BOARD MEETING DATE: December 5, 2025 AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the November 7, 2025 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve the November 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Notice having been duly given, the meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board was conducted in 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 91765, and remotely via videoconferencing and telephone.

Members Present:

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

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

Supervisor Curt Hagman
County of San Bernardino

Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon
Cities of San Bernadino County

Supervisor Janet Nguyen
County of Orange

Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos
Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos
Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
County of Riverside

Councilmember Nithya Raman (Arrived at 10:40 a.m.)
City of Los Angeles

Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Rodriguez
Cities of Orange County

Absent: Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson
Cities of Riverside County

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
County of Los Angeles

Vacant: Governor's Appointee

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos
- Roll Call

Supervisor Perez and Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez were not present for roll call; both joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

- Opening Comments

Chair Delgado announced the following: plans to pay tribute next month to Mr. Jesse Marquez, a lifelong environmental justice advocate who recently passed away; her request for staff to streamline and consolidate the Board's various committees and advisory groups to improve efficiency; and that Agenda Item No. 19 would be pulled for a staff presentation following the discussion on Agenda Item No. 30.

Vice Chair Cacciotti shared photos from CAPCOA's Fall Membership Conference/50th Anniversary that was held in Sacramento in October.

Supervisor Perez reported on the CV Link ribbon cutting ceremonies this month marking the completion of a 40-mile pathway through the Coachella Valley designed for cyclists, pedestrians, joggers and low-speed electric vehicles. He provided an update on the Dust Summit conference held on November 6 in Palm Springs and shared details about the attendance, feedback from participants, and its impact and significance to the community.

Vice Mayor Olmos thanked South Coast AQMD staff for participating in the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo held in October and providing information about the agency and its programs.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri noted the following correction to the agenda: noting that the Public Hearing date in the footnote on page 3 for PARs 1107 and 1469 was corrected to December 5, 2025. He shared photos and commented on South Coast AQMD's involvement in the CV Link project and the 2nd Annual AB 617 Community Meeting, which brought together all Community Steering Committee members and community stakeholders. A status update on the implementation of the GO ZERO incentive program and changes to the criteria for small business, to increase their participation in GO ZERO. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 23:40.

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

The Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items was opened. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Al Sattler, Community Member, thanked the Board and staff for their work to protect public health. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 28:26.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, referenced the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Brazil, announced an intent to litigate the 2016 AQMP regarding the Solar New Deal, expressed concerns about the influence of interest groups, discussed efforts to obtain records via the Freedom of Information Act, highlighted the impact of solar initiatives worldwide, and cited global statistics on air pollution-related deaths. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 29:36.

There being no further requests to speak, the Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items was closed.

CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

1. Approve Minutes of October 3, 2025 Board Meeting
2. Establish Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026

Items 3 through 12 – Budget/Fiscal Impact

3. Execute Contract to Develop and Demonstrate Zero-Emission Fuel Cell Electric Heavy-Duty Refuse Truck
4. Approve School Bus Awards and Execute Contracts for Lower-Emission School Bus, CARE4Kids, and Carl Moyer Programs
5. Transfer and Appropriate Funds and Issue Solicitation and Purchase Orders for Community Air Monitoring Near Refineries and Related Facilities
6. Issue Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment
7. Authorize Executive Officer to Enter Into Grant Services Agreement With Placer County APCD and Recognize Revenue
8. Issue Purchase Order for Ingres Relational Database Management System Software Support and Appropriate Funds for Information Management
9. Authorize Purchase of CrowdStrike Protection Services
10. Appropriate Funding for Permitting Enhancement Program Legacy System Replacement
11. Issue RFP for Office Data Cable Infrastructure and RFQ for Modular Furniture Systems Moving Services
12. Approve Contract Awards as Approved by MSRC

Items 13 through 21 – Information Only/Receive and File

13. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
14. Hearing Board Report
15. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
16. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects
17. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
18. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management
19. 2025 Annual Progress Report for Assembly Bill 617 Community Emission Reductions Plans
20. Receive and File Annual Report on South Coast AQMD's Deferred Compensation Plans
21. Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in November

Items 22 through 28 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB

22. Administrative Committee
23. Legislative Committee
24. Mobile Source Committee
25. Stationary Source Committee
26. Technology Committee
27. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
28. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report
29. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

    Agenda Item No. 19 was deferred.

Disclosures

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon reported that he does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 12 but is required to identify for the record that he is a member of the Board of Directors for the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Highland, an alternate board member for Omnitrans and a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, which are involved in this item.

Supervisor Nguyen, recused herself from Agenda Item No. 5 because of a financial interest in Kinder Morgan, Inc., which is materially affected by this item; and reported that she does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 12 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Board Member for the Orange County Transportation Authority and a Supervisor for the County of Orange, which are involved in this item.

Supervisor Hagman reported that he does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 12 but is required to identify for the record that he is a member of the Board of

Directors for San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, a Supervisor for the County of San Bernardino, and a Board Member for Omnitrans, which are involved in this item.

Supervisor Perez reported that he does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 12 but is required to identify for the record that he is a Commissioner for the Riverside County Transportation Commission and a Supervisor for the County of Riverside, which are involved in this item.

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Supervisor Nguyen expressed support for Agenda Item No. 4 and thanked staff for their support of school districts and the grants awarded to 10 Orange County school districts, including three within her district, under the Zero-Emission School Bus Program.

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The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1-18, 20, and 21. The following individual addressed the Board.

Agenda Item Nos. 4 & 16

Harvey Eder advocated for school buses to be solar-powered, electric, and renewable and for public power and cooperatives to help lower energy costs.

Mr. Eder also commented on the importance for South Coast AQMD staff to conduct socioeconomic analyses on all projects. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 35:29.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1-18, 20, and 21.

Written Comments Supporting Agenda Items No. 4 – Electric School Bus Investments

- Adrian Martinez, Los Angeles Electric Truck and Bus Coalition member

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Board Action (Items 1-18, 20, and 21)

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 18, 20, AND 21 AS RECOMMENDED INCLUDING TO:

RECEIVE AND FILE THE BOARD COMMITTEES, MSRC, AND CARB REPORTS;

APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, AS SET FORTH BELOW; AND

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-21 ESTABLISHING THE 2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, McCallon,

Nguyen (except Item No. 5), Olmos, Padilla-Campos, Perez, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

RECUSE: Nguyen (only Item No. 5)

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Mitchell, and Raman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Agenda Item	Action
2026 State and Federal Legislative Guiding Principle	Approve

PUBLIC HEARING

30. Make CEQA Determinations for Proposed Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Execute Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, and Approve Supporting Budget Actions

Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 30. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 37:05.

Supervisor Hagman requested a twice per year reporting schedule to the Mobile Source Committee and public on progress toward the Cooperative Agreement's benchmarks and goals. Dr. Rees responded that annual reports are built into the Cooperative Agreement and staff can provide these more frequent updates. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 52:10.

Vice Mayor Olmos requested clarification on the duration and term of the Cooperative Agreement, and the due date of the first report. Dr. Rees explained that the Cooperative Agreement will become effective once executed by all parties, South Coast AQMD, Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles, and will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution. The first report will be due on or before April 2028. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 52:10.

Board Member Padilla Campos suggested forming a committee made up of labor and community members to provide updates. She also inquired about the metrics staff will be using in the annual reports. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 53:58.

Executive Officer Nastri explained that the updates would be presented to the Mobile Source Committee and would encourage that people participate in this Committee to provide information instead of forming a separate committee. Executive Officer Nastri suggested that staff will look into ways to increase participation at the Mobile Source Committee and then report back to Board. For additional details, please refer to the

Webcast beginning at 54:31.

Dr. Rees explained that staff will be reviewing the annual reports to determine whether specific milestones have been met and if the Ports are on track to fulfilling the commitments in the Cooperative Agreement. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 55:15.

Chair Delgado expressed support for an informal committee or a group of interested parties to be invited to the Mobile Source Committee meetings. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 55:33.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon congratulated the Ports and South Coast AQMD staff for successfully completing the agreement within a 45-day timeframe. He recognized their work and encouraged them to continue with the same diligence on incorporating the additional CAAP Plus Measures into the agreement. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 56:08.

Supervisor Perez thanked South Coast AQMD staff, the Ports, and advocates for their work on the Cooperative Agreement, acknowledging that while there is broad support, some opposition and concerns remain. He emphasized that the agreement is cooperative, with timelines and penalties, and that the Board retains the ability to pursue rulemaking if necessary. He concluded by expressing support for the agreement. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 57:11.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 30. The following individuals addressed the Board. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:00:33.

Al Sattler, Community Member
Jose Avalos, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
MaCarmen San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Benjamin Luna, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Kathy Ramirez, Move LA
Alberto Leon Vasquez, San Bernardino resident
Elva Cordova, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Alison Hahm, Natural Resource Defense Council and Impact Project
Marven Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ), Impact Project, and San Bernardino resident
Angel Teo, UCR student and Riverside resident
Marlin Dawoodjee, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
Christhian Tapia Delgado, Pacific Environment and Long Beach resident
Dianne Petrich Flowers, Wilmington/Long Beach resident
Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice
Paola Vargas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ)
Ashley Jackson, California Environmental Voters
Kimberly Amaya, EYCEJ and Long Beach resident
Cindy Donis, EYCEJ

Polash Mukerjee, Coalition for Clean Air
Joaquin Castillejos, CCAEJ
Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association
Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air
Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air
Rosa Gonzalez, Fontana resident
Andrea Vidaurre, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
Marina Benitez, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Maravilla Guiles, Community Member
Xavina Wilbert, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
Tomas Castro, Climate Action Campaign
Dalinef Leon Cardenas, Frontline community worker
Zagri Garnica, Inland Empire resident/frontline community
Nathan Carbajal, EYCEJ
Ebony Guerrero, California Youth Leadership Corp.
Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
Maria Garcia, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
Obed Leon, Fullerton College student
Whitney Amaya, EYCEJ and West Long Beach resident
Erick Garcia, EMeRGE and Los Angeles Harbor College student
Juan Jose Razo, EMeRGE and Wilmington area resident
Magali Sanchez-Hall, EMeRGE
Angie Balderas, Inland Empire resident
Fernando Marquez Duarte, People's Collective of Environmental Justice
Gracyna Mohabir, California Environmental Voters
Antonio Torres, University of California, Riverside student
Elise Wallace, American Lung Association
Taylor Thomas, EYCEJ

The above speakers expressed opposition to the Proposed Cooperative Agreement. Some key comments included:

- Expressed concerns that the agreement was rushed and lacked meaningful community engagement; the pause on rulemaking for five years; health and environmental justice issues; and the lack of enforceable metrics as part of the agreement.
- Urged for measurable and enforceable emission reduction targets; a regulatory approach instead of a voluntary MOU; transparency and accountability.

Robert Loya, Harbor Trucking Association
Halfdan Ross, International Transportation Service, LLC
Lee Swietlikowski, Metro Ports
Heather Tomley, Port of Long Beach
Eleanor Torres, Port of Long Beach
Kurt Schroeder, Everport Terminal Services

Artie Mandel, Port of Los Angeles
Dave Turner, Yusen Terminals
Matt Klink, Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)
German Soria, Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
Pedro Huerta, Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
Matthew Dickinson, Fenix Marine Services
Ernesto Medrano, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council
Valerie Do Carmo, TraPac
Paul Granillo, Inland Empire Economic Partnership
Monica Garcia, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
Eddie Rivera, Labors International Union of North America
Christopher Allen, APM Terminals
Angie Gilbride, Maersk
Allan McCorkle, Yusen Terminals
Xochitl Medrano, District Council of Iron Workers
Sal DiCostanzo, International Longshore and Warehouse Union
Dave Wear, Ocean Network Express
Sarah Wiltfong, Supply Chain Federation
Alexis Coria, TraPac
Lisa Wunder, Port of Los Angeles and City of Los Angeles
Elise Swanson, San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
Tommy Faavae, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Peter Schrappen, The American Waterways Operators
Manuel Cunha, Nisei Farmers League and African American Farmers of California
Henry Rogers, Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce
Scott Higman, Mediterranean Shipping Company
Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance
Nick Chiappe, California Trucking Association
Amanda Walsh, Orange County Business Council
Jon Kendrick, California Chamber of Commerce
Laer Pearce, Southern California Leadership Council
William Bartleson, Pacific Maritime Association
Matthew Lyons, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Krister Holladay, SSA Marine
Bruce Linderman, International Warehouse Logistics Association
Dustin Rhinehart, CMA CGM
James Finney-Conlan, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

The above speakers expressed support for the Draft Cooperative Agreement.

Harvey Eder raised concern that solar and wind energy were not evaluated in the AQMP or Warehouse ISR. He also highlighted the substantial number of deaths attributed to air pollution both globally and in California. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:44:30.

Sean Kearns, Representing Congresswoman Nanette Barragán, expressed appreciation for the continued work to reduce air pollution in the port complex and the ongoing work to further advance these initiatives through a Potential Cooperative Agreement but called for revised language that will protect union jobs, meaningfully reduce air pollution and guarantee transparency throughout the duration of the agreement. He highlighted the lack of recent in-person meetings in frontline communities most impacted by port pollution and the importance of collaboration. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:40:46.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 30.

Written Comments Regarding Concerns and Recommendations for the Proposed Cooperative Agreement

- Congresswoman Nanette Barragán
- Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air
- Ashley Jackson/Gracyna Mohabir/Felix Wang, California Environmental Voters

Written Comments Opposing the Proposed Cooperative Agreement

- Ana Gonzalez, South Coast AQMD Environmental Justice Advisory Group Member
- One letter signed by the following organizations: Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; David Pettit, Center for Biological Diversity; Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council; Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment; Peter M. Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition; Jennifer Cardenas, Sierra Club; and Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association
- One letter signed by the following organizations: Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air and Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC); Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association and Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach AB 617 CSC; Alicia Rivera, Communities for a Better Environment and Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach AB 617 CSC; Magali Sanchez-Hall, EMeRGE and Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach AB 617 CSC; Mary Valdamar, The Mother Earth Co-Op at ChICCCAA and San Bernardino/Muscoy AB 617 CSC; and Marven Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice

Written Comments Supporting the Proposed Cooperative Agreement

- Kevin Barker, SoCalGas (Revised letter dated 10/23/25)
- Kimberly Caceres, South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
- Jeremy Harris, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- Ernesto Medrano, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
- Paul Moreno, Ironworkers Local 433
- Henry Rogers, Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce (2 letters-10/13/25 & 11/5/25)
- One letter signed by the following organizations: African American Farmers of California; Almond Alliance; American Hort; Aquaculture Suppliers Association;

Agriculture Transportation Coalition; APM Terminals; BizFed Central Valley; Building Owners and Managers Association California; J.G. Boswell Company; California Building Industry Association; California Business Properties Association; California Business Roundtable; California Chamber of Commerce; California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association; California Manufacturing & Technology Association; California Retailers Association; California Short Line Rail Association; El Dorado Almonds; Everport Terminal Services; Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce; Gensteam; Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce; Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; Inland Empire Economic Partnership; Latino Consumer Federation; Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce; Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce; Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed); Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association Maersk; Majestic Realty; Metro Ports; Milk Producers Council; Milt & Edie's Drycleaners & Tailoring Center; Monterey County Farm Bureau; Murad Farms Inc.; NAIOP California; National Aquaculture Association; National Retail Federation; Nisei Farmers League; North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers; Pacific Merchant Shipping Association; Pasadena Chamber of Commerce & Civic Association; The Pasha Group; Pet Food Institute; Rebuild SoCal Partnership; Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce; Retail Industry Leaders Association; San Pedro Chamber of Commerce; Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau; SSA Marine; San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; San Pedro Chamber of Commerce; South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce; Southern California Leadership Council; Supply Chain Federation; U.S. Meat Export Federation; United States Trout Farmers Association; Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA); Western Agricultural Processors Association; Western Plant Health Association; Western Propane Gas Association; Western Tree Nut Association; Wilmington Chamber of Commerce; and Yusen Terminals

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Councilmember Raman arrived at 10:40 a.m.

General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist reported that Councilmember Raman does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 30 but is required to identify for the record that she is Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles, which is involved in this item.

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Supervisor Hagman thanked the meeting participants for their input. He commented on the need to balance ambitious goals with practical, achievable solutions and thanked staff for working with all parties to develop pragmatic goals that support progress toward the transition to zero emissions. Supervisor Hagman emphasized that the Board is not giving up its authority and retains the power to reassess and take action if progress falls short.

Supervisor Nguyen thanked the meeting participants for their input, fellow Board members for their vote at the August meeting to move forward with the Proposed Cooperative Agreement, and South Coast AQMD staff for their hard work. She acknowledged that while the agreement may not fully satisfy either side, it represents a strong collaborative effort and the ability to move forward. To ensure an accurate

understanding of the Cooperative Agreement, Supervisor Nguyen highlighted key updates made as compromises from the original proposal, including a shorter term, increased penalties, and a shorter exit clause. Supervisor Nguyen moved to approve the staff recommendation; Supervisor Hagman seconded the motion. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:44:47.

At 11:45 a.m., the Board recessed and the auditorium was cleared following a disruption from members of the audience.

The Board reconvened at 11:51 a.m. with all Board members present.

Chair Delgado asked Executive Officer Nastri to provide a summary of the Proposed Cooperative Agreement process. Executive Officer Nastri commented on the significant public testimony and emphasized that while the process on the Cooperative Agreement may appear rushed, that staff has been working with the Ports for years and with substantial public input. He highlighted efforts to facilitate community participation, including a community meeting during evening hours, office hours in the daytime, and at the community's request added evening office hours, and making adjustments to the agreement in response to their feedback. He acknowledged the concerns raised but pointed out that the Board can take action as needed and that PR 2304 is ready to be released with a 75-day notice. The current approach prioritizes infrastructure development, based on lessons learned from past implementation challenges. Staff will continue to pursue additional measures that would achieve quantifiable emission reductions. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:50:57.

Board Member Padilla-Campos expressed frustration that the audience was cleared from the auditorium after a single disruption and described the Cooperative Agreement as inadequate, lacking enforceable emission reduction targets, clear timelines, and accountability mechanisms for communities disproportionately affected by pollution from the ports. She called for binding commitments, transparent reporting, community oversight, and quantifiable and enforceable emission reductions. Board Member Padilla-Campos made a motion to oppose the staff recommendation to adopt the Cooperative Agreement in its current form and urged the board to strengthen it before moving forward. The motion failed for lack of a second. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:56:48.

Councilmember Raman thanked Board Member Padilla-Campos for her advocacy, recognized the concerns raised by community members, and noted the absence of stakeholder presence in the auditorium during such a significant discussion, expressing appreciation for all who have participated in current and prior meetings. Councilmember Raman described the Cooperative Agreement as the only realistic path forward and framed the Board's decision as a choice between the Cooperative Agreement, or continuing years of inaction, or an action that would be undone. She expressed support for the agreement while emphasizing her commitment to ensure continued stakeholder engagement and the importance of accountability for the commitments outlined in it. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:00:10.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked Chair Delgado for her leadership and for providing a 45-day window to consider the Cooperative Agreement. He expressed disappointment that stakeholders were not present in the auditorium for the discussion on this issue, acknowledged input from environmental groups throughout the process and the support of labor unions and port workers for the agreement, and shared how air quality personally affects his family. He highlighted that the agreement covers the same scope as PR 2304, fosters continued collaboration with faster outcomes, has clear milestones and deadlines for deliverables, is technologically realistic and attainable, and will lead to significant improvements in air quality. He commented that the exit provision was reduced, the pause on rulemaking shortened, and development of additional CAAP Plus Measures. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez noted that he would be voting to support the staff recommendation. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:04:05.

Vice Chair Cacciotti commented about the five-year timeframe of the Cooperative Agreement and explained that the five-year timeframe is necessary as we transition sources to zero emissions because there are a variety of challenges such as utilities, technologies, and manufacturers. The Vice Chair also emphasized the importance of community engagement. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:13:34.

Vice Mayor Olmos acknowledged her role as the newest Board Member and the member representing cities directly impacted by the Ports. She thanked Board Member Padilla-Campos, as well as stakeholders and environmental justice communities, for sharing their perspectives and staff for their guidance. The Proposed Cooperative Agreement represents an important first step, particularly for cities adjacent to the Ports that have had no formal framework in place and noted the importance of accountability. Vice Mayor Olmos indicated that she would be voting in favor of the staff recommendation. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:16:43.

Supervisor Perez thanked his fellow Board Members for their thoughtful perspectives. He acknowledged the shared goals of cleaner air and economic opportunity and emphasized the need to strike a balance between environmental justice and economic opportunities. He commented on the importance of holding the Ports accountable to fulfill the commitments proposed in the Cooperative Agreement and for South Coast AQMD to ensure that milestones are being met. He urged the Ports to follow through on their commitments, cautioning of the consequences if they fail to do so. He expressed support for the agreement and called on all parties to fully commit to its success. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:17:57.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon expressed support for the agreement, urged the Ports to honor their commitments and to work with South Coast AQMD staff. He emphasized how essential collective effort is to the success of the agreement and to achieving healthy air and an economy that works for all. Mayor Pro Tem McCallon expressed optimism that the agreement would serve as a successful first step and looks forward to building on it through future discussions. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:26:09.

Chair Delgado thanked staff, agreed with Councilmember Raman's comments, and that she believes the Cooperative Agreement will be good for our community as it strikes a balance to advance our environmental goals while maintaining a strong economy for our community. The Chair emphasized that this is the beginning of a long process and encouraged everybody to continue to hold us accountable. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:27:31.

Board Action (Item 30)

MOVED BY NGUYEN AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 30 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF TO:

1) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO 25-22

   A. DETERMINING THAT THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT QUALIFY AS A LATER ACTIVITY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR THE 2022 AQMP AND THE 2016 AQMP AS SET FORTH IN CEQA, AND THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE 2022 AQMP AND THE FINAL PROGRAM EIR FOR THE 2016 AQMP ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CEQA SUCH THAT NO NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT IS REQUIRED;

   B. DETERMINING THAT THE COST RECOVERY PROVISIONS IN THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ARE EXEMPT FROM CEQA;

   C. DETERMINING THAT THE CREATION OF THE CLEAN AIR MITIGATION FUND IN THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IS NOT A PROJECT WITHIN THE MEANING OF CEQA;

   D. AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH COAST AQMD AND THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES;

2) ESTABLISH THE PORTS CLEAN AIR MITIGATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (93);

3) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO RECOGNIZE, UPON RECEIPT, FUNDS PAID BY EITHER THE PORT OF LONG BEACH OR THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES IN RESPONSE TO AN ENFORCEMENT DETERMINATION SPECIFIED IN THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT INTO THE

PORTS CLEAN AIR MITIGATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (93); AND

4) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO RECOGNIZE, UPON RECEIPT, FUNDS PAID BY THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES TO REIMBURSE SOUTH COAST AQMD ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS NECESSARY TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, McCallon, Nguyen, Olmos, Perez, Raman, and Rodriguez

NOES: Padilla-Campos

ABSENT: Lock Dawson and Mitchell

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez commented on the disruption from the audience that occurred during the meeting and emphasized that disagreeing is acceptable but disruptive behavior that prevents the Board from doing the public's work is not. He suggested that such disruptions should not be tolerated and that in the future those who violate the standards of decorum and civility be removed so that those behaving appropriately can continue to participate. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:30:08.

Councilmember Raman acknowledged that disruptions are challenging but emphasized that protest and dissent are part of democratic spaces. She countered the view that such disruptions should be removed and instead called for an equitable approach that prevents intimidation, ensures that the loudest voices do not silence quieter voices, and respects the role of public protest. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:35:02.

[Members of the public were allowed back into the auditorium at 12:17 p.m.]

This item was taken out of order.

29. Item Deferred from the Consent and Board Calendar

19. 2025 Annual Progress Report for Assembly Bill 617 Community Emission Reductions Plans

Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer/Community Engagement & Air Programs, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 19. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:36:51.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 19. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, commented on his involvement in the AB 617 Community Steering Committee and his contributions to securing funding. He expressed disappointment that AB 617 has become an afterthought and that communities were excluded from recent port discussions. In protest, he announced his resignation from the Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach AB 617 Community Steering Committee and urged fellow members to do the same. He emphasized that AB 617 should be a genuine commitment to some of the most polluted communities. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:54:47.

Polash Mukerjee, Coalition for Clean Air, praised South Coast AQMD initiatives, including work under AB 617, as global models for equitable, community-driven air quality governance; however, with recent developments around PR 2304, there is growing concern that community consultation has become more procedural than participatory. He expressed optimism that Chair Delgado's recommendation to streamline South Coast AQMD committee would translate into a more empowered AB 617 framework as well as stronger engagement through the Environmental Justice Advisory Group. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:55:54.

Angie Balderas expressed gratitude to the AB 617 staff for their work, underscored the importance of shared accountability and commitment to the work ahead, and urged that the community be included in the process. She highlighted outreach efforts with South Coast AQMD staff in San Bernardino and surrounding areas, thanked the Board members who participated in those efforts, and encouraged others to join. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:56:54

Theral Golden expressed support for AB 617 as a space for public discourse and public participation and commented on the constitutional rights of people to engage in the democratic process. He thanked Board Member Padilla-Campos for her no vote on the Cooperative Agreement and Councilmember Raman for defending First Amendment rights. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:58:06

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No 19.

Board Action (Item 19)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI
TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 AS RECOMMENDED TO
RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2025 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITY EMISSION
REDUCTIONS PLANS

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, McCallon, Nguyen, Olmos, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson and Mitchell

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CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not meet in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on November 7, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: _____

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Vanessa Delgado, Chair

ACRONYMS

CAAP = Clean Air Action Plan
CARB = California Air Resources Board
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
FY = Fiscal Year
ISR = Indirect Source Rule
MOU = Memorandum of Understanding
MSRC = Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
PAR = Proposed Amended Rule
PR = Proposed Rule