BOARD MEETING DATE: June 6, 2025 AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the May 2, 2025

Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the May 2, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas Clerk of the Boards

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### **FRIDAY, MAY 2, 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

Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson Cities of Riverside County

Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon Cities of San Bernadino County

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell County of Los Angeles

Supervisor Janet Nguyen County of Orange

Councilmember Brenda Olmos Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Supervisor V. Manual Perez County of Riverside

Councilmember Nithya Raman City of Los Angeles

Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Rodriguez
Cities of Orange County

Members Absent: Supervisor Curt Hagman

County of San Bernadino

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 9:03 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
- Roll Call

The following Board Members were not present for roll call and joined the meeting at the following times: Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez at 9:05 a.m., Councilmember Raman at 9:09 a.m., Board Member Padilla Campos at 9:07 a.m., and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez at 9:16 a.m.

### Opening Comments

Vice Mayor Olmos thanked staff for joining her on April 10, 2025 for a tour of areas of Calabasas affected by debris being transported from the Palisades fire to the Calabasas Landfill. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 6:31.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri announced that the Public Hearing for PARs 1111 and 1121 is scheduled for the June Board meeting and that a comment letter from the South Coast AQMD Local Government & Small Business Advisory Group regarding PARs 1111 and 1121 was included as part of Agenda Item No. 18 in today's package. Executive Officer Nastri reported on the timeframe for this year's Summer Internship program and the number of interns that were selected. He also reported that air monitoring efforts and data reporting continued for the Eaton and Palisades fires and the results can be viewed on South Coast AQMD's website.

Chair Delgado congratulated Mayor Lock Dawson on her appointment by Governor Newsom to the California Air Resources Board.

# <u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u> – (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. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 9:33, 44:23, and 52:29.

Patrick Walsh, Apex Logistics International, commented on the mitigation fee for the WAIRE Program; however, he was interrupted and asked to comment during the public comment period for that item, Agenda Item No. 27.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of PARs 1111 and 1121.

 Kevin Barker, SoCalGas, expressed concerns with the cost and limited consumer choice of appliances. He urged the Board to vote against the rules as written, develop a feasibility fuel neutral regulation that imposes lower NOx limits to protect consumer choice, still achieves meaningful emission reductions and get SIP credit.  George Boutrous, Orange County Business Council, expressed concerns with the cost, impact to the housing market, and jobs. He requested that staff continue to engage with stakeholders and the public to develop cost effective and practical solutions.

Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, expressed concern that there are still unanswered questions about the Port ISR and the public process for the proposed rule. He urged the Board to direct staff to complete the schedule they laid out for the public process before starting the formal rulemaking process. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 17:22.

Alejandra Ruiz, Ontario resident and Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Ezekiel Franco, Ontario resident

Aurora Vasquez, Community organizer and former Commissioner for Los Angeles Department Water & Power

Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice

DeForest Barnette, Riverside resident and Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice (CCAEJ)

Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air

Theral Golden, West Long Beach Neighborhood Association

Al Sattler, a member of the public

Cecile Diroll, Riverside resident and University of California, Riverside (UCR) student

Tony Sirna, Evergreen Action

Azarely Bedolla, Riverside resident and CCAEJ

Pete Marsh, Long Beach resident

Ayn Craciun, Climate Action Campaign

Tomas Castro, Irvine resident and Climate Action Campaign

David Martinez, Orange County resident and Climate Action Campaign

Wynn Tucker, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

Angel Teo, UCR student and People's Collective for Environmental Justice

Gary Tavetian, Los Angeles resident

Margee Hills, Brea resident and Sierra Club Santa Lucian Chapter

Dalinef Leon, Inland Empire resident

Uma Armien Funk, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona student Jennifer Cardenas, Sierra Club

Key comments from the above speakers include:

### PAR 1111 and PAR 1121

- Expressed support for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 and highlighted their importance;
- Commented on the health and economic benefits of the rules;
- Questioned some of the misinformation that has been presented and thanked staff for their outreach efforts to dispel that information; and
- Urged for the proposals to be strengthened and passed without further delay.

### Port ISR

- Expressed support for a Port ISR;
- Pointed out that the proposal is an infrastructure plan;
- Urged for staff to keep the current schedule and move forward with rulemaking;
   and
- Called for action on the ports.

Laura Rosenberger Haider, Fresnans Against Fracking, commented on safety hazards associated with the use of natural gas and urged for the passage of PARs 1111 and 1121. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 27:47.

(Comments from the following individuals were moved from the Consent and Board Calendar public comment period: Margee Hills, Dalinef Leon, Uma Armien Funk, and Jennifer Cardenas. Please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 44:23 and 52.29 for their comments.)

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Non-Agenda Items.

### Written Comments Submitted Regarding Sunshine Canyon Landfill

 Nurha Hindi-Chahayed & Erick Fefferman, Protect North San Fernando Valley; and Jane Williams, California Communities Against Toxics

### Written Comments Submitted Regarding Port ISR

- Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Written Comments Submitted Regarding PARs 1111 and 1121 (See Attachment A)

### CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

### Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

- 1. Approve Minutes of April 4, 2025 Board Meeting
- 2. Set Public Hearing June 6, 2025 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1171 – Solvent Cleaning Operations, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1171

### Items 3 through 11 - Budget/Fiscal Impact

3. Execute Contract to Evaluate Performance and Emissions of Linear Generator

- 4. Transfer Funds for Development of Carl Moyer Program Grant Management System
- 5. Appropriate Funds, Execute Agreement for EV Hardware at South Coast AQMD Headquarters and Authorize Removal of Fixed Assets Inventory
- Transfer Funds Between Major Objects and Issue Purchase Order for AQ-SPEC Program
- 7. Authorize Purchase of Onbase Software Support
- 8. Authorize Purchase of Virtual Meeting Software Support
- 9. Amend Contract to Provide Short- and Long-Term Systems Development, Maintenance and Support Services
- Approve Compensation Adjustments for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2025-26
- 11. Approve Modified Award as Approved by MSRC

### <u>Items 12 through 17 – Information Only/Receive and File</u>

- 12. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
- 13. Hearing Board Report
- 14. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
- 15. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects
- 16. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
- 17. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

### Items 18 through 24 - Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB

- 18. Administrative Committee
- 19. Legislative Committee
- 20. Mobile Source Committee
- 21. Stationary Source Committee
- 22. Technology Committee
- 23. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
- 24. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report
- 25. <u>Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar</u> There were no items deferred.

### **Disclosures**

Councilmember Raman reported that she had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 11 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles, which is involved in this item.

Supervisor Nguyen announced that she was recusing herself from Agenda Item No. 8 because of a financial interest in Zoom Video Inc., which is materially affected by this item.

Supervisor Nguyen expressed concerns that PAR 1171 could be overly prescriptive and its impact on the UV/EB/LED industry. She requested that staff work with that industry to work toward a consensus. Executive Officer Nastri responded that staff would reach out to Ms. Rita Loof of RadTech International to discuss the issues. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 41:48.

Supervisor Nguyen and Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez asked for the record to show that they are in support of the following legislation in Agenda Item No. 19: AB 605 (Muratsuchi) – Lower Emissions Cargo Handling Equipment Pilot program; and SB 712 (Grove) – Smog check: collector motor vehicles: exemption. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 56:23 and 1:02.13.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 24. The following individuals addressed the Board. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 45:51.

### Agenda Item No. 2

Rita Loof, RadTech International
Perri Katzman, International Ultraviolet Association
Howard Ragin, UV Specialties, LLC

Key comments from the above speakers include:

- Cannot support current proposed amendments to Rule 1171;
- Opposes new additional requirements for reporting, recordkeeping and labeling;
- Seeks exemption for materials associated with UV/EB/LED processes and at essential public water treatment facilities; and
- Concerned about safety issues associated with the use of electrical equipment around highly flammable acetone-based cleaners and water-borne materials.

### Agenda Item No. 19

Al Sattler commented on AB 306 (Schultz), a proposed legislation that would impose a moratorium on the adoption or modification of new state and local building standards affecting residential units through 2031. He recommended that staff seek an amendment to the legislation to require that energy efficient measures be included.

(Margee Hills, Dalinef Leon, Uma Armien Funk, and Jennifer Cardenas commented on PARs 1111 and 1121, and/or the Port ISR therefore, their comments were moved to the General Public Comment Period for Non-agenda items portion of the meeting.)

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 24.

In response to Mayor ProTem McCallon's inquiry regarding comments on PAR 1171, Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, pointed out that staff is working with stakeholders to address their issues and that the focus of the rulemaking is to eliminate toxic components. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 56:47.

Mike Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, commented that staff has been working with the water districts and that the proposed usage limits were established with input from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Metropolitan Water District. Staff could revisit the usage limit at a future date, if the utilities have some increased usage. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 57:30.

Supervisor Perez requested an update on SB 712, specifically asking what amendments staff is seeking and whether it is better to leave the bill as proposed.

Philip Crabbe, Senior Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media, explained that SB 712 is in the Appropriations Committee and is moving through the legislative process. Executive Officer Nastri explained that part of the concern was a rolling exemption that would increase the number of cars that would be exempt from smog checks. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 58:38.

Supervisor Mitchell commented that she would like to see a distinction between a classic car and an old car that is not considered a classic. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 58:06.

Supervisor Nguyen recommended that staff ask the legislator to better define what cars would be eligible for the exemption and commented that she believes that this will narrow the exemption.

Vice Chair Cacciotti commented that he prosecuted smog check stations for 20 years and that these cars can be serious sources of air pollution. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:03:42.

Supervisor Perez asked for clarification on AB 712. Executive Officer Nastri explained that it was his understanding that staff is going back to the author to better define the exemption such as model year and wanted to underscore the importance of the air quality benefits. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:06:52.

### Board Action (Items 1 - 24)

MOVED BY CACCIOTTI AND SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 24 AS RECOMMENDED, RECEIVE AND FILE THE COMMITTEE, MSRC, AND CARB REPORTS, AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON LEGISLATION AS SET FORTH BELOW

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Lock Dawson, McCallon,

Mitchell, Nguyen\*, Olmos, Padilla-Campos,

Perez, Raman, and Rodriguez\*

(\*except for recommendations on AB 605 and SB 712)

NOES: Rodriguez and Nguyen (only on

recommendations for AB 605 and

SB 712)

RECUSE: Nguyen (only Item No. 8)

ABSENT: Hagman

<u>Legislation</u> Recommendation

AB 605 (Muratsuchi)-Lower Oppose Unless Amended Support position for Nguyen

Emissions Cargo Handling
Equipment Pilot Program

AB 914 (Garcia)- Air Watch

pollution: indirect sources toxic air contaminants.

SB 318 (Becker)- Air Oppose

pollution: stationary sources best available control technology:

indirect sources.

SB 712(Grove)-Smog check:

collector motor vehicle:

exemption.

Oppose Unless Amended

Support position for Nguyen

and Rodriguez

and Rodriguez

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

26. Incident Response Overview and Efforts Related to Los Angeles Wildfires (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter)

Due to time constraints, this item was carried over to a future meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

27. 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 2025-26

Sujata Jain, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Executive Officer, gave the staff presentation on the Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2025-26; and Mike Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on the proposed amendments to Regulation III. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:15:19.

Supervisor Nguyen inquired about the increase in permitting fees and whether South Coast AQMD fees are comparable to other air districts. Executive Officer Nastri explained that staff did not have this information readily available, but would provide data comparing South Coast AQMD fees to the other large air districts in California at a later date. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:27:12.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 27 and the following individuals addressed the Board.

Curt Coleman, Southern California Air Quality Alliance, commended the reasonable and necessary increase in fees. He reinforced prioritizing actions to reduce the permit backlog, expediting permit evaluations and filling Engineering & Permitting vacancies. He thanked Chair Delgado and the Board for making permit processing a priority and committed to continue working with staff to address issues to remove bottlenecks in the permitting process. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:28:21.

Patrick Walsh, Apex Logistics International, expressed opposition to an increase to the WAIRE mitigation fee. Staff confirmed that the Regulation III increases do not impact the WAIRE mitigation fees. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:30:00.

Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, expressed support for the budget process, the 3 percent fee increase, staff's proposal to review the Rule 1180 and 1180.1 monitoring fees for a possible later update, and the focus on permitting and permit streamlining. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:31:43.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 27.

### **Board Action (Item 27)**

MOVED BY LOCK DAWSON AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 AS RECOMMENDED AND SET FORTH BELOW.

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-8:
  - A. DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION III - FEES, WHICH INCLUDE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 301 - PERMITTING AND ASSOCIATED FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 303 -HEARING BOARD FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 304 - EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND AMBIENT AIR ANALYSES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 304.1 -ANALYSES FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 306 -PLAN FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 307.1 -ALTERNATIVE FEES FOR AIR TOXICS EMISSIONS INVENTORY, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 308 - ON-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE MITIGATION OPTIONS FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 309 - FEES FOR REGULATION XVI AND REGULATION XXV, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 311 - AIR QUALITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 313 - AUTHORITY TO ADJUST FEES AND DUE DATES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 314 - FEES FOR ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 315 - FEES FOR TRAINING CLASSES AND LICENSE RENEWAL, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 316 - FEES FOR RULE 2305, AND PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 316.2 - FEES FOR RULE 2306, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND**
  - B. AMENDING REGULATION III FEES, WHICH INCLUDES PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 301, 303, 304, 304.1, 306, 307.1, 308, 309, 311, 313, 314, 315, 316, AND 316.2. 2.
- 2. APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PROPOSED GOALS AND PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2025-26:
- 3. REMOVE FROM RESERVES AND DESIGNATIONS ALL AMOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FY 202425 BUDGET:
- 4. APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE MAJOR OBJECTS FOR FY 2025-26 OF:

Transfers Out  $\underline{2,000,000}$  Total  $\underline{\$219,628,245}$ 

5. APPROVE REVENUES FOR FY 2025-26 OF \$215,441,340;

- 6. APPROVE THE ADDITION OF FIVE NET AUTHORIZED/FUNDED POSITIONS AS DETAILED IN THE FY 2025-26 BUDGET; AND
- 7. APPROVE A PROJECTED JUNE 30, 2026 FUND BALANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Classification <sup>1</sup>	Reserves/Unreserved Designations	Amount
Committed	Reserve for Encumbrances	\$26,800,000
Nonspendable	Reserve for Inventory of Supplies	80,000
Assigned	Designated for Enhanced Compliance Activities	883,018
Assigned	Designated for Other Post Employment Benefit	
	(OPEB) Obligations	2,952,496
Assigned	Designated for Permit Streamlining	234,159
Assigned	Designated for Self-Insurance	2,000,000
Assigned	Designated for Unemployment Claims	80,000
Total Reserved & Unreserved Designations		\$33,029,673
Unassigned	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$74,580,212
<sup>1</sup> The fund balance classifications of Committed, Nonspendable, Assigned, and Unassigned are established by the Government Accounting Standards Board 54.		

### THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Lock Dawson, McCallon,

Nguyen, Olmos, Padilla-Campos, Perez,

Raman, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mitchell

ABSENT: Hagman

28. Report on South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts for 2024

John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human Resources, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 28. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:15:19.

The following South Coast AQMD employees addressed the Board on behalf of the SCPEA and Teamsters Local 911 bargaining units: Brian Vlasich, SCPEA and Jennifer Nessler and Keith Brown. Teamsters.

Supervisor Mitchell thanked the representatives from the bargaining units for bringing forward their recommendations and asked Mr. Olvera whether the data collected

from exit interviews have identified a pattern of reasons behind the departure of employees. Mr. Olvera responded that the data reflects varied reasons for employees leaving. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 1:51:40.

Supervisor Perez suggested that staff conduct a market compensation analysis to see how salaries and benefits compare to other agencies. He commented on the importance of finding the right balance between internal and external recruitment and suggested employing a holistic approach that bridges the gap between practical experience and academic knowledge. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:53:05.

In response to Mayor Lock Dawson's inquiry about a salary survey and reclassification study, Mr. Olvera responded that it was agreed to in last year's labor negotiations to conduct salary surveys for the Teamsters benchmark classifications and a full compensation study for the SCPEA positions. Both studies are in the final stages and will be finalized this month. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:57:03.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 28. The following individual addressed the Board.

Bettina Burleigh Sanchez-Castro, a South Coast AQMD employee and SCPEA member, expressed concerns with communication from leadership and how it impacts employee morale and productivity. She commented on how important it is to acknowledge and show appreciation to employees for their hard work and contributions to the agency and urged the Board to direct management to actively work to increase employee engagement and help promote open and honest information sharing. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:58:15.

Al Sattler expressed support for South Coast AQMD employees and commented on the swift response and professionalism of staff that he has experienced. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:01:45.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period for Agenda Item No. 28 was closed.

Supervisor Perez commented on the value of communication in an organization and expressed support for efforts to improve overall communication at the South Coast AQMD. He commented on the importance of creating a safe space where employees feel comfortable sharing their ideas and concerns and suggested exploring ways to improve communication. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:02:40.

Vice Chair Cacciotti inquired about the reason for the high vacancy rate in the Technical & Enforcement and Office Clerical & Maintenance bargaining units. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:05:05.

Mr. Olvera explained that many of those vacancies resulted from employees being promoted to a higher-level position within the organization. The internal promotions create vacancies at the lower-level positions, resulting in a continual effort to balance the different priorities. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:06:50.

Vice Chair Cacciotti commented on the current trend that shows employers moving away from teleworking. He asked Mr. Olvera to comment on the South Coast AQMD survey that shows a high percentage of employees consider telework as the top factor that contributes to them working and staying at the South Coast AQMD. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:08:14.

Mr. Olvera commented that the revised telework program was implemented effective April 1, 2025 and nearly all employees have submitted their telework applications. He reported that there has been a good response to the program, but noting that some employees would like to telework more. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:08:38.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez expressed appreciation for the thoughtful comments and recommendations from the bargaining units and recognized their desire for collective empathy and an understanding of their perspective. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez recommended that staff provide a status update to the Board at a future meeting on these issues. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:09:29.

Councilmember Raman appreciated hearing the perspective of the bargaining units and that management continues to engage with employees and refine the metrics. She commented on looking forward to ensuring that the issues brought up today would be addressed. Mayor Pro Tem McCallon agreed with the comments of his colleagues and highlighted the need to provide support to employees. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:11:37.

(This was a receive and file item; no action was required from the Board.)

### CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 11:13 a.m. pursuant to Government Code sections:

# <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATING LITIGATION</u> Government Code § 54956.9(a) and § 54956.9(d)(4), to consider initiation of litigation:

• San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Dist. v. Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc., Fifth District Court of Appeal, No. F088471 (amicus brief).

### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with legal counsel on anticipated litigation:

Significant exposure to litigation.

Following closed session, General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist announced that a report of any reportable actions taken in closed session will be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist at 11:24 a.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on May 2, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas

	Clerk of the Boards
Date Minutes Approved: _	
Vanessa D	Delgado, Chair

### Attachment A – PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 Public Comments

### **ACRONYMS**

CARB = California Air Resources Board
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
FY = Fiscal Year
ISR = Indirect Source Rule
MSRC = Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
PAR = Proposed Amended Rule
SCPEA = South Coast Professional Employees Association
UV/EB/LED = Ultraviolet/Electron Beam/Light Emitting Diode
WAIRE = Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Kevin Barker, SoCalGas
- -Mayor Cindy Warren, City of Murrieta
- One letter signed by the following organizations: Adrian Martinez/Fernando Gaytan/Matt Vespa/, Earthjustice; Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air; Gracyna Mohabir, California Environmental Voters; and Kimberly Orbe, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

### **COMMENTS OPPOSING PAR 1111 AND PAR 1121**

-Resolution No. 2025-024, City of Anaheim

Mayor L. Anthony Beall, City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Katherine Johansen, Trident Management LLC

Councilman Sean Mill, City of Riverside

Mayor Jim Steiner, City of Corona

Daniel M. Yukelson, Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles

Dee Ashley Jay Loggins Victor Barrett Mary Lund

Ashton Bartlett Alan Meinicke, Banning

Dr. Dale Broome, Redlands Walter Mirczak, Laguna Niguel

Krista Cole Dr. Robert Moreta, Huntington Beach

Estrella Craft Jerry Myers, Laguna Beach

Jerry Crowden
Diane Dale
Debbie
Debbie
Ben Granger
Marilyn Granger, Upland
Jamee Hendricker

Suzanne Owens
Kimberly Racette
Valerie Rodriguez
Cheryl Van Gelder
David S Watkins
Dixie Watson

Jamee Hendricker Dixie Watson
Geraldine Hilbig, San Bernardino County Lawrence Westen
Howard Homan Norma Yaeger

Ernest Tery Jakel, Orange Gaylene Young

Kathi Kisiel, Riverside

### **COMMENTS SUPPORTING PAR 1111 AND PAR 1121**

-Paul J Miller, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM)

Connie Perez Moreno

Janet Albaugh, Beverly Hills

Kevin Brandon, Palm Desert

Rhonda Church, San Clemente

Lissette Rodriguez, Pasadena

Denise Vandermeer, Woodland Hills

Nora Coyle, Anaheim

D. Fachko, Buena Park

Pat Wong, Yorba Linda

Linda Rosenberger Haider

Bonnie Biddison, Oak Park

Susan Savage, Studio City

- Letters submitted by <u>350.org</u> signed by the following individuals:

Charles Abele, Berkley Mike W. Abler, Santa Cruz Inger M. Acking, Berkely

Victoria Maxson Ada, Mountain View

Julie Adelson, San Pedro Storm E. Ainsely, Winters Katherine Aker, Tujunga John Alexander, Oceanside Zsanine Alexander, Burbank David D. Allen, Encino

Anne M. Van Alstyne, Redondo Beach

Cristina Amarillas, Santa Rosa Jon Anderholm, Cazadero

Judith Graham Anderson, San Luis Obispo

Frank and Jane Anderson, San Pedro

Dorothy Anderson, Weymouth Joan Anderson, Berkley JL Angell, Rescue

Bonnie Joy Arbuckle, Riverbank Carlos A. Arnold, Santa Maria Linda Christine Artiaga, San Diego

Tom Atha, Alhambra
Ed Atkins, Boulder Creek
Nancy Attanasio, Pasadena
Gina Axsom, Los Osos
Marc Azar, Los Angeles
B. E. Westlake Village
David Baca, Berkley
Ron Bachelor, Chula Vista
Lois Bacon, Watsonville
Steven Balch, Gualala

Sharon Bambridge, San Francisco

Soraya Barabi, Los Angeles Susannah Barley, Fairfax Rob Barnes, Junction City Warren Barton, Valley Village Michael Batek, Sunnyvale

Lori Bates, Oxnard Gary Baxel, Cathedral Joslyn Baxter, Mill Valley David Beaulieu, Los Angeles Paul Bechtel, Redlands

Gary Beckerman, Santa Ynez

Kae Bender, Lancaster Elaine E. Benjamin, Alpine

Sue Anne Bennett, Citrus Heights

Christopher Bennett, Napa Annette Benton, Pittsburg Abbie Rachel Bernstein, West Hollywood

Yolanda Berumen, Baldwin Blaze Bhence, Cypress Robert A Blackey, Claremont Elaine Boles, Santa Cruz Martha L Booz, El Sobrante Michael Bordenave, Fresno Kate Bordisso, Mill Valley

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