[GINA MCCARTHY | FORMER EPA ADMINISTRATOR, CLIMATE & PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE](#)

Focus: Clean air standards, environmental health, climate resilience

Gina McCarthy has championed some of the strongest clean-air protections in U.S. history. A lifelong public health advocate, she works to reduce emissions, strengthen environmental regulations, and ensure every community has access to clean, breathable air.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

Nowruz, meaning "New Day," marks the arrival of spring and the beginning of the Persian New Year. Celebrated for more than 3,000 years, Nowruz takes place on the spring equinox, when day and night are nearly equal.

Today, the celebration is observed by over 300 million people worldwide, including communities across the Middle East, Central Asia, and the global Persian diaspora. Nowruz is widely recognized as a cultural tradition centered on renewal, nature, and new beginnings.

VISIT THE HAFT-SEEN TABLE



A central tradition of Nowruz is the Haft-Seen table, a symbolic display arranged with items that begin with the Persian letter "S." Each element represents hopes and themes for the new year, such as growth, health, patience, beauty, and prosperity. Staff are invited to visit South Coast AQMD's Haft-Seen display, created by the Persian Employee Resource Group. The display is located in the Main Lobby near the elevators.

THE SEVEN "S" SYMBOLS ON THE HAFT-SEEN



Sabzeh: Sprouts symbolizing growth and renewal
Samanu: Sweet wheat pudding representing strength and abundance
Senjed: Oleaster fruit symbolizing love and compassion
Seer: Garlic representing health
Seeb: Apple symbolizing beauty and well-being
Serkeh: Vinegar representing patience and wisdom
Somaq: A crimson spice made from berries symbolizing the sunrise of a new day

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DATE: April 3, 2026

TO: Administrative Committee

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

SUBJECT: Young Leaders Advisory Council – **Updated Membership Request**

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 three members from each county. Before the Governing Board Chair appoints, YLAC Chair, Dr. Anissa “Cessa” Heard-Johnson, recommends the review of the Governing Board Chair’s appointments to add the members listed below to full membership for the 2026 term as the previous two members are ineligible to continue under the terms of the Charter due to lack of attendance.

Candidate	Affiliation (If Any)	Representing	Recommended Action
Christian Ali	No Affiliation	Los Angeles County	Appoint as a full YLAC member
Jordan Salcido	Previous YLAC member	Los Angeles County	Appoint as an alternate YLAC member

The above members will serve the remainder of the term for 2026.

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ATTACHMENT: Objectives of Proposed New Members

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

Los Angeles County

Christian Ali

“I am interested in serving in the Youth Leaders Advisory Council because there are a lot of inequities and poor air quality in the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino. I want to be an active member in advocating for change and being a representative of my community. Being in this role would help develop professional skills by serving on an advisory council that works under South Coast AQMD. I understand there are various issues affecting our community, but air quality is a main concern among our youth, and I am thankful that this council was formed to give us (youth) a voice.”

Jordan Salcido

“I heard of this opportunity through a local climate listserv.”

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Annual Report on South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts for 2025

SYNOPSIS: Assembly Bill 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3) requires public agencies to hold a Public Hearing, at least once per fiscal year, to present information about agency vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts. This item is to hold a public hearing to present information on the status of South Coast AQMD's vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts for calendar year 2025.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file the report on South Coast AQMD vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts for 2025.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

California Government Code section 3502.3 requires public agencies to hold at least one Public Hearing with the Board per fiscal year to discuss vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts. As part of the Public Hearing presentation, the law requires the public agency to identify any potential obstacles in the hiring process, and to recommend changes to policies, procedures, and recruitment activities. The law also provides an opportunity for agency-recognized unions to make a presentation on the agency's vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts.

Under the statute, the agency may also be required to provide additional information about the recruitment process and related factors, if a single bargaining unit has a vacancy rate that meets or exceeds 20 percent.

This report presents vacancy, recruitment, and retention information for calendar year 2025; specifically, the data presented is as of December 31, 2025.

Overall Workforce Data

South Coast AQMD has three represented bargaining units: Office Clerical and Maintenance, Technical & Enforcement, and Professional Unit. Teamsters Local 986 represents the Office Clerical & Maintenance unit and the Technical & Enforcement unit. Office Clerical and Maintenance has 36 classifications (including Administrative Assistants, Fiscal Assistants, Maintenance Workers), with 193 total budgeted positions. [For this report, the six Career Development Intern positions are excluded from the Office Clerical and Maintenance count because it is a specialized program to train current or former foster care youth.] Technical & Enforcement has 35 classifications (including Inspectors, Instrument Specialists, Information Technology Specialists), with 247 total budgeted positions.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District Professional Employee Association (SC-PEA) represents the Professional Unit. The Professional Unit has 403 budgeted positions. The Professional Unit has 20 classifications, including Engineers, Program Supervisors, and Chemists.

In addition, South Coast AQMD has several unrepresented groups – Confidential (85 positions), Management (74 positions), and Deputies including executive staff (26 positions), with a combined 48 classifications.

Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Information

At the end of 2025, South Coast AQMD’s overall vacancy rate was 14.20 percent based on 1,028 budgeted positions. The 2025/26 budget sets forth a vacancy rate of 13 percent.

The vacancy rates for each bargaining unit, as of December 31, 2025, were as follows:

	Vacancy Rate (%)
Professional Unit	11.41
Technical & Enforcement	17.41
Office Clerical and Maintenance	18.13
Confidential	10.59
Management	16.22
Deputies	3.85

In 2025, South Coast AQMD’s recruitment efforts resulted in 38 new hires and 55 promotions. Vacancies were also filled by transfers, reassignments, and other internal processes.

In terms of evaluating employee retention, 14 vacancies created in 2025 were due to voluntary separation, 28 vacancies were due to retirements, and 3 vacancies were due to involuntary separations. Accordingly, based on the overall workforce and the reasons for vacancies, current recruitment and retention efforts seem to be keeping staff turnover to a manageable level.

Based on an assessment of the information on South Coast AQMD vacancies, recruitment and retention for 2025, staff did not identify any potential obstacles to continued progress in these matters. Therefore, there are no proposed changes to related policies or procedures.

Proposal

Staff recommends the Board receive and file the report on South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts for 2025.

Attachments

Attachment A: South Coast AQMD Presentation

Report of South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts for Calendar Year 2025

Board Meeting

May 1, 2026

AB 2561 (McKinnor)

- Effective January 1, 2025, AB 2561* added new requirements to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, which governs public employee labor relations
- Addresses statewide interest in “ensuring that public agency operations are appropriately staffed and that high vacancy rates do not undermine public employee labor relations”
- Requires a Public Hearing once a fiscal year
 - Agency presents status of vacancies
 - Agency presents recruitment and retention efforts
 - Bargaining units can also present information
- Additional requirements are triggered if the vacancy rate for any bargaining unit exceeds 20%

* Government Code Section 3502

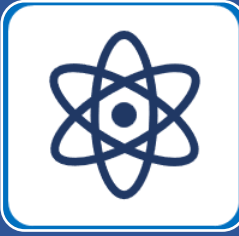
Vacancy Rate

As of December 31, 2025

Total FTEs	Vacant FTEs	Vacancy Rate
1028*	146	14.20%

* Excludes 6 Career Development Intern positions, a training program for current or former foster care youth

Bargaining Units and Non- Represented Employee Groups



Professional

- 20 classifications
- Includes engineers, specialists, and chemists

Professional
Employee
Association
(PEA)



Technical and Enforcement

- 35 Classifications
- Includes inspectors, instrument specialists, information technology specialists

Teamsters



Office Clerical and Maintenance

- 36 Classifications
- Includes administrative assistants, fiscal assistants, and maintenance workers

Non-
Represented



Confidential Management

Deputies (Executive staff)

Vacancy Information by Bargaining Unit

As of December 31, 2025

Bargaining Unit	Total FTE	Vacancy Rate
Professionals (PRO)	403	11.41%
Technical and Enforcement	247	17.41%
Office Clerical and Maintenance	193*	18.13%
Confidential	85	10.59%
Management	74	16.22%
Deputies	26	3.85%

* Excludes 6 Career Development Intern positions

Recruitment Information 2025

New Hires	Promotions
38	55

Retention Information 2025

Retirements	Voluntary Separations	Other
28	11	3

Summary

- For 2025, agency was maintaining vacancies at or near the budgeted rate
- Recruitment efforts are keeping up with staffing needs
- Retention is within the normal course of workforce turnover
- No recommendations at this time to change any processes or policies

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 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, April 10, 2026, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

Information Management provides a wide range of information systems and services in support of all South Coast AQMD operations with the primary goal of providing automated tools and systems to facilitate implementation of rules and regulations, projects and programs, and to improve and enhance 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

ATTACHMENT
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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"> User Acceptance Testing and Training
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Acceptance Testing and Training
Original estimated go-live date	11/15/24
Current estimated go-live date	7/21/26
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 parallel testing is ongoing 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	65%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Development in Progress
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Development in Progress
Original estimated go-live date	3/14/25
Current estimated go-live date	7/21/26
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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 Information Management

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	75%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Development in Progress
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Acceptance Testing and Training
Original estimated go-live date	2/28/25
Current estimated go-live date	8/5/26
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 IV	
Brief description:	Develop Annual Reporting modules and portal widgets 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	70%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Acceptance Testing and Training
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Production Support
Original estimated go-live date	5/5/26
Current estimated go-live date	5/5/26
Go-live date	
Notes	Project is on schedule.

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 Information Management

Air Quality Data Platform Phase 3	
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	70%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Development in Progress
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Development in Progress
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.

CLASS Database Migration Phase I	
Brief description:	Migrate the CLASS database from Ingres to SQL Server, focusing on the database layer and ensuring compatibility with existing web and client-server applications.
Estimated project cost	\$450,000
Overall project status	In Progress
Percentage complete	25%
LAST 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Migration Implementation
NEXT 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Migration Implementation
Original estimated go-live date	9/18/26
Current estimated go-live date	9/18/26
Go-live date	N/A
Notes	Project is on schedule.

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 Information Management

Projects that have been completed within the last 12 months are shown below	
COMPLETED PROJECTS	
PROJECT	DATE COMPLETED
Carl Moyer Program GMS Phase III	March 10, 2026
AB 617 Clean Community School Package Initiative Phase I	February 10, 2026
Annual Emissions Reporting for Reporting Year 2025	December 31, 2025
WAIRE POP Enhancement for Reporting Year 2025	December 26, 2025
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
Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) Network Switch Refresh Phase 5	May 4, 2025

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Authorize Purchase of Virtual Meeting Software Support

SYNOPSIS South Coast AQMD uses Zoom services to hold virtual and hybrid meetings. The current subscription and support are set to expire on June 8, 2026. This action is to obtain approval for the purchase of a Zoom subscription and support for one year from Information Management's FY 2025-26 Budget, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000. Funds for this purchase are included in Information Management's FY 2025-26 Budget.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Procurement Manager to purchase a Zoom renewal subscription and support for one year from Zoom Video Communications at a cost not to exceed \$130,000.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

Zoom is a leading video conferencing and communication platform widely utilized for virtual meetings, webinars and remote collaboration. In June 2018, South Coast AQMD purchased Zoom for its videotelephony system to provide a virtual meeting infrastructure. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Zoom provided an online platform that could be used to facilitate online meetings with public participation, and it became integral for South Coast AQMD meetings to maximize public participation. Most meetings have since become hybrid and meetings are still held virtually.

South Coast AQMD requires a video conferencing platform that accommodates large public attendance, includes webinar capabilities in addition to traditional

videoconferencing features, supports multiple languages, broadcasts to other livestream platforms such as YouTube, integrates with existing audio-visual systems and other supporting software. Staff has assessed various video conferencing options, and Zoom is the most capable product to best support South Coast AQMD's needs.

The current subscription is set to expire on June 8, 2026. In past years, this purchase was made as a sole source procurement. However, Zoom has since opened procurement through resellers, and the procurement process will be opened to competitive bidding to ensure cost efficiency and vendor participation.

Proposal

In accordance with the South Coast AQMD's Administrative Policies and Procedures No. 35, bids were solicited from firms on the List of Prequalified Vendors to provide Computer, Network, Printer Hardware and Software, and Desktop Computer Hardware Upgrades, and through vendor master agreements, cooperative agreements, and other interagency agreements with governmental entities in order to achieve the best available price. The prequalified vendor list is pending approval by the Board on May 1, 2026 and will be in effect until April 30, 2028.

This action is to authorize the Procurement Manager to purchase a Zoom renewal subscription and support for one year with the vendor providing the lowest cost bid at a total cost not to exceed \$130,000. The software licenses will be configured to achieve the highest functional performance for South Coast AQMD's operations within budgetary constraints at the time of purchase.

Resource Impacts

Sufficient funds are included in Information Management's FY 2025-26 Budget within the Services and Supplies Major Object Professional and Special Services Account.

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, and Software

SYNOPSIS: On January 9, 2026, the Board approved the release of a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) to prequalify vendors for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. Seven vendors were identified as qualified of providing the products listed in the RFQQ. This action is to approve the seven vendors to provide these products for a two-year period.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve list of prequalified vendors in the Attachment for a two-year period to provide computer, network, printer, hardware, and software.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

On January 9, 2026, South Coast AQMD released a Request for Qualifications and Quotations (RFQQ) #2026-02 for computer, network, printer, hardware, and software. The purpose of this RFQQ is to invite eligible vendors to submit quotations for eight categories, consisting of: 1) network server equipment/system (desktop and file server); 2) computer hardware parts (desktop and file server); 3) computer software (desktop and network); 4) printers; 5) voice and data network equipment; 6) desktop/laptop computer; 7) audio visual equipment; and 8) network infrastructure and structure cabling services. Vendors may bid on any one, or all, of the categories. The selected vendors resulting from this RFQQ will be used to compile a prequalified vendor list. Purchase orders may be placed with any or all of the vendors on the prequalified vendor list. This prequalified vendor list will be in effect for a period of two years and will

expire in May 2028. Orders for equipment purchased under this RFQQ will be placed with the vendors who are determined to provide the best cost, technical superiority, length of warranty, services provided, and ability to meet the agency's needs. It is expected that product orders will be placed throughout the duration of the qualification period.

Outreach

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, a public notice advertising the RFQQ and inviting bids was published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County's Press Enterprise newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin.

Additionally, potential bidders may have been notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFQQ has been emailed to the Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

Bid Evaluation

Twenty-four copies of the RFQQ were mailed out, fifty-four copies of the RFQQ were emailed and seven vendors responded when final bidding closed at 1:00 p.m. on February 10, 2026. Of the seven complete responses, one is a women-owned business enterprise; two are minority-owned business enterprises; three are local business enterprises; and two are small business enterprises. All seven bids met the minimum requirements specified in the RFQQ and are recommended for prequalification in the appropriate categories.

The Attachment lists the seven vendors prequalified to provide computers, network, printer, hardware, software, and computer hardware upgrades.

Panel Composition

The panel consisted of four staff members from Information Management: a Systems and Programming Supervisor, two IT Supervisors and a Senior Information Technology Specialist. The composition for the four panelist included: two Asian-Pacific Islanders, one Hispanic and one is White panelist; and four male panelists.

Resource Impacts

Resource impacts will be evaluated and addressed at the time of procurement from prequalified vendors.

Attachment

List of Prequalified Vendors for Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, Software, and Computer Hardware Upgrades

ATTACHMENT

List of Prequalified Vendors for Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware, Software, and Computer Hardware Upgrades

	Vendor	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5	Cat 6	Cat 7	Cat 8
1	California Integrated Solutions, INC.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
2	Golden Star Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
3	GovConnection, INC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Hypertec Direct	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
5	NetCentra	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
6	Logicalis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
7	Peacock	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Categories of Supplies and Services:

1. Network Server Equipment/System
2. Computer Hardware Parts
3. Computer Software
4. Printers
5. Voice and Data Network Equipment
6. Desktop/Laptop Computer
7. Audio Visual Equipment
8. Network Infrastructure and Structure Cabling Services

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Transfer Funds Between Major Objects and Issue Purchase Order for AQ-SPEC Program

SYNOPSIS: The AQ-SPEC Program performs technical evaluations of currently available air monitoring sensors using both field and laboratory-based testing and communicates the results to the public. AQ-SPEC funds are included as part of the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Based on an assessment of the priorities and resources, there is a need to reallocate funds for enhancing VOC sensor testing capabilities. This action is to transfer up to \$55,000 between Major Objects and issue a purchase order for air monitoring equipment.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Transfer up to \$55,000 from the Services and Supplies Major Object to the Capital Outlays Major Object in the Monitoring and Analysis (MAD) FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget (Org 43); and
2. Authorize the Procurement Manager, in accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, to issue a sole source purchase order for one Agilent 8890 GC-FID System in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, as listed in Table 1.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Background

South Coast AQMD established the AQ-SPEC program to characterize the performance of commercially available air quality sensors using both field and laboratory-based testing. Results of the air quality sensors are uploaded on the South Coast AQMD's website. Air quality sensors that produce reliable data can augment and supplement current ambient air monitoring capabilities that predominantly rely on more

sophisticated and expensive fixed-site federal-reference monitoring devices and methods. In addition, air quality sensors achieving levels of performance criteria have become effective tools to introduce the public to air quality matters. The type and number of sensors that have been tested through the AQ-SPEC program have increased substantially over the years. To date, South Coast AQMD has evaluated over 250 sensors measuring particle and gaseous pollutants (mainly fine particulate matter, ozone, NO_x and other criteria pollutants) for their accuracy and overall quality. Interest is rapidly increasing in the use of air quality sensors for measurements of VOCs, with potential applications for ambient air monitoring, hotspot detection, personal exposure, and fence line monitoring. The program requires replacement of specialized laboratory equipment to support continued performance testing of VOC sensors.

VOC analysis of chamber air for evaluating performance of VOC sensors is currently performed in the South Coast AQMD laboratory using gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID). South Coast AQMD's current GC-FID is more than 15 years old, replacement parts are no longer available, and the software operating system is no longer supported.

Proposal

Staff is proposing to replace the current GC-FID with an Agilent 8890 GC-FID System to ensure the ability to carry out laboratory evaluation of the novel VOC sensor with equipment that is compatible with the current laboratory method and supporting equipment. The estimated cost for this GC-FID is \$55,000, as listed in Table 1, and this equipment will be purchased through a sole source process. This action is to transfer up to \$55,000 from the Services and Supplies Major Object to the Capital Outlays Major Object in the MAD FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget (Org 43) and to issue a sole source purchase order to purchase an Agilent 8890 GC-FID System.

Sole Source Justification

Section VIII.B.2 of South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedures identifies four major provisions under which sole source awards can be made. The request for sole source purchase of the Agilent 8890 GC-FID System is made under provision VIII.B.2.d(6), other circumstances exist which in the determination of the Executive Officer require such waiver in the best interests of the South Coast AQMD. Such circumstances may include but are not limited to: Projects requiring compatibility with existing specialized equipment. The Agilent 8890 GC-FID System is a direct replacement for the aging GC-FID that is no longer supported by the manufacturer used to evaluate VOC sensors, is compatible with the current VOC sensor evaluation method and supporting laboratory equipment and allows staff to follow established procedures for operation and maintenance.

Benefits to South Coast AQMD

The proposed purchase is necessary to maintain the current AQ-SPEC testing capabilities of VOC sensors. VOC sensors are becoming increasingly more prevalent in the market and popular for public use. Continued testing of these sensors within a laboratory setting will provide invaluable information regarding how well these emerging technologies compare to traditional more accepted VOC analysis methods.

Resource Impacts

Sufficient funding is currently available in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget to transfer funds and purchase the instrument needed to maintain the laboratory VOC sensor testing capabilities of the AQ-SPEC program.

**Table 1
Proposed Purchase through Sole Source Purchase Order**

Description	Account Number	Program Code	Qty	Estimated Amount
Agilent 8890 GC-FID System	77000*	43079	1	\$55,000
Total				\$55,000

*Expenditures may be appropriated to Services and Supplies or Capital Outlays Major Object, as warranted.

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for the PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program, Issue Solicitation and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment

SYNOPSIS: South Coast AQMD is expected to receive up to \$682,950 from U.S. EPA for the PM2.5 Monitoring Program. These funds will be divided between Salaries and Employee Benefits (\$461,000), Services & Supplies (\$146,950), and Capital Outlay (\$75,000). These actions are to recognize revenue and appropriate funds for the PM2.5 Monitoring Program into the Monitoring and Analysis FY 2025-26 and/or 2026-27 Budgets, and to issue a solicitation and purchase orders for air monitoring equipment.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Recognize revenue in the General Fund up to \$682,950 and appropriate funds up to \$221,950 from the Undesignated (Unassigned) fund balance upon receipt of U.S. EPA funds (\$461,000 for Salaries and Employee Benefits is already included in the budget) into the Monitoring and Analysis (MAD) FY 2025-26 and/or 2026-27 Budgets (Org 47), Services & Supplies and Capital Outlays Major Object, as set forth in Attachment 1;
2. Authorize the Procurement Manager, in accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, to issue a solicitation, as needed, and based on results, issue a purchase order for one Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 as listed in Table 1; and
3. Authorize the Procurement Manager, in accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, to issue a sole source purchase order for up to two Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS Samplers in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 as listed in Table 1.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

Background

Since 1998, U.S. EPA has provided funds under Section 103 for a comprehensive PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program. To date, there are 17 ambient monitoring stations in the Basin operating 20 Federal Reference Method (FRM) PM2.5 monitors under U.S. EPA funding, and 23 Federal Equivalent Method (FEM/Non-FEM) PM2.5 continuous monitors. In addition, U.S. EPA supports the ongoing collection of PM2.5 mass and chemical speciation data at several sites within the Basin. The chemical speciation of fine particulate matter supports the characterization of PM2.5 sources, air quality conditions, and health impacts.

South Coast AQMD is expected to receive up to \$682,950 from the U.S. EPA for the annually funded PM2.5 Program for the continuation of the PM2.5 Program through March 31, 2027. Revenue for this grant in the amount of \$461,000 for Salaries and Benefits has been included in the annual budget.

Proposal

This action is to recognize revenue in the General Fund up to \$682,950 and appropriate up to \$221,950 from the Undesignated (Unassigned) fund balance upon receipt of U.S. EPA funding into the MAD FY 2025-26 and/or FY 2026-27 Budgets, Services & Supplies and Capital Outlays Major Object, as set forth in Attachment 1. These funds will be used to purchase one Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier and up to two Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS Samplers.

Services & Supplies

A budget for Services & Supplies, as set forth in Attachment 1, includes funding for the PM2.5 program that pertains to rents and leases for monitoring stations, maintenance of equipment, building maintenance operation, training, laboratory supplies, office expenses, small tools, instruments, and equipment.

Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier

One Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier is needed to replace the current unit which is not able to reliably meet the U.S. EPA PM2.5 weigh room humidity requirements. Replacing this unit with a higher capacity one will ensure humidity levels are stable and within the acceptable range. The estimated cost for one Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier is \$20,000 (Table 1). The purchase will be made through a solicitation process, followed by the issuance of a purchase order.

Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS Sampler

The current Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS samplers measure fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and identify its chemical components (such as sulfates, nitrates, organic carbon, and metals). These samplers are more than 15 years old and replacing these units with newer flow-controlled units will improve the accuracy and completeness needed to continue meeting U.S. EPA PM2.5 Chemical Speciation Network (CSN)

program requirements. The estimated cost for up to two Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS samplers is \$55,000 (Table 1). The purchase will be made through a sole source purchase process.

Sole Source Justification

Section VIII.B.3 of the Procurement Policy and Procedure identifies four major provisions under which a sole source award, funded in whole or in part with federal funds, may be justified. Specifically, this request for sole source award is made under provision VIII.B.3.a: The item is available only from a single source. The Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS Sampler is the only instrument utilized as part of the CSN program that satisfies U.S. EPA collocation requirements.

Resource Impacts

U.S. EPA Section 103 Grant funding will support the continuation of the PM2.5 Program, including equipment, and services and supplies necessary to meet the program objectives.

**Table 1
Proposed PM2.5 Purchases for FY 2025-26 and/or FY 2026-27**

Description	Qty	Estimated Amount	Contracting Method
Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier	1	\$20,000	Solicitation Process
Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS Samplers	Up to 2	\$55,000	Sole Source
Total		\$75,000	

*Expenditures may be appropriated in Services & Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Object, as warranted.

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Proposed PM2.5 Expenditures for FY 2025-26 and/or FY 2026-27

Attachment 1
Proposed PM2.5 Expenditures for FY 2025-26 and/or FY 2026-27

Account Description	Account Number	Program Code	Estimated Expenditures ^{1,2}
Services & Supplies Major Object:			
Rents and Leases Structure	67350	47500	\$5,000
Maintenance of Equipment	67600	47500	\$60,000
Building Maintenance Operation	67650	47500	\$10,000
Travel - Training	67800	47500	\$6,000
Laboratory Supplies	68050	47500	\$40,000
Office Expense	68100	47500	\$5,950
Small Tools, Instruments, Equipment	68300	47500	\$20,000
Total Services & Supplies Major Object:			\$146,950
Capital Outlay Major Object:			
Ebac DD900 Desiccant Dehumidifier	77000	47500	\$20,000
Met One Speciated PM2.5 SASS Samplers	77000	47500	\$55,000
Total Capital Outlay Major Object:	77000	47500	\$75,000
Total Appropriations			\$221,950

Note: Salaries and Benefits are already included in the FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Budgets.

¹Funds not expended by June 30, 2026, will be carried over to FY 2026-27.

²Expenditures may be appropriated in Services & Supplies and/or Capital Outlays Major Object, as warranted.

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Recognize Revenue for Mobile Monitoring Near Operational Logistics Use Developments

SYNOPSIS: South Coast AQMD anticipates receiving \$1,000,000 from CARB to complete the study provision in Senate Bill 415 and Assembly Bill 98. This action is to recognize revenue for deploying mobile monitoring systems to collect air pollution measurements in communities near operational logistics use developments in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recognize up to \$1,000,000 in revenue from CARB to the General Fund to support mobile air monitoring near operational logistics use developments.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

Assembly Bill 98 (AB 98), signed on September 29, 2024, and effective January 1, 2026, establishes statewide environmental and operational standards for new or expanding logistics and warehouse facilities. AB 98 mandates statewide design, location, and operational standards for new or expanded logistics and warehouse facilities (over 20% expansion) near sensitive receptors like homes and schools. It prioritizes mitigating noise, traffic, and air pollution via buffers and truck routing.

AB 98 requires South Coast AQMD to establish a process for receiving community input on how any penalties assessed and collected for violation of the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (Rule 2305) are spent. South Coast AQMD is required to deploy mobile air monitoring in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties from January 1, 2026, through January 1, 2032, to collect air pollution data in communities located near operational logistics use developments.

South Coast AQMD is required to use the data collected to conduct an air modeling analysis to evaluate the impact of air pollution on sensitive receptors from logistics use development operations and to submit its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2033. The bill would also require South Coast AQMD to submit an interim report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2028, to evaluate the impact of air pollution on sensitive receptors, as defined, from logistics use development operations in the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, as provided.

Proposal

To support implementation of AB 98, CARB is anticipated to award South Coast AQMD \$1,000,000. This grant requires South Coast AQMD to administer the program consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40458.5 and applicable state requirements. This action is to recognize up to \$1,000,000 in revenue from CARB to the General Fund to support mobile air monitoring near operational logistics use developments.

Resource Impacts

There are no resource impacts anticipated with this action.

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

REPORT: Execute Agreement with California High-Speed Rail Authority Setting Forth Framework for Development of Future Contract to Reduce Construction Emissions and Satisfy General Conformity for Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project

SYNOPSIS: The California High-Speed Rail Authority must demonstrate General Conformity to receive federal funding through the Federal Railroad Administration's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program. In order to demonstrate General Conformity, emissions from a federal action that exceed de minimis thresholds must be mitigated and/or offset to zero. The California High Speed Rail Authority seeks to sign and execute a letter of agreement with South Coast AQMD to agree to a future contract to reduce construction emissions and to provide funding to South Coast AQMD for mitigation of the emission increases. The agreement would apply to the construction portion of the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project. In November 2021 and May 2024, the Board approved agreements for construction emissions for the segments between California High Speed Rail Authority and South Coast AQMD for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section and Palmdale to Burbank Project Section, respectively. This action is to approve execution of an agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority setting forth a framework for development of a future contract to reduce construction emissions for General Conformity for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the California High-Speed Rail Authority setting forth a framework for development of a future contract to reduce construction emissions for General Conformity for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Segment of the California High-Speed Rail Project.

Background

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is using federal grant funds through the Federal Railroad Administration for the construction of one Project Section of its passenger rail project, the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section. Under the federal General Conformity Rule (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93, Subpart B), federal agencies must determine conformance of proposed projects that are federally funded or require federal approval with the applicable state implementation plan to ensure the federal action will not cause or contribute to new violations of air quality standards, exacerbate existing violations, or interfere with timely attainment or required interim emission reductions towards attainment. The construction emissions for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section exceed General Conformity de minimis emissions thresholds and are subject to the General Conformity Rule. The Los Angeles to Anaheim section is the third High Speed Rail project within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction that needs to satisfy general conformity in order to meet federal funding requirements. The agreement will be presented to the Authority's Board of Directors in late 2026 and subsequently be subject to the Federal Railroad Administration review and final approval. The Board previously approved similar agreements with the Authority in November 2021 and May 2024 for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section and the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section, respectively.

Request to Execute an Agreement

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is working with air districts throughout the state for letters of agreement to satisfy general conformity requirements. Staff is seeking Board approval to execute a letter of agreement setting forth a framework for development of a future contract with the Authority to commit to reducing construction emissions and to provide funding to South Coast AQMD to mitigate all remaining construction emissions through incentive programs. This agreement is limited to the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section only, and will not modify the previous agreements for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section or the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section.

Key elements of the agreement include:

- Commitment for both agencies to work together to ensure the lowest levels of construction emissions are generated through implementation of the Authority's green construction policy called Impact Avoidance and Minimization Features (IAMF) and onsite mitigation measures with priority

given first to the use of zero-emission technologies such as electric construction equipment and then to near-zero technologies;

- Commitment to completely offset all remaining emissions of the project to zero as specified in 40 CFR Part 93 through South Coast AQMD emission reduction programs, which may include state or federal incentive programs; and
- Commitment that the Authority will contribute funds for the selected emission reduction program(s) projects to achieve the necessary emission reductions and provide South Coast AQMD actual administrative costs, including staffing to administer these emission reduction programs.

Based on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section, the estimated NOx emissions range from approximately 5.5 to 28.1 tons per year during the first seven years of construction.¹ All other pollutants are estimated to be below the general conformity de minimis thresholds. For informational purposes, based on the latest Carl Moyer Guidelines cost-effective rate of \$522,000 per ton of pollutant reduced by on-road zero-emission technology,² staff estimates approximately \$36.3 million could be needed for staff to implement emission reduction projects to offset construction emissions from this project section for the years when construction emissions exceed the de minimis thresholds.

Resource Impacts

South Coast AQMD will administer the emission reduction projects and verify the successful implementation, which includes administrative and staffing costs. The Authority agrees to provide funding for the South Coast AQMD actual administrative costs. Respective responsibilities between the Authority and South Coast AQMD in that effort and related emissions quantification/verification needs will be defined in a contractual agreement closer to the start of actual construction, which will be brought to the Board for approval.

Attachment

General Conformity Determination Letter, March 2026

¹ California High-Speed Rail Authority. Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, Section 3.3 Air Quality and Global Climate Change, Dec 2025. Available at: https://hsr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/LAA_EIR-EIS_03.03_AirQuality-508.pdf

² California Air Resources Board. Carl Moyer 2024 Guidelines, Appendix E. Available at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-11/Appendix%20E_2024%20GL,%20mssvh.pdf. The cost effectiveness limit was taken from Table E-1 On-Road Zero-Emission Technology

ATTACHMENT

**GENERAL CONFORMITY DETERMINATION LETTER
FOR THE LOS ANGELES TO ANAHEIM PROJECT SECTION OF THE
CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM**

MARCH 2026



Gavin Newsom
GOVERNOR

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



March 24, 2026

Mr. Michael A. Cacciotti, Chair
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: General Conformity for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail System

Dear Mr. Cacciotti:

Thank you for your active participation with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) to address the General Conformity requirements of the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System, which is primarily within the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).¹ The HSR system will provide intercity, high-speed train service on more than 800 miles of guideway throughout California, connecting the major population centers of Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County, and San Diego. The approximately 30-mile-long Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section (also referred to as the Project) would connect Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) in Los Angeles and Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) in Anaheim (LAUS was previously approved by the Authority as part of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section).

Air Quality and Public Health Benefits of the High-Speed Rail System

The HSR system will use 100 percent renewable, electrically powered, zero-emission (ZE) high-speed trains and is identified in the California Air Resources Board's 2017 Scoping Plan as part of a sustainable statewide transportation system necessary to achieve the state's climate goals. The HSR system is predicted to help achieve that goal by reducing 2040 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately 1.5 million metric tons. The HSR system would also result in a net reduction of criteria pollutant emissions.

The Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section is a critical link in Phase 1 of the HSR system, bringing the HSR system to Anaheim. Operation of the Project and the HSR system within the

¹ Construction activities for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section would occur within the jurisdictions of SCAQMD, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). However, the construction emissions in MDAQMD's and SJVAPCD's jurisdictions are solely related to locomotives hauling ballast and haul trucks transporting hazardous waste, respectively, as discussed in Section 1.1, Regulatory Status of the Study Area, in the Draft General Conformity Determination. Project construction emissions within MDAQMD's and SJVAPCD's jurisdictions would not result in an exceedance of the *de minimis* levels for any applicable criteria pollutant.

South Coast region would result in a net decrease in regional emissions of criteria pollutants and associated public health impacts, and emissions levels during Project operations would be less than the general conformity *de minimis* levels. This overall net decrease in emissions during Project operations would help the South Coast Air Basin meet its attainment goals of federal ambient air quality standards for ozone (O₃) by reducing precursor emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), reactive organic gases (ROG), and particulate matter (PM) and will result in long-term air quality and public health benefits. However, the Authority currently estimates that construction of the Project is expected to result in a temporary net increase in criteria pollutant emissions of NO_x in the South Coast Air Basin in excess of general conformity *de minimis* levels during some of the construction years. As such, the Authority and SCAQMD have agreed to the commitments in this letter to track and mitigate construction emissions from the Project to meet General Conformity requirements.

General Conformity Rule

The General Conformity Rule, as codified in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93, Subpart B, establishes the process by which federal agencies determine conformance of proposed projects that are federally funded or require federal approval with applicable air quality standards. This determination must demonstrate that a proposed project would not cause or contribute to new violations of air quality standards, exacerbate existing violations, or interfere with timely attainment or required interim emissions reductions toward attainment. The Authority, as the Project proponent, is receiving federal grant funds through the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program. The Project may also receive FRA safety approvals. Because of the federal funding and potential safety approvals, the Project is subject to the General Conformity Rule; and because construction-phase emissions (without mitigation) would exceed General Conformity *de minimis* levels, the Project is not exempt and must demonstrate conformity.

Emissions for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section

The Authority has not yet secured construction funding for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section and has not yet set a final construction schedule for this project section. The Authority explains that the emission numbers provided in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) are reasonable estimates based on the available information to date. The methodology used in creating these estimates is similar to what was used for estimating the emissions for the EIR/EISs for the Merced to Fresno, Fresno to Bakersfield, Palmdale to Burbank, and Burbank to Los Angeles Project Sections of the HSR system. After 10 years of construction of the HSR system in the Central Valley, it has become clear that the estimates in the EIR/EISs for the HSR system are conservative and actual emissions from construction are currently lower than estimates in the EIR/EISs for the Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield Project Sections by 50 to 70 percent.

The Authority has not yet secured funding for final design or construction of the Project, and the Authority cannot reasonably anticipate when Project construction may actually occur. It is therefore difficult for the Authority to completely engage with SCAQMD on implementing available or future mechanisms for the reduction of construction emissions. Although the construction schedule has not been firmly established for this section, the Authority agrees with SCAQMD's encouragement to reduce emissions locally by avoiding and minimizing emissions from Project

construction prior to funding incentive programs or offsets to fully mitigate remaining construction emissions.

The Authority has a long history of being proactive toward reducing construction emissions. As shown in Figure 1, the Authority has continually updated its policies and procedures to ensure that the HSR system embraces and pushes the boundaries toward reducing emissions.

2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board adopts 100 percent renewable energy for operations
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated in California Air Resources Board (ARB) Scoping Plan for Assembly Bill (AB) 32
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net-zero direct GHG emissions for construction • Net-zero air quality emission for construction • Proactive construction requirement, including Tier 4 vehicles and 100 percent recycling requirements
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Officer signs Sustainability Policy • Incorporated in California ARB Scoping Plan Update
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First infrastructure project to require disclosure on major materials, informed AB 262 Buy Clean California Act • Environmental Mitigation Management Application (EMMA) developed to track and monitor program and contractor progress
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board adopts Sustainability Policy
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated in California ARB Scoping Plan Update
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required performance targets for embodied energy (concrete and steel) • ZE fleet vehicles (25 percent of on-road fleet) for contractors • Required use of renewable diesel • Direct GHG emissions target set for construction tied to bonus/penalty
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board adopts Sustainability Policy Updates • Achieving net-zero tailpipe GHG emissions in construction through carbon sequestration projects
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required future construction contracts to use only ZE vehicles for on-road project fleets (100% by 2035)

Figure 1. History of Environmental Commitments Designed to Reduce Emissions

Impact Avoidance and Minimization Features

Avoiding and minimizing emissions is a strategy that is consistent with the net-zero GHG objectives of the Authority's Sustainability Policy. As such, the Authority has incorporated the following impact avoidance and minimization features (IAMF) into the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section (full text of these IAMFs is in Appendix 2-A of the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section EIR/EIS):²

- AQ-IAMF#1: Fugitive Dust Emissions: During construction, the Authority-designated contractor will employ measures to minimize and control fugitive dust emissions. The contractor will prepare a fugitive dust control plan for each distinct construction segment. At a minimum, the plan will describe how each measure would be employed and identify an individual responsible for ensuring implementation.
- AQ-IAMF#2: Selection of Coatings: During construction, the Authority-designated contractor will use low-volatile organic compound (VOC) paint that has VOC content consistent with SCAQMD Rule 1113, as applicable.
- AQ-IAMF#3: Renewable Diesel: During construction, the Authority-designated contractor will use renewable diesel fuel to minimize and control exhaust emissions from all heavy-duty diesel-fueled construction diesel equipment and on-road diesel trucks.
- AQ-IAMF#4: Reduce Criteria Exhaust Emissions from Construction Equipment: All heavy-duty off-road construction diesel equipment used during the construction phase will meet Tier 4 Final engine requirements.
- AQ-IAMF#5: Reduce Criteria Exhaust Emissions from On-Road Construction Equipment: All on-road trucks used to haul construction materials, including fill, ballast, rail ties, and steel, will consist of an average fleet mix of equipment model year 2020 or newer, but no less than the average fleet mix for the current calendar year as set forth in the database included in the latest U.S. EPA approved EMFAC at the time of emissions inventory development.

These IAMFs have helped to reduce the construction emissions generated by the HSR project sections currently under construction, which are outside SCAQMD's jurisdiction. For example, Figure 2 highlights the substantial criteria pollutant emission reductions resulting from incorporation of AQ-IAMF#4 demonstrated by the Central Valley portions of the HSR system currently under construction.

² For the purposes of this agreement, a shortened version of the IAMFs are presented here. The full IAMFs for purposes of CEQA and NEPA will be presented in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the Authority complies with all applicable SCAQMD Rules.

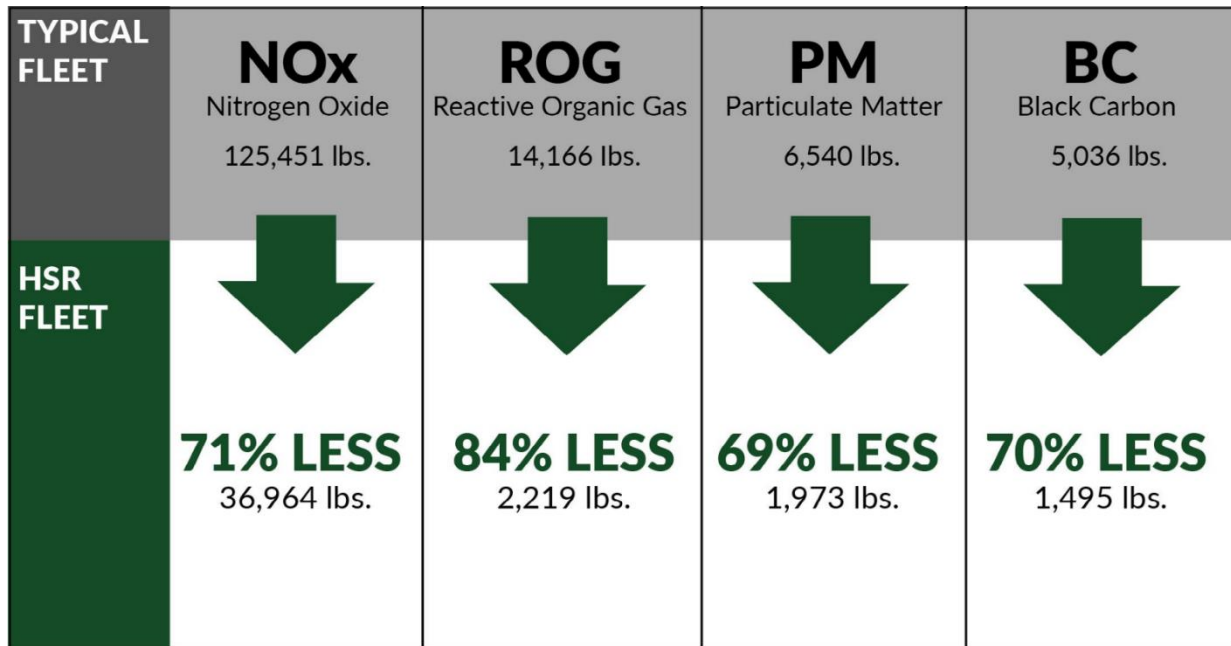


Figure 2. 2023 Criteria Air Pollutants Emitted and Avoided (Typical California Fleet Comparison)

Mitigation Measures

The Authority is continually incorporating mitigation measures that would reduce the generation of construction emissions in construction contracts and practices. For example, the Authority incorporated the following mitigation measure into the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section EIR/EIS and is already incorporating portions of these measures into existing contracts.

AQ-MM#2: Requirements for Use of Zero-Emission or Near-Zero-Emission Vehicles and Off-Road Equipment to Reduce Construction Emissions

This mitigation measure, as included in the EIR/EISs, will reduce the impact of construction emissions from Project-related on-road vehicles and off-road equipment. All remaining emissions after implementation of this measure would be offset to conform with 40 CFR 93.158(a) with emission credits required under AQ-MM#1.

The Authority will require that all Project construction contractors use a minimum of 25 percent, with a goal of 100 percent, of all light-duty on-road vehicles (e.g., passenger cars,

light-duty trucks) associated with the Project (e.g., on-site vehicles, contractor vehicles) with ZE or near-ZE technology.³

The Authority and all Project construction contractors will have the goal that a minimum of 25 percent of all heavy-duty on-road vehicles (e.g., for hauling, material delivery, and soil import/export) associated with the Project use ZE or near-ZE technology.

The Authority and all Project construction contractors will have the goal that a minimum of 10 percent of off-road construction equipment use ZE or near-ZE vehicles.

If local or state regulations mandate a faster transition to using ZE or near-ZE vehicles at the time of construction, the more stringent regulations will be applied. For example, California Executive Order N-79-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 23, 2020, currently states the following:

- Light-duty and passenger car sales be 100 percent ZE vehicles by 2035
- Full transition to ZE short haul/drayage trucks by 2035
- Full transition to ZE heavy-duty long-haul trucks, where feasible, by 2045
- Full transition to ZE off-road equipment by 2035, where feasible

The Project will have a goal of surpassing the requirements of these or other future regulations as a mitigation measure.

Because the commercial availability of future electric equipment and vehicles is unknown, emissions reductions achieved by AQ-MM#2 cannot currently be quantified or included in the analysis.

In addition to the above AQ-MM#2, the Authority already mandates that all such equipment meet the most stringent emission standard codified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Tier 4 Final. This has had a substantial positive impact on emission reductions, because 42,651 pounds of criteria air pollutants in 2023 would have otherwise been released based on Figure 2 above. This implementation strategy will go further, mandating that 10 percent of off-road equipment be ZE, not just Tier 4 Final, at the start of construction, and sets the goal of 100 percent ZE for such equipment by 2035.

This is the most recent step the Authority is taking to ensure the California HSR System is the greenest infrastructure project in both operation and construction. The Authority has captured or avoided more than 143,000 metric tons of GHG emissions through planting more than 7,000 trees and other forest projects. The HSR system has also prevented more than 300,000 tons of

³ According to the CA HSC § 44258 (c) “Near-zero-emission vehicle” means a vehicle that utilizes zero-emission technologies, enables technologies that provide a pathway to zero-emissions operations, or incorporates other technologies that significantly reduce criteria pollutants, toxic air contaminants, and greenhouse gas emissions, as defined by the state board in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission consistent with meeting the state's mid- and long-term air quality standards and climate goals.

construction materials from being sent to landfills with its 95 percent construction waste recycling rate.

The Authority will continue to work with contractors to encourage and mandate the use of ZE vehicles and off-road equipment. In addition, the Authority will encourage contractors to use available tools that will aid decision makers in their purchases of new equipment and include the use of ZE technologies in applicable bid documents, purchase orders, and contracts with contractors. For example, a current tool that the Authority has presented to contractors is Argonne National Laboratory’s Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation (AFLEET) Tool (<https://greet.es.anl.gov/afleet>). This tool examines both the environmental and economic costs and benefits of alternative fuel and advanced vehicles and provides output to the user quantifying specific case scenarios based on user input (Figure 3).

Payback Output Sheet – Annual Energy Use and Emissions Summary Table

	Gasoline	Diesel	Gasoline HEV	Gasoline PHEV	Gasoline EREV	EV	G.H2 FCV	Diesel HEV	Diesel HHV	B20	B100	E85	LPG	CNG	LNG / Diesel LNG Pilot Ignition
Annual Life-Cycle Petroleum Use (barrels)															
LD Petroleum Use	449.4		321.0		93.6	6.1	2.9					17.1	150.5		2.4
HD Petroleum Use		16,928.0				266.7			13,119.2			742.1			97.5
Annual Life-Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions (short tons)															
LD GHG Emissions	253.3		181.0		144.5	145.0	170.2					56.2	222.9		225.4
HD GHG Emissions		9,278.7				6,303.0			7,191.0			2,442.0			9,128.4
Vehicle Operation Air Pollutant Emissions (lb)															
LD Passenger Car Fleet															
CO	2,424.6		1,816.3		518.0	0.0	0.0				3,248.1		2,532.4		1,754.8
NOx	101.0		65.0		18.5	0.0	0.0				200.3		104.6		84.4
PM10	33.3		33.3		28.3	26.2	26.2				30.5		33.3		33.3
PM2.5	12.1		12.1		8.4	6.9	6.9				11.3		12.1		12.1
VOC	129.8		99.4		28.3	0.0	0.0				62.3		145.0		73.0
HD Refuse Truck Fleet															
CO		1,640.9				0.0			1,640.9		1,640.9				21,331.7
NOx		4,232.0				0.0			4,232.0		4,232.0				2,962.4
PM10		394.4				309.5			394.4		394.4				394.4
PM2.5		161.1				80.0			161.1		161.1				161.1
VOC		259.2				0.0			259.2		259.2				880.9

Figure 3. AFLEET Sample Output

Future Steps

The Authority will continue to pursue construction methods, materials, and equipment that will reduce the generation of air pollutants. Even with these measures, however, some pollution will be emitted during the construction phase. To ensure that the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of the HSR system meets all the General Conformity requirements, the following steps will be taken once construction funding is established.

- A construction schedule will be developed. The analysis in the EIR/EIS for the Project assumed that Project construction would take place from the first quarter of 2031 to the fourth quarter of 2037. Based on the new schedule, a construction plan will be developed and analyzed to determine the emission burdens generated by construction.
- At the time of the analysis, the IAMFs and mitigation measures will be revisited and updated as discussed above, and in consultation with SCAQMD, to include technologies and methodologies that were not considered in the earlier analysis. This review and implementation of updated measures will aid the Project in reducing the generation of emissions from construction.

- Once emission estimates are calculated using the revised IAMFs and mitigation measures, it will be determined if the estimates are above the applicable General Conformity *de minimis* levels. If emissions estimates determine that emissions will be reduced to below the General Conformity *de minimis* levels, those estimates will be provided to SCAQMD for review and approval.
- SCAQMD will be notified via email or letter of the emission levels and consulted to determine if emission-reduction programs could be applied as needed prior to the start of construction activities for the Project.

If emission reduction programs are required, the Authority will present a detailed plan, developed with SCAQMD, to ensure that the program has in place a procedure to adequately account for and reduce emissions generated by the Project. The emission accounting program that the Authority currently uses to track emissions for the project sections of the HSR system currently being built will be presented as a possible mechanism to quantify the construction emissions generated by the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section.

Emissions Tracking and Mitigation

In addition to AQ-MM#2, the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section EIR/EIS identifies the following mitigation measure to mitigate construction emissions in the South Coast Air Basin:

AQ-MM#1: Offset Project Construction Emissions in the South Coast Air Basin through SCAQMD Emission Offset Programs.⁴ The Project's construction emissions that cannot be reduced by IAMFs and any other mitigation measures will be offset through a SCAQMD rule or contractual agreement to fund equivalent emissions reductions that achieve reductions in the same years (to the extent same-year offsets are available) as construction emissions occur, thus offsetting Project-related air quality impacts in real time as required by the General Conformity Rule.

As the Project advances toward construction, the Authority will work with SCAQMD to assess the estimated emissions, availability of offsets, and cost for achieving the Authority's Sustainability Policy goal to the extent possible.

As part of these offset programs, a copy of each unit's certified tier or model year specification shall be available upon request at the time of mobilization of each applicable equipment unit. Furthermore, the Authority will require periodic reporting and provision of written construction documents by construction contractor(s) to ensure compliance and conduct regular inspections to the maximum extent feasible to ensure compliance with applicable Authority IAMFs and mitigation measures.

⁴ For the purposes of this agreement, a shortened version of the mitigation measure is presented here. The full mitigation measure for purposes of CEQA and NEPA will be presented in the Final EIR/EIS.

The Authority currently mitigates emissions in the San Joaquin Valley through a Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreement with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). Through the use of the Environmental Mitigation Management Application (EMMA) tool, developed by the Authority, construction activity is input by the contractor and applicable emission rates are applied to calculate the emission burdens generated by off-road and on-road construction equipment and activity. Figure 4 highlights some of the data input and calculations in EMMA. As previously noted, actual emission burdens have been substantially lower than the burdens estimated in the corresponding EIR/EIS.

The screenshot shows the EMMA web application interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: On Road, Off Road, Usage Review (selected), Equipment Review, and VERA. Below the tabs, there are filters for 'Select a Package' (CP1), 'Select a Year' (2022), and 'Select a Period' (December). There are also radio buttons for 'On Road' and 'Off Road' (selected). A 'Search' button is present. Below the filters, it says 'Show 10 entries'. The main part of the screenshot is a table with the following columns: Month, Year, Subcontractor Name, Make, Model, ARB Equipment Type, Type of Equipment, DOORS#, Fuel Type, Horse Power, Engine Tier, Engine Year, Usage (hours), and Attachment(s). The table contains 10 rows of data for December 2022.

Month	Year	Subcontractor Name	Make	Model	ARB Equipment Type	Type of Equipment	DOORS#	Fuel Type	Horse Power	Engine Tier	Engine Year	Usage (hours)	Attachment(s)
December	2022	Valverde	Case	590SN	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	Backhoe	PN4533	Diesel	108	Tier 4 Final	2016	5	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	590N	Excavators	Backhoe	CW7P64	Diesel	108	Tier 4 Final	2016	3	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	CX235C	Excavators	Excavator	JG3P98	Diesel	166	Tier 4 Interim	2012	5	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	CX350C	Excavators	Excavator	UW3H96	Diesel	210	Tier 4 Interim	2012	5	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	CX470C	Excavators	Excavator	XM4S79	Diesel	362	Tier 4 Interim	2013	4	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	CX350C	Excavators	Excavator	KJ8X46	Diesel	210	Tier 4 Interim	2013	5	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	CX245D	Excavators	Excavator	HR8R55	Diesel	124	Tier 4 Final	2017	5	
December	2022	Valverde	Case	821F	Skid Steer loaders	Loader	RC4P37	Diesel	226	Tier 4 Interim	2015	2	
December	2022	TPZP	Caterpillar	14M	Graders	Motor Grader	VY6G47	Diesel	296	Tier 3	2013	69	
December	2022	TPZP	Caterpillar	825H	Rollers	Soil Compactor	AR4J77	Diesel	354	Tier 3	2012	29	

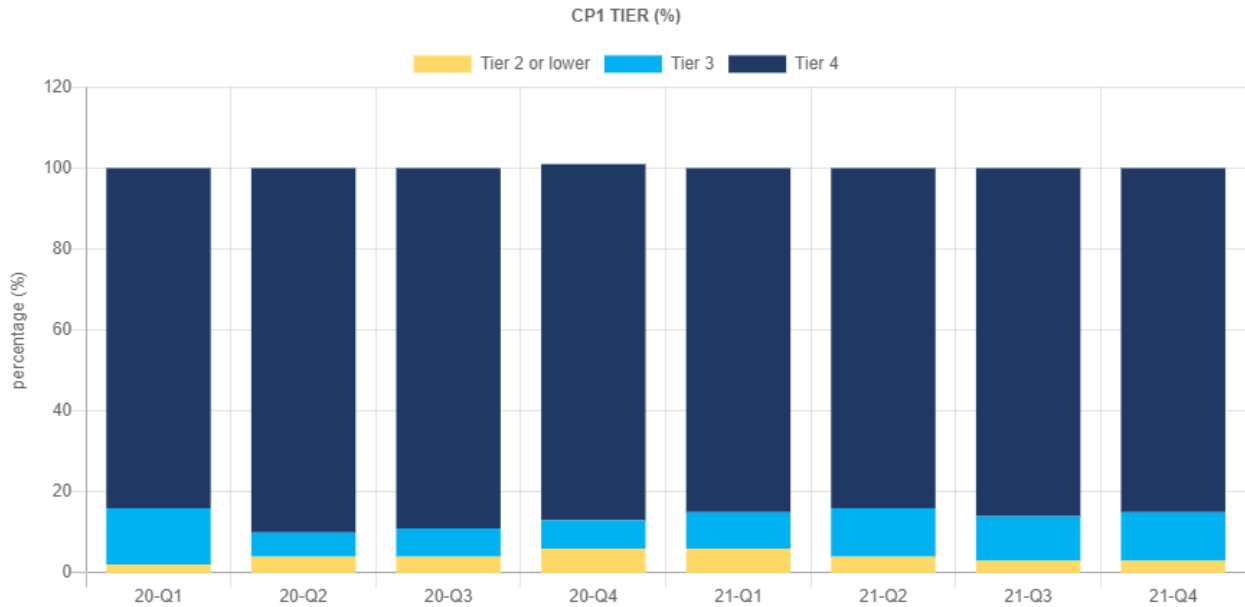


Figure 4. EMMA Tracking Tool: Sample Data and Infographics

Conclusion

The Authority is committed to serving as a model of sustainable development. The HSR system was recognized with a Platinum Envision level award in 2020 from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure. The Platinum Envision award achieved by the Authority and its program partners demonstrates that sustainability is achievable across large-scale and complex transportation systems.

Given the documented history of the HSR system’s successful implementation of emission-reduction strategies that the Authority has demonstrated for sections outside SCAQMD’s jurisdiction, the robust emission tracking and mitigation program, along with the Authority’s vision for the California HSR System being the greenest infrastructure project in the country, it is the Authority’s firm commitment to partner with SCAQMD to ensure that all General Conformity requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 93 are met.

By signing this letter, SCAQMD agrees to work with the Authority or the implementing entity, using available mechanisms as appropriate, to reduce construction emissions and satisfy General Conformity for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of the HSR system.

- The Authority or the implementing entity will work with SCAQMD to ensure that the lowest levels of construction emissions are generated through the use of IAMFs and mitigation measures outlined in its Final EIR/EIS (reproduced in this document for reference) and rolling review of best available technologies to the extent feasible, with priority given first to the use of ZE technology such as electric construction equipment and then to near-ZE technology.

- After receipt of construction funding but prior to commencing construction, the Authority or the implementing entity will review emission estimates, revise if warranted, and present a final estimate for review and use by SCAQMD for purposes of emission-reduction contributions and monitoring for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section.
- If emissions exceed General Conformity *de minimis* levels, all remaining emissions after implementation of the IAMFs and on-site mitigation measures will be offset to conform with 40 CFR 93.158 through SCAQMD's emission-reduction programs. Applicable emission-reduction programs may include state or federal incentive programs that achieve emissions reductions by providing incentive funds for the incremental cost of cleaner-than-required engines and equipment. The Authority or the implementing entity agrees to provide funding at the cost-effectiveness level or amount established by the program(s) mutually selected by SCAQMD and the Authority or the implementing entity.
- After receipt of construction funding but prior to commencing construction, the Authority or the implementing entity and SCAQMD will enter into a contractual agreement to offset all remaining construction emissions for criteria air pollutant emissions that exceed General Conformity *de minimis* levels for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section, to meet General Conformity regulations, by providing funds for the mutually selected emission-reduction program(s) to fund grants for projects that achieve the necessary emission reductions. At the time of preparing the General Conformity Determination, the Authority estimates⁵ that the only exceedances of the General Conformity *de minimis* levels would be NO_x emissions in the South Coast Air Basin from Project construction in the years 2032 through 2034 (construction years 2 through 4).
- The Authority or the implementing entity and SCAQMD will work together to identify opportunities and mechanisms to prioritize use of Authority or implementing entity funds for emission reductions locally at construction activities sites where the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section takes place; to the extent local emission reductions are unavailable, the parties will work together to develop other strategies.
- The Authority or the implementing entity will contribute to SCAQMD's actual costs of administration for implementation of the necessary emissions reductions for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section, and SCAQMD will seek and implement the necessary emission-reduction measures, using Authority or other funds.
- SCAQMD will serve in the role of administrator of the emission-reduction projects and verifier of the successful mitigation effort; respective Authority, implementing entity, or SCAQMD responsibilities in that effort; and related emission quantification/verification needs will be defined in a contractual agreement.

⁵ Authority estimates are based on the Los-Angeles to Anaheim Project Section Draft EIR/EIS released in December 5, 2025. As noted in the second bullet on Page 11, the Authority will review emission estimates after receipt of construction funding and present a final estimate to SCAQMD.

- The commitments in this letter are independent of any requirements related to any future SCAQMD facility-based mobile-source measure regulating freight rail yards or other, similar non-ZE rail operations.
- The contractual agreement developed pursuant to this letter will be limited to the HSR system's Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section General Conformity Determination.

Thank you for your continuing partnership with the Authority to advance the California HSR System.

[Name], [Title]

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Date:

[Name], [Title]

California High-Speed Rail Authority

Date:

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Amend the Administrative Code and Adopt Resolution to Comply with SB 707 Requirements

SYNOPSIS: Senate Bill 707 significantly amends and modifies key provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Brown Act requires, with specific exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. SB 707 is intended to increase public participation in local government. This action is to (1) amend Section 30 of the Administrative Code (South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting Procedures) to incorporate specific requirements of SB 707 regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service, requests for reasonable accommodations, and disruptive meeting conduct and (2) adopt the attached resolution relating to revised teleconferencing requirements for eligible subsidiary bodies.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 8, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Amend Section 30 of the Administrative Code (South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting Procedures) to incorporate specific requirements of SB 707 relating to disruption of telephonic or internet service, requests for reasonable accommodations, and disruptive meeting conduct.
2. Adopt the attached resolution relating to the revised teleconferencing requirements for eligible subsidiary bodies.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

Senate Bill 707, signed into law by Governor Newsom brings about sweeping changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act, placing new restrictions and duties upon legislative bodies with respect to open meetings. Major changes set forth by SB 707 relate specifically to “eligible legislative bodies,” including special districts with boundaries that include the entirety of at least one county with a population of 600,000 or more, or 200 or more full time equivalent employees. *See* Cal. Gov’t. Code Section 54953.4(e)(2). The South Coast AQMD Governing Board qualifies as an eligible legislative body.

Proposal

To address the requirements under SB 707, a series of revisions are needed to South Coast AQMD's Administrative Code Section 30 (South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting Procedures) to incorporate revisions regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service, requests for reasonable accommodations, and disruptive meeting conduct. SB 707 also includes revisions to remote teleconference requirements that are specified in Government Code Section 54953.8. Revisions to the Administrative Code Section 30 and teleconference requirements are discussed below

Administrative Code Section 30.16 – Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service

Pursuant to SB 707, and on or before July 1, 2026, an eligible legislative body must approve at a noticed public meeting in open session, and not on the consent calendar, a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service occurring during meetings. The policy must address procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of this type of disruption and the efforts of the eligible legislative body to attempt to restore service.

Section 30 of the South Coast AQMD Administrative Code outlines South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting procedures. Administrative Code Section 30.16 is being added to provide specific steps for the Board to take in case of disruption of either telephonic or internet service. Specifically, if such a disruption occurs, the Chair or their designee shall inform those present at the meeting location that the Board will recess the open session of the meeting and make a good faith attempt to restore service. During this recess, South Coast AQMD staff, in consultation with the Board, will work to undertake all reasonable steps necessary to restore service. This could include, but will not be limited to, checking for power or equipment failures, reaching out to telephone or internet service providers, and any other trouble shooting deemed necessary. The Board will not reconvene in open session until telephonic or internet service is restored or for at least one (1) hour, whichever is sooner. Upon reconvening, if service is not yet restored, the Board shall adopt a finding by roll call vote that good faith efforts to restore telephonic or internet service have been made in accordance with the Code and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote access.

Administrative Code Section 30.15 – Disruptive Conduct; Removal from the Meeting

Existing law authorizes the presiding member of a legislative body or their designate to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual or individuals for disrupting a public meeting. Disruption of a meeting includes conduct that actually disrupts, disturbs, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting. SB 707 clarifies that the ability to remove members of the public also applies to members of the public attending the meeting in person or via a 2-way telephonic service or a 2-way audiovisual platform. Administrative Code Section 30.15 is being amended to add this clarification.

Administrative Code Section 30.17 – Policy for Reasonable Accommodation and Remote Participation

Additionally, pursuant to SB 707, all legislative bodies of the South Coast AQMD have to implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for Governing Board or Committee members with disabilities consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12132), resolving any doubt in favor of accessibility. In each instance in which notice of a public meeting is given or the agenda is posted, the legislative body must also give notice of this procedure for receiving and resolving requests for accommodation. Administrative Code Section 30.17 is being added to account for this procedure.

Teleconferencing

SB 707 also authorizes remote teleconference meetings subject to the requirements of Government Code Section 54953.8 for certain eligible subsidiary bodies, so long as certain other Brown Act requirements are met. As relevant here, an eligible subsidiary body includes committees or other bodies of the South Coast AQMD, whether permanent or temporary, decisionmaking or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, or formal action of the Governing Board. An eligible subsidiary body cannot be a purely advisory committee composed solely of members of the legislative body that are less than a quorum of that body, except that Standing Committees of the Governing Board, irrespective of their composition, which have continuing subject matter jurisdiction, or a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of the Governing Board can be considered eligible subsidiary bodies. For our purposes, an eligible subsidiary body must also serve exclusively in an advisory capacity, is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlements, grants, or allocation of funds, and can include members who are elected officials, not elected officials, or some combination of both.

An eligible subsidiary body can teleconference without complying with the noticing and posting requirements set forth in Government Code Section 54953(b)(1)-(3) so long as the following requirements are met: (1) the eligible subsidiary body designates one physical meeting location within the boundaries of the South Coast AQMD where members of the subsidiary body who are not participating remotely shall be present and members of the public may physically attend, observe, hear, and participate in the meeting. At least one staff member of the eligible subsidiary body or the Governing Board shall be present at the physical meeting location during the meeting. The eligible subsidiary body shall post the agenda at the physical meeting location, but need not post the agenda at a remote location; (2) a member of the eligible subsidiary body must visibly appear on camera during the open portion of the meeting that is publicly accessible via internet or other online platform, unless they are subject to exemptions that permit them to appear off camera; (3) the visual appearance of the member on camera may only cease when the appearance would be technologically infeasible; (4) if the member does not appear on camera due to challenges with internet connectivity, they must announce the reason for their nonappearance prior to turning their camera off;

and (5) an elected official serving as a member of an eligible subsidiary body in their official capacity shall not participate in a meeting of the eligible subsidiary body by teleconferencing under this new exception and must comply with remote teleconferencing requirements under the Brown Act.

The new teleconferencing authority does not apply to bodies that are authorized to take final action on contracts, or bodies that have primary jurisdiction over the budget, so this shall not apply to the Administrative Committee because it currently has authority to make final approval on contracts for Governing Board Assistants and Consultants and has primary jurisdiction over the budget. This will apply to all other standing and advisory committees, including, but not limited to, the Legislative, Mobile Source, Stationary Source, Technology, Investment Oversight, Personnel, Environmental Justice, Local Government and Small Business Assistance, Board Assistant Briefing, and Young Leaders Advisory Council.

In order for an eligible subsidiary body to teleconference under these provisions, the Governing Board must first, by majority vote, make specific findings, including that it has considered the circumstances of the eligible legislative bodies, that teleconferencing will enhance public access to meetings, and that teleconference meetings will promote attraction, retention, and diversity of eligible subsidiary body members. These findings must be renewed every six months thereafter.

As mentioned above, however, this provision does not apply to elected officials serving as a member of an eligible subsidiary body in their official capacity. Therefore, it will not apply to a County Supervisor, City Councilmember or Mayor, who has been selected based on that status to serve on the Governing Board. These Governing Board Members would need to comply with the traditional teleconferencing requirements.

Recommended Actions

This action is to address the requirements of SB 707 to allow the South Coast AQMD Governing Board to establish procedures to handle disruptions in telephonic or internet service during public meetings, requests for reasonable accommodation, and disruptive conduct during meetings. This action is also to adopt the attached resolution finding that eligible subsidiary bodies of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board can meet remotely subject to the specific provisions of SB 707.

Attachments

Attachment A: Administrative Code Section 30 (clean version)

Attachment B: Administrative Code Section 30 (strikeout/underline)

Attachment C: Resolution

SOUTH COAST
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Revised May 1, 2026

Section 30.15 – Disruptive Conduct; Removal from the Meeting

The Chair may order the removal of any person from the meeting, whether in person or participating via telephonic service or internet platform, who is willfully interrupting, disrupting, disturbing, or impeding the meeting so as to render the conduct of the meeting infeasible. Willful interruption includes shouting and other boisterous conduct and failing to obey a lawful directive of the Chair, including, but not limited to, addressing the Board without being recognized, continuing to speak during an agenda item on a subject that is not relevant to the item after being warned by the Chair, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so by the Chair, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its meeting in an orderly manner. The Chair or their designee shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. But if there is a true threat of force, then a warning is not required. Any person removed from a meeting may return to the meeting only if permission is granted upon motion adopted by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 30.16 – Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service

If a disruption of telephonic or internet service that prevents members of the public from attending or observing a public meeting via a two-way telephonic service or two-way audiovisual platform occurs during the meeting, the Chair or their designee shall inform those present at the meeting location that the Board will recess the open session of the meeting and make a good faith attempt to restore the service. No public business may be conducted at this time except that the Board may meet in closed session during this period. During this recess, South Coast AQMD staff, in consultation with the Board, will work to undertake all reasonable steps necessary to restore internet and/or telephonic service. This may include, but is not limited to, checking for and attempting to correct power or equipment failures, contacting telephone or internet service providers for assistance, or similar activities. The Board shall not reconvene the open session of the meeting for at least one hour following the disruption, or until telephonic or internet service is restored, whichever is earlier. Upon reconvening open session, if telephonic or internet service has not yet been restored, the Board shall adopt a finding by rollcall vote that good faith efforts to restore telephonic or internet service have been made in accordance with this Section and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access. The requirements of this section shall not apply if the Board is meeting in an “emergency situation” pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5. An emergency may include acts of mass destruction, terrorist acts, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring the Board to provide one hour notice under this section may endanger the public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 30.17 – Policy for Reasonable Accommodation and Remote Participation

All public meetings held pursuant to the Brown Act must adhere to the following procedure to process requests for reasonable accommodations for remote participation in such meetings, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12132) and Government Code Section 54953.8. Any doubts must be resolved in favor of accessibility.

Any Board or Committee member who has a disability within the meaning of the ADA, including a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, may request reasonable accommodation to participate remotely in a public meeting in lieu of in-person attendance. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Board or Committee, copying the Clerk

of the Boards and the Deputy Executive Officer of Administrative and Human Resources. In the event that the Chair requests an accommodation, that request must also be submitted to the Vice Chair for approval. The request should include:

- (a) A brief description of the functional limitation that necessitates remote participation. A specific diagnosis does not need to be shared.
- (b) A statement that the functional limitation is attributable to a medical or physical condition; a brief written statement from a licensed healthcare provider may also be provided.
- (c) The anticipated duration of the need, whether permanent, or for a specific duration.
- (d) Any specific technical or logistical accommodations needed to participate effectively in the meeting.

An approved accommodation request for a permanent or ongoing condition shall remain in effect for up to twelve (12) months from the date of approval. The accommodation may be renewed by submitting a renewal request. Approved accommodations for temporary conditions shall remain in effect for the duration stated in the request or until the Board or Committee member notifies the Chair or the Chair's designee that the condition is resolved, whichever occurs first. A member whose condition or circumstances change materially shall notify the Chair and Vice Chair.

The Chair shall make a decision on the accommodation request no later than five (5) business days after receipt. The Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Executive Officer for Administrative and Human Resources, shall grant the request if it is determined that remote participation is a reasonable accommodation to address the functional limitation of the member.

If the Chair requires either clarification or additional information to make a decision, the Deputy Executive Officer for Administrative and Human Resources shall contact the requesting member promptly and request only the minimum additional information necessary to make a determination.

A decision, and the basis for the decision, regarding the request shall be communicated in writing to the requesting member.

Use of this procedure does not relieve the Board or Committee of applicable quorum requirements or other provisions of the Brown Act.

A member participating in a public meeting pursuant to this procedure must participate via both audio and visual technology, except that any member with a disability, as defined in Section 12102 of Title 42 of the United States Code may participate only through audio technology if a physical condition related to their disability results in the need to participate off camera. The member must disclose at the meeting, before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any of those individuals.

Notice of this procedure shall be provided every time a public meeting agenda is posted or otherwise provided.

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AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Revised ~~April 5, 2024~~ May 1, 2026

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Any Board or Committee member who has a disability within the meaning of the ADA, including a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, may request reasonable accommodation to participate remotely in a public meeting in lieu of in-person attendance.

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RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS THAT ELIGIBLE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MAY USE THE REVISED TELECONFERENCING RULES ESTABLISHED IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.8, SUBJECT TO THE FINDINGS SET FORTH HERE.

On May 1, 2026, on motion by Governing Board Member _____, seconded by Governing Board Member _____, and carried, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in all meetings subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§54950-54963, hereafter Brown Act); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act, all meetings of legislative bodies of the South Coast AQMD, which include the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board, all Brown Act standing committees ultimately reporting to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, and all advisory committees and groups created by charter and subject to the Brown Act, (collectively, hereinafter, “legislative bodies”), are required to be open and public so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the South Coast AQMD’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 707 (2025, Durazo) amends the Brown Act to provide additional teleconference options for “eligible subsidiary bodies,” as defined in SB 707; and

WHEREAS, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has established various committees that are advisory to the Board and are therefore considered “eligible subsidiary bodies” pursuant to SB 707; and

WHEREAS, authorizing additional teleconference options will increase participation in South Coast AQMD Governing Board and Committee meetings and meet the goals and objectives of the South Coast AQMD, as set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 40410 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, this resolution was considered in an open session of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board regular meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board as follows:

RESOLUTION _____

- 1 1. The South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds that the Board is an eligible legislative
2 body pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.4.
- 3 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.6, the South Coast AQMD Governing
4 Board finds that:
 - 5 a. The Board has considered the circumstances of its standing and advisory
6 committees as eligible subsidiary bodies.
 - 7 b. Teleconference meetings of eligible subsidiary bodies would enhance public
8 access to meetings of these bodies, and the public has been made aware of the
9 type of remote participation, including audio-visual or telephonic, that will be
10 made available at a regularly scheduled meetings of the eligible subsidiary bodies
11 and has been provided the opportunity to comment at an in-person meeting of the
12 South Coast AQMD Governing Board authorizing those subsidiary bodies to
13 meet entirely remotely;
 - 14 c. Teleconference meetings of eligible subsidiary bodies would promote the
15 attraction, retention, and diversity of eligible subsidiary body members; and
 - 16 d. South Coast AQMD’s standing and advisory committees are therefore authorized
17 to meet telephonically pursuant to, and in accordance with, Government Code
18 Section 54953.8.6. This shall not apply to the Administrative Committee. This
19 will apply to all other standing and advisory committees, including, but not
20 limited to, the Legislative, Mobile Source, Stationary Source, Technology,
21 Investment Oversight, Personnel, Environmental Justice, Local Government and
22 Small Business Assistance, Board Assistant Briefing, and Young Leaders
23 Advisory Council.
- 24 3. The authorization related to Government Code Section 54953.8.6 will be subject to
25 renewal every six months. The authorization is contingent upon each standing and
26 advisory committee also approving the use of teleconferencing pursuant to Section
27 54953.8.6 and renewing its approval every six months.
- 28

RESOLUTION _____

1 Nothing herein is intended to limit the Board's, or any standing or advisory committee's use of any other
2 telephonic or remote meeting option, including but not limited to, traditional teleconferencing, "just cause"
3 teleconferencing, use of teleconference during a declared state or local emergency, or teleconferencing as
4 a reasonable accommodation. To the extent any portion of this resolution is deemed unlawful, the unlawful
5 portion shall be deemed severed.

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7 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality
8 Management District by the following vote:

9 AYES: MEMBER:
10 NOES: MEMBER:
11 ABSENT: MEMBER:
12 ABSTAIN: MEMBER:

BOARD MEETING DATE:

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Approve Compensation Adjustments for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2026-27

SYNOPSIS: In January 2026, the Board approved a revised methodology to calculate Board Member Assistant and Board Member Consultant compensation. The revised compensation level is based on each Board Member's assignments to Committees, Advisory Groups, and other Board Member assignments, and is for the fiscal year.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, April 10, 2026; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve adjustments to compensation for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2026-27 in accordance with the Administrative Code and as described in Attachment A.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

Board Members must address a wide range of complex air quality issues related to the performance of their duties, requiring increased assistance. As a result, adjustments are needed to the maximum support level expenditure South Coast AQMD may make per Board Member, per fiscal year. In July 2015, the Board approved an assignment-of-points methodology that is based on the level of complexity, number of meetings, and role (such as providing support for the Chair or Vice-Chair). To streamline and create a more transparent approach, in January 2026, the Board approved a revised methodology that is based on each Board Member's assignments to Committees, Advisory Groups, and other Board Member assignments and incorporated into [Section 112, Exhibit I of the Administrative Code](#) (Attachment B). Additionally, the Administrative Code defines the minimum and maximum amounts that may be allocated per Board Member.

Proposal

This action is to approve the support level of expenditures for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2026-27 in accordance with the Administrative Code. Upon approval, Board Members will select Board Assistants and Consultants and allocate their funds.

Resource Impacts

Sufficient funding will be requested in the FY 2026-27 Budget to accommodate the recommended adjustments.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Board Member Committee/Advisory/Other Group Assignment Calculation or FY 2026-27
- B. Excerpt from Section 112 of the Administrative Code

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Board Member Committee/Advisory/Other Group Assignment Calculation for FY 2026-27

Governing Board Member	Calculated Maximum Support Level *
Cacciotti (Chair)	\$120,000
McCallon (Vice-Chair)	\$120,000
Delgado	\$96,000
Hagman	\$104,000
Lock Dawson	\$98,000
Mitchell	\$66,000
Nazarian	\$50,000
Nguyen	\$62,000
Olmos	\$58,000
Padilla-Campos	\$62,000
Perez	\$80,000
Rodriguez	\$84,000
Rutland	\$50,000
* The range of the Calculated Maximum Support Level is between \$50,000 and \$120,000.	

ATTACHMENT B

Excerpt from [Section 112 of the Administrative Code](#)

EXHIBIT I

Committee/Advisory/Other Group Assignment Methodology and Calculation

- 1) Utilizes the Board Committee/Advisory Group/Other Group Assignment spreadsheet as maintained by the Executive Officer or his designee.
- 2) Calculation is as follows and will apply beginning FY 2026-27:

Meeting Type	Role	Annual Amount	Notes
Governing Board	Member	\$36,000	
Committee or Advisory Group	Member	\$14,000	Board Member is assigned to 2 or Less Committees or Advisory Groups
Committee or Advisory Group	Member	\$26,000	Board Member is assigned to 3 or more Committees or Advisory Groups
Committee or Advisory Group	Chair of Committee	\$18,000	In addition to Committee or Advisory Group Member amount
Committee or Advisory Group	Vice Chair of Committee	\$8,000	In addition to Committee or Advisory Group Member amount
MSRC	Member	\$10,000	South Coast AQMD representative
CARB	Member	\$40,000	South Coast AQMD representative
Partnership	Member	\$8,000	Natural Gas or Fuel Cell Partnership



FY 2026-27 South Coast AQMD Proposed Budget and Goals and Priority Objectives

Governing Board
Budget and Fee Rule Workshop
April 10, 2026

FY 2026-27 Workshop Topics

- Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives
- General Fund Budget
- Staff Proposal

Hierarchy

Mission Statement

Goal I

Goal II

Goal III

Priority Objectives (9)

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Mission Statement

“To clean the air and protect the health of all residents in the South Coast Air District through practical and innovative strategies.”

Goals

- I. Achieve clean air standards.
- II. Enhance public education and ensure equitable treatment for all communities.
- III. Operate efficiently and transparently.

Goal I Priority Objectives

Goal I. Achieve Clean Air Standards

	Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
1	Address Air Quality Through Development and Implementation of Air Quality Management Plans and Toxic Rules	Adherence to development, adoption and implementation schedules for Develop and adopt plan updates and rules related to Air Quality Management Plans and air toxics timely development of plans.	Complete six rule adoptions and/or actions that result in achievements towards 2016 and 2022 AQMP's and 2024 PM plan emissions reductions and air toxic impacts.
2	Secure Incentive Funding for Emission Reductions	Maintain funding for pollution reduction projects.	Maintain funding received on or before FY 2026-27 2025-26.

Goal I Priority Objectives

Goal I. Achieve Clean Air Standards (cont.)

Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
<p>3 Implementation of Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERPs) for Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Designated Communities and Consistently Nominated Communities</p>	<p>Progress towards implementation of individual AB 617 designated communities and Community Emissions Reduction Plans and the engagement of Consistently Nominated Communities to begin identifying air quality concerns and ways to address those concerns (CERPs).</p>	<p>Four quarterly Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings for each designated community that is actively implementing Community Emissions Reductions Plans (CERPs).</p> <p>One Community Outreach Relations and Engagement event for designated communities.</p> <p>Progress and percentage completion of CERP action items for each designated community that is actively implementing CERPs.</p> <p>Complete, release for CSC and public comment, and submit CARB Annual Progress Reports for each designated community that is actively implementing CERPs.</p> <p>Update the CERP implementation dashboards quarterly for each the six AB 617 designated community ies that is actively implementing CERPs.</p> <p>Four Community Outreach Relations and Engagement events for Consistently Nominated Communities.</p>

Goal I Priority Objectives

Goal I. Achieve Clean Air Standards (cont.)

	Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
4	Ensure Efficient Air Monitoring and Laboratory Operations	Achieve acceptable completion of valid data points out of the scheduled measurements in the South Coast AQMD air monitoring network for NAAQS pollutant before U.S. EPA deadline.	Achieve acceptable valid data completion submitted to U.S. EPA before deadline.
5	Ensure Timely Inspections of Facilities	Total number of Title V Inspections completed annually.	Complete 100% of Title V inspections. Based on overlapping reporting periods, Title V inspections will be conducted between January 1 and June 30. During FY Q1 & Q2, staff will plan, review records and data, and conduct preliminary field operations, but inspections will not be completed. Goal is to complete inspections of 40% of Title V facilities in Q3 and 60% in Q4.
6	Implement Permitting Enhancement Program (PEP)	Implement key actions in PEP and provide periodic updates to the Board.	Semi-annual updates to the Board on key elements of PEP that include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the permit backlog and permitting production rates; • Development of new paperless online permitting system; and • Enhancements to the Certified Permitting Professional (CPP) program.

Goal I Priority Objectives

Goal I. Achieve Clean Air Standards (cont.)

	Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
7	Support Development of Cleaner Advanced Technology	Amount of clean technology projects funded.	Fund \$10 Million of clean technology projects.
8	Incentive Programs	Timely implementation of grant awards.	Initiate implementation within six months of grant award.
9	Conduct the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study VI (MATES VI)	Progress towards implementation of the MATES VI program	Begin Complete monitoring air toxics and other pollutants at ten fixed sites for MATES VI, commence continue monitoring to evaluate background ethylene oxide levels, develop public outreach plan for releasing MATES data and present update to Mobile Source Committee.

Goal II Priority Objectives

Goal II. Enhance Public Education and Equitable Treatment for All Communities

	Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
1	Evaluation of Low Cost Air Quality Sensors	Evaluation and posting of results of low cost air quality sensors that have reached the market.	Evaluate and post results of 75% of sensors that have reached the market.
2	Outreach	Number of community outreach events conducted in each County and effective information distribution for South Coast AQMD programs.	Conduct/participate in four community outreach events, including one in each County. Conduct six in-person community engagement events such as Critical Community Conversations for Purposeful Outreach (C3PO) and listening sessions.
3	Timely Investigation of Community Complaints	Initiate complaint investigation by close of business on the next business day, thereby allowing for flexibility to prioritize high priority incidents.	Contact 100% of complainants by the close of business on the next business day.
4	Social Media Efforts	Increase in audience engagement through impressions (views) of shared information via outreach for South Coast AQMD events, programs and major incidents across X, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn social channels.	Continue efforts to increase impressions and engagement on posts and/or campaigns with a monthly average goal of 4,000 LinkedIn impressions/2,400 Instagram impressions/8,000 Facebook impressions/48,000 X impressions on posts.

Goal II Priority Objectives

Goal II. Enhance Public Education and Equitable Treatment for All Communities (cont.)

	Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
5	School Educational Outreach	Promote use of WHAM and CAPES curriculum to schools, youth groups, and other organizations throughout the four counties. Hold annual Earth Day webinars.	Outreach to 100 K-12 schools, youth groups, and/or other organizations in all four counties to provide WHAM and CAPES curriculum. Host one Earth Day webinar for elementary schools and one for middle and high schools, featuring WHAM and CAPES curriculum.
6	Interagency Coordination	Number of meetings with local, state, and/or federal agency partners to collaborate on investigations and other enforcement matters.	Conduct/participate in at least one interagency coordination meeting per quarter. Continue efforts to improve information sharing and conduct joint investigations with other governmental agencies, as well as to streamline referral procedures.

Goal III Priority Objectives

Goal III. Operate Efficiently and Transparently

Priority Objective		Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
1	Ensure Transparent Governance	Percentage of Committee and Board meeting agendas with materials made available to the public one week prior to the meeting.	100% of Committee and Board meeting agendas with materials made available to the public one week prior to the meeting.
2	Ensure Transparent Governance	Percentage of Stakeholder and Working Group meeting agendas with materials made available prior to the meeting.	100% of Stakeholder and Working Group meeting agendas with materials made available to the public three days prior to the meeting.
3	Partner with Stakeholder Groups & Business Community	Number of meetings with Permit Streamlining Task Force subcommittee and public meetings with permitting stakeholders.	Conduct six total public meetings with the Permit Streamlining Task Force subcommittee and/or with permitting stakeholders.

Goal III Priority Objectives

Goal III. Operate Efficiently and Transparently (cont.)

	Priority Objective	Performance Indicator	Performance Measurement
4	Timely Financial Monitoring	Timely budgetary financial reporting.	Submit quarterly budgetary financial reports to the Governing Board within six working days of the end of the quarter for quarters 1-3. Submit the 4 th quarter report within six working days of the end of July.
5	Facilitate Ongoing Engagement with Employee Resource Groups (ERG)	Facilitation of monthly ERG Meetings.	Nine Facilitate monthly ERG meetings for internal staff and one annual all ERG meeting.
6	Staffing	Fill positions to reduce the vacancy.	Initiate the recruitment process such that if all positions were filled, the vacancy rate would be 13 percent.

General Fund Budget Summary

	Fiscal Year 2025-26			Fiscal Year 2026-27
	Adopted	Amended *	Estimate	Proposed
(\$ in millions)				
Revenue	\$215.4	\$220.8	\$218.2	\$223.9
Program Cost	<u>\$219.6</u>	<u>\$224.4</u>	<u>\$220.5</u>	<u>\$225.2</u>
Change to Fund Balance	<u>-\$4.2</u>	<u>-\$3.6</u>	<u>-\$2.3</u>	<u>-\$1.3</u>
* Board approved changes through February 2026.				

Expenditure Comparison

FY 2025-26 Budget vs. FY 2026-27 Proposal

(\$ in millions)	Fiscal Year 2025-26			Fiscal Year 2026-27
	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Amended*</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$183.4	\$183.4	\$183.1	\$188.9
Services & Supplies	32.7	35.1	31.5	33.4
Capital Outlays	1.5	3.9	3.9	0.9
Transfers Out	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Total	<u>\$219.6</u>	<u>\$224.4</u>	<u>\$220.5</u>	<u>\$225.2</u>
Staffing (FTEs)	1,034	1,034		1,030

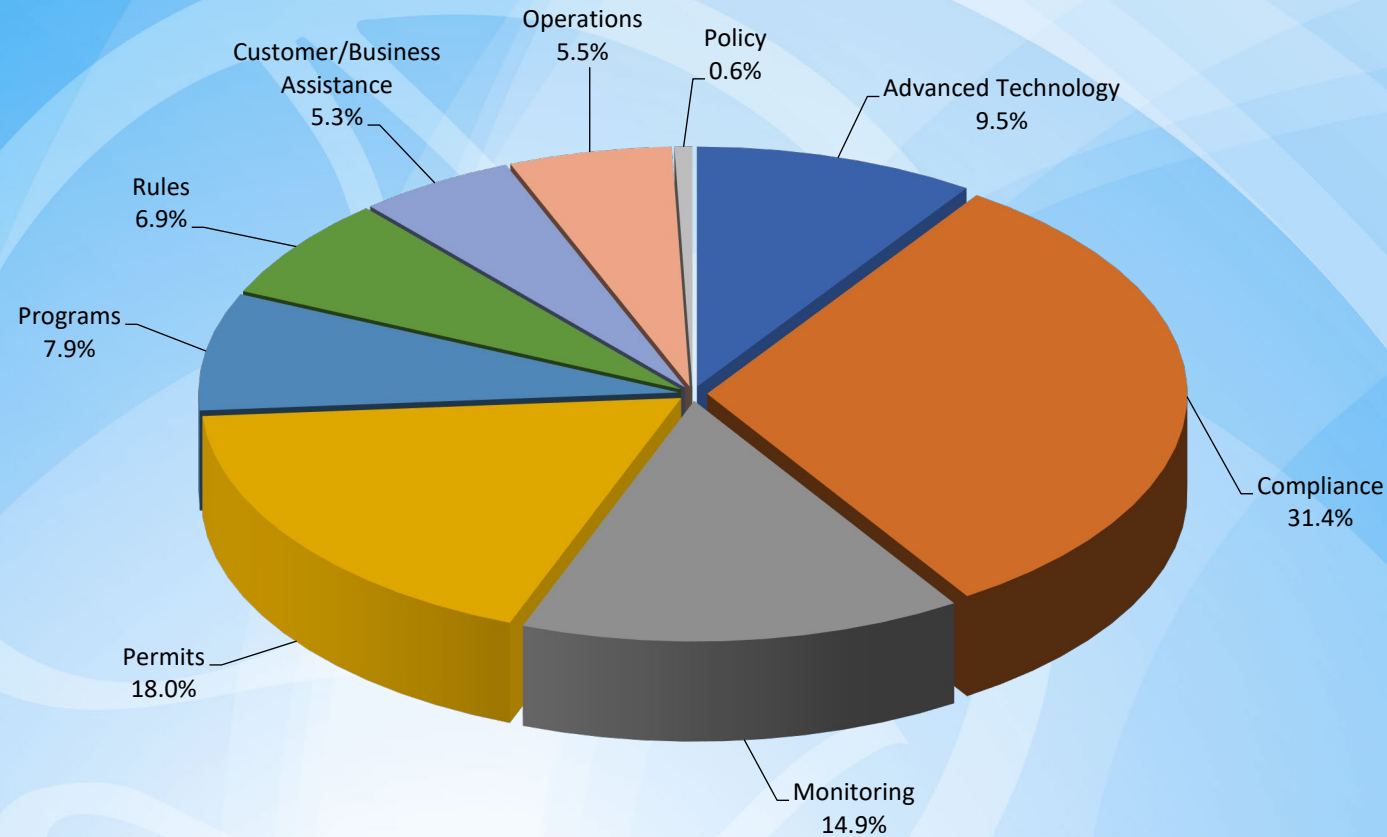
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FY 2026-27 Proposed Staffing Changes

Add:	Delete:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Program Supervisor – Planning, Rule Development & Implementation * • 1 Air Quality Specialist – Planning, Rule Development & Implementation * • 1 IT Specialist II – Information Management • 1 Public Affairs Manager – Legislative & Public Affairs/Media Office • 1 Program Supervisor – Monitoring & Analysis • 1 Air Quality Specialist – Monitoring & Analysis • 2 Air Quality Engineer II – Monitoring & Analysis • 3 Senior Air Quality Engineers – Engineering & Permitting • 2 Staff Assistants – Engineering & Permitting <p>Total: 13</p> <p>Net Decrease: 4</p> <p>* Revenue Offset</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Senior Office Assistant – Clerk of the Board • 1 Office Assistant – Legislative & Public Affairs/Media Office • 1 Administrative Assistant I – Monitoring & Analysis • 1 Senior Air Quality Instrument Specialist – Monitoring & Analysis • 7 Air Quality Instrument Specialist I – Monitoring & Analysis • 1 Senior Staff Specialist – Engineering & Permitting • 2 Air Quality Specialists – Engineering & Permitting • 3 Senior Office Assistants – Engineering & Permitting <p>Total: 17</p>

Note: Includes an adjustment to salaries for Designated Deputy positions to establish a 10 percent differential between each position level, resulting in a \$184,000 increase in the FY 2026-27 budget.

FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget Expenditures by Activity



Program	Activities
Compliance	Inspections, Investigations, PERP, Arch Coatings
Customer/Business Asst	Billings Services, Outreach, Public Records
Programs	AQMP, CEQA, Transportation
Rules	Rulemaking, Modeling
Monitoring	PM Sampling, Ambient Network/Air Analysis
Permits	Permit Processing/Services
Operations	Bldg Maint/Systems, IM, Fin, HR, Purchasing, Training
Policy	Outreach, Legislation, Advisory Groups/Governing Board
Advanced Technology	Mobile Sources/Carl Moyer, Clean Fuels, Prop 1B, MSRC

Revenue Comparison

FY 2025-26 Budget vs. FY 2026-27 Proposal

(\$ in millions)	Fiscal Year 2025-26			Fiscal Year 2026-27
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amended*</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed**</u>
Emission Fees	\$22.0	\$22.0	\$22.8	\$25.2
Annual Renewal Fees	86.0	86.6	85.1	89.1
Permit Processing Fees	21.0	21.0	21.0	22.8
Area Sources	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
Mobile Sources	34.5	34.5	32.1	34.2
Transportation Programs	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8
Other ***	<u>48.8</u>	<u>53.6</u>	<u>54.3</u>	<u>49.4</u>
Total	<u>\$215.4</u>	<u>\$220.8</u>	<u>\$218.2</u>	<u>\$223.9</u>

* Amended Budget includes Board approved mid-year funding increases through February 2026. These increases are from state/federal grant revenue and transfers in from Clean Fuels Program Fund (MATES VI).

** Proposed Budget includes a 3.2% CPI fee increase and removal of CEMS fee cap.

*** Other Revenue includes revenues from Federal & State Grants, State Subvention, Penalties/Settlements, "Hot Spots", Interest, PERP, Hearing Board, Source Test/Lab Analysis, Leases, Subscriptions, and Misc.

Revenue & Expenditure Uncertainties

- Retirement Cost
- AB 617 Funding
- Federal/State Funding
- Penalties/Settlements
- Inflation Impact on the Economy

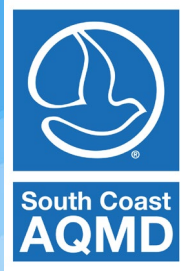
FY 2025-26 Estimate and Five-Year Projection

(\$ in millions)	FY 25-26 Estimated	FY 26-27 Proposed	FY 27-28 Projected	FY 28-29 Projected	FY 29-30 Projected	FY 30-31 Projected
Authorized Staffing	1,034	1,030	1,030	1,030	1,030	1,030
Vacancy Rate	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%
Funded Staffing	900	896	896	896	896	896
Revenues **	\$218.2	\$223.9	\$228.9	\$231.7	\$232.7	\$235.6
Program Costs	\$220.5	\$225.2	\$239.3	\$245.3	\$249.3	\$251.8
Changes in Fund Balance	\$(2.3)	\$(1.3)	\$(10.4)	\$(13.6)	\$(16.6)	\$(16.2)
Unreserved Fund Balance (at Year-End)	\$96.0	\$94.7	\$84.3	\$70.7	\$54.1	\$37.9
% of Revenue	44%	42%	37%	31%	23%	16%
** CPI fee increase for FY 2026/27 = 3.2% . Projected CPI fee increases are as follows: FY 2027/28 – 3.3% and FY 28/29 through 2030/31- 3.2%.						



Proposed Amended Regulation III - Fees





Proposed Amendments

Proposed Amendments with Fee Impacts

- Due to stakeholder concerns and affordability impacts, proposed NOx emission fee increase has been removed

Administrative Changes

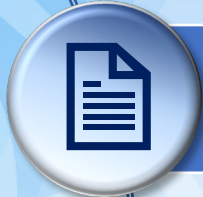
- Most proposed changes are to provide rule clarifications



Proposed Amendments with Fee Impacts



Amend Rule 301 to Add a Permit Fee Schedule for Laser Cutters



Amend Rule 301 to Add Administrative Processing Fees for Application Rejections



Amend Rule 301 to Remove CEMS Review Maximum Fees



Amend Rule 303 to Clarify Hearing Board Fees



Amend Rule 303 to Correct Toxic Fees and Add Diesel Particulate Matter



Rule 301 Laser Cutter and Application Rejection Fees

○ **Background**

- Laser Cutters currently not listed under any fee schedule so default to schedule C
- Similar permit evaluation and processing time for plasma arc cutting is under schedule B1

○ **Key Proposed Changes**

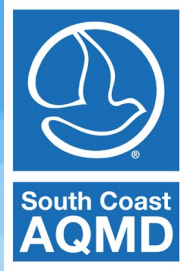
- Add Laser Cutters to Schedule B1
- Identical application fee as Schedule C, but a lower annual operating fee

○ **Background**

- For technical completeness before engineering evaluation, Engineer may request additional information
- If not provided, application is rejected and all fees are refunded; no cost recovery for initial staff review time

○ **Key Proposed Change**

- If an application is rejected due to lack of information, a fee equal to the existing cancellation fee (\$310.14) will be retained to recover staff review time



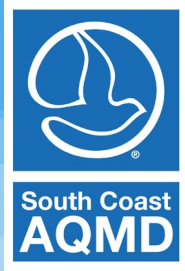
Rule 301 Remove CEMS Review Maximum Fees

- **Background**

- Evaluation of Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) and similar systems list basic fees, hourly rates, and maximum fees in Table IIB
- Evaluations are complex and can require many hours of time, beyond maximum fee limit

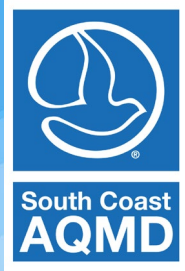
- **Key Proposed Changes**

- Remove maximum fees for evaluation of CEMS, FSMS, and ACEMS
 - Basic fee and hourly fee rate remains unchanged



Rule 303 Hearing Board Fees

- **Background**
 - Facilities applying for a variance are charged filing fees based on Table III
 - Staff time is required to review, calculate, and verify excess emissions for variances, with no cost recovery
- **Key Proposed Changes**
 - Clarify Rule 303 (a)(1) to indicate petitioners shall be charged for each petition
 - Amend Rule 303 (b)(2) to indicate refunds shall not apply to any variance on which the Hearing Board has taken an action
 - Remove Consent Calendar items from Table III
 - Add Rule 303 (d)(4) to create administration fee for verifying excess emissions



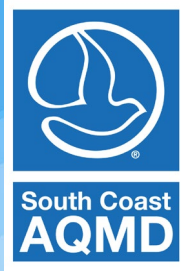
Rule 303 Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) Fees

- **Background**

- Petitioners applying for a variance are charged fees for excess emissions
- 2013 amendment mistakenly removed a table header leading to TAC excess emissions being mistakenly evaluated in dollars per *ton*
- In 2019, Rule 301 was amended to include Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) as a TAC for annual emission reporting

- **Key Proposed Changes**

- Restore TAC excess emissions in dollars per *pound*
- Include DPM as a TAC with an excess emission fee of \$22.98 per pound



Summary of Fee Impacts

Proposed Amendments	FY 2026-27 (in millions)	FY 2027-28 (in millions)	FY 2028-29 (in millions)
Amend Rule 301: New Permit Fee Schedule for Laser Cutters	-\$0.28	-\$0.28	-\$0.28
Amend Rule 301: Retain Processing Fees	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07
Amend Rule 303: Clarify Hearing Board Fees	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02
Amend Rule 303: Correct and Update Toxic Air Contaminant Fees	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05
Amend Rule 303: Excess Emission Administration Fees	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05
Amend Rule 301: Remove CEMS Review Maximum Fees	\$0.43	\$0.43	\$0.43
Total	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.34



Reg III Administrative Amendments



Clarify public notice distribution fee applicability



Clarify CEQA evaluation and preparation costs recovered



Change AER reporting due date to April 1st



Clarify clean fuels fee applicability



Allow for periodic invoicing of Title V permit applications

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Timeline

Date	Activity
Friday, March 13 th	Socio Economic Report (CPI only) Posted
Tuesday, March 31 st	Budget Document Completed/Posted
Thursday, April 2 nd	Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 7 th	Public Consultation Meeting
Friday, April 10 th	Governing Board Budget and Fee Rule Workshop
Wednesday, April 15 th	Public Comments/BAC Recommendations due to Governing Board
Friday, May 1 st	Governing Board Meeting - Budget Adoption