BOARD MEETING DATE: November 7, 2025 AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the October 3, 2025

Board Meeting.

# RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the October 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

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#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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

Supervisor Curt Hagman County of San Bernardino

Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon Cities of San Bernadino County

Supervisor Janet Nguyen (Left at 11:30 a.m.) County of Orange

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

Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos (Arrived at 9:30 a.m.) Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Councilmember Nithya Raman City of Los Angeles

Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Rodriguez Cities of Orange County

Absent: Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell

County of Los Angeles

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

County of Riverside

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 Curt Hagman
- Roll Call

Mayor Lock Dawson, Board Member Padilla-Campos, and Councilmember Raman were not present for roll call. Mayor Lock Dawson joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.; Councilmember Raman joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.; and Board Member Padilla-Campos joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### Opening Comments

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri made the following remarks: an update on the fire incident on October 2, 2025, at the Chevron refinery in El Segundo, including South Coast AQMD's ongoing staff response and coordination with local and state partners, air monitoring efforts, and communication with the media and community; announced a meeting scheduled for October 15, 2025 at Long Beach City College to discuss and solicit input on the Draft Cooperative Agreement between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles; and announced staff's recommendation for a 60-day set hearing for Agenda Item No. 2, PAR 1107 and PAR 1469. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 6:25.

Vice Chair Cacciotti shared a photo of South Coast AQMD's commercial lawn and garden program and shared an experience with introducing this technology to others.

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

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

Robert Hines, Bowerman Power LLG LLC commented on a renewable natural gas (RNG) facility that the company is in the process of developing and expressed concern that under staff's current interpretation of Rule 1302 the RNG facility does not qualify as an Essential Public Service. He requested that the issue be placed on the agenda for the October Stationary Source Committee meeting and that the Board give staff direction to reconsider their interpretation of Rule 1302. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 10:43.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon announced that he is requesting that Rule 1302 be placed on the November Stationary Source Committee meeting agenda, as he will not be available for the October meeting. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 13:33.

Supervisor Nguyen acknowledged concerns that have been expressed about Rule 1302 and mentioned her prior request for staff to coordinate a meeting with the County of Orange to address those issues, noting that she has heard that other counties are experiencing similar issues. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 14:00.

Olivier Garris, a member of the public, commented on his efforts to seek assistance from South Coast AQMD staff and other agencies regarding asbestos contamination in a Diamond Bar condominium unit where his elderly parents live, which resulted from demolition work conducted without prior asbestos testing. Executive Officer Nastri commented that staff is aware of the situation and noted it is an ongoing enforcement matter. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 15:08.

Ranji George, a member of the public, urged the Board to ensure that hydrogen technologies are visible and prioritized in ongoing negotiations with the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach. He expressed disappointment that significant funding is directed toward battery electric vehicles and requested that more funds be allocated for hydrogen demonstration projects. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 19:06.

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

### Written Comments Regarding Air Pollution

- Samuel Parnes

# Written Comments Requesting Investigation into CMAX Use of Diesel Trucks

- Heidi Pyle, MMS Strategies

## **CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR**

#### <u>Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact</u>

- 1. Approve Minutes of September 5, 2025 Board Meeting
- 2. Set Public Hearing November 7, 2025 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:
  - A. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1107 Coating of Metal Parts and Products, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1107
  - B. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1469 Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1469

## <u>Items 3 through 14 – Budget/Fiscal Impact</u>

- 3. Issue Program Announcement and Execute Contracts for Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program
- 4. Execute Contracts to Demonstrate Plug-In Hybrid Tugboat and Install Supporting Charging Infrastructure
- 5. Release RFP to Continue Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program Implementation, Amend and Execute Contracts
- 6. Adopt Resolution Recognizing Revenue for FY 2024-25 Community Air Protection Program and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs
- 7. Approve Action Items for Technology Project Contracts
- 8. Issue Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring and Laboratory Equipment
- 9. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.
- 10. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Sacramento, California
- 11. Amend Contract for Landscape and Tree Maintenance Services at Diamond Bar Headquarters and Approve Funding
- 12. Approve Increases to Employer Contributions for Health Insurance Premiums for Represented Employees in South Coast AQMD Professional Employees Association Bargaining Unit and Appropriate Funds from Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance
- 13. Allocate Funds for Dust Emissions Evaluation and Mitigation in Coachella Valley
- 14. Approve Agreement, Recognize Revenue and Modification as Approved by MSRC

#### Items 15 through 20 – Information Only/Receive and File

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

## <u>Items 21 through 28 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB</u>

- 21. Administrative Committee
- 22. Investment Oversight 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. <u>Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar</u>
  There were no items deferred.

#### **Disclosures**

Supervisor Hagman reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 7 but is required to identify for the record that he is a Supervisor for San Bernardino County, which is involved in this item. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 8:59.

Councilmember Raman reported that she had no financial interest in Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 14 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles, which is involved in these items.

Mayor Lock Dawson reported that she had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 6 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Board Member for CARB, which is involved in this item.

<u>Written Comments Supporting Agenda Items No. 3 & 4 – Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program; ZE-Capable Tugboat Demonstration</u>

 One letter signed by the following organizations: Regina Hsu, Earthjustice; Gracyna Mohabir, California Environmental Voters; Christina Scaringe, Center for Biological Diversity; Marven E. Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Andrea Marpillero-Colomina, GreenLatinos; Kathy Ramirez, Move LA; Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment; Jennifer Cardenas, Sierra Club

## Board Action (Items 1 – 28)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY MCCALLON TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 28 AS RECOMMENDED INCLUDING TO:

SET THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PAR 1107 AND PAR 1469 ON DECEMBER 5, 2025;

RECEIVE AND FILE THE COMMITTEE, MSRC, AND CARB REPORTS; AND

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-19 RECOGNIZING FY 2024-25 COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION INCENTIVE FUNDS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Lock Dawson Delgado, Hagman,

McCallon, Olmos, Raman, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mitchell, \*Nguyen, Padilla-Campos, and Perez

\*Supervisor Nguyen was temporarily absent when the vote was taken.

[The public comment period for the Consent and Board calendar was opened later in the meeting and a revote was taken for Agenda Item No. 2. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:44:02]

(Board Member Padilla-Campos arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

### **BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION**

30. Update on Draft Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Next Steps (Presentation in lieu of Board Letter)

lan MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 30. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 23:29.

Vice Mayor Olmos thanked all stakeholders involved in the process and asked for clarification on what would happen if the parties chose to walk away from the negotiations. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 39:11.

Executive Officer Nastri responded that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board retains full authority to direct staff to change course or take an alternative action, including revisiting Proposed Rule 2304 or pursuing other measures at its discretion, and that under the proposed Cooperative Agreement there is a 90-day exit clause that allows any of the parties to exit the Agreement. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 39:36.

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 41:25.

Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice Jessie Parks, Sierra Club

Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council and THE Impact Project

Christhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment and Long Beach resident

Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association

Lindsey Escamilla, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ) and Riverside resident

Marven Norman, CCAEJ, San Bernardino resident

Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

Diego Mayen, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) and Carson resident

Fernando Marquez, People's Collective for Environmental Justice and PhD Student at University of California, Riverside

MaCarmen Gonzalez, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)

Antonio Torres, University of California, Riverside student

Marlin Dawoodjee Vargas, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air

Andrea Viduarre, People's Collective for Environmental Justice

Christina Marsh, EYCEJ and Long Beach resident

Jose Avalos, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)

Everardo Zazueta Jr. San Bernardino Airport community member

Alberto Hernandez, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)

Ana Solorzano, San Bernardino Airport community member (via Spanish Interpreter)

Jose Solorzano, San Bernardino Airport community member (via Spanish Interpreter)

Rosa Marina Benitez, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)

Dalinef Leon, Inland Empire community member

Taylor Thomas, EYCEJ

Zagri Garnica, Inland Empire resident

Mark Lopez, EYCEJ

Maria Reyes, West Long Beach resident (via Spanish interpreter)

Nathan Carbajal, EYCEJ, Los Angeles resident

Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air and Long Beach resident

Polash Mukerjee, Coalition for Clean Air

The above speakers made the following comments:

- Support for the Port ISR;
- The Draft Cooperative Agreement:
  - lacks emissions reductions;
  - Only focuses on infrastructure planning;
  - prohibits Port ISR rulemaking for five years;
  - lacks public engagement and transparency;
  - lacks details in the oversight and enforceability framework; and
  - was not presented to the AB 617 Community Steering Committees or South Coast AQMD's Environmental Justice Advisory Group;
- The need to prioritize emission reductions and public health;
- South Coast AQMD's legal obligation to adopt and implement all feasible measures;
- Requested South Coast AQMD to implement AQMP control measure to reduce port emissions; and
- Urged for more transparency and public engagement

Emily Quest, West Long Beach resident, expressed concern that local government officials are not adequately representing the interests of the West Long Beach community and recommended that future meetings be held in locations more accessible to the impacted communities. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:10:47.

Ryan Calbreath, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), opposed the Draft Cooperative Agreement, citing that it undermines the South Coast AQMD's public health mandate. He highlighted three UE core principles of aggressive struggle, rank and file control, and uniting all workers, expressed support for the environmental justice movement, and raised concerns over port-related health impacts. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:31:56.

Al Sattler, a member of the public, suggested delaying the approval of the proposed Cooperative Agreement until critical details regarding oversight and enforceability are included. He also asked whether staff had addressed the October 2, 2025 fire that occurred at the Chevron refinery in El Segundo. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:51:22.

Sarah Wiltfong, Supply Chain Federation
Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Leela Rao, Port of Long Beach
Mike Dibernardo, Port of Los Angeles
Robert Loya, Harbor Trucking Association
Chris Wilson, Los Angeles County Business Federation
Christopher Allen, APM Terminals
Benjamin Lopez, Rebuild SoCal Partnership
Scott Higman, Mediterranean Shipping Company USA

Key comments from the above speakers included:

- Expressed support for adopting the Draft Cooperative Agreement:
  - commended as a model of effective cooperation;
  - includes enforceable, time-bound commitments for zero-emission infrastructure, enhanced reporting, and a robust public process;
  - addresses key concerns regarding enforcement, public participation, and zero-emission transition;
  - combines practicality with flexibility to address environmental goals with infrastructure, technology and budget challenges; and
  - strikes the right balance between protecting jobs, fostering innovation, and achieving cleaner air'
- Highlighted the Ports' commitment to cleaner air, emission reductions, and zero-emission transition; and

 Encouraged the Board to continue support for the Draft Cooperative Agreement and adopt staff's recommendation.

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy, expressed support to allow more public input on the CAAP Plus Measures. He highlighted that Class 7-8 heavy-duty trucks, such as those used for port drayage, accounted for a limited share of the total number of zero-emission trucks as reported by CARB. He recommended that CAAP Measure No. 2 – ZE Drayage Truck Equipment and Infrastructure Funding (as shown in the Ports' July 18, 2025 proposal), include incentives for the cleanest combustion engine to maintain progress toward cleaner fleets. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 56:01.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, cited the number of premature deaths globally caused by air pollution; advocated for solar energy solutions and opposed relinquishing regulatory authority. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 1:56:06.

Ranji George, a member of the public, suggested quarterly reports on the implementation of the Port ZE Plans to facilitate meaningful public engagement, and questioned the classification of battery electric vehicles as zero-emission due to environmental harms from their production, mining, and disposal. He advocated for increased support of hydrogen technologies as a cleaner alternative and agreed with Mr. Eder on the benefits of solar energy. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:02:31.

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

Written Comments Supporting Draft Cooperative Agreement and Requesting the 75-day Package for PR 2304 not be Released

- Ernesto Medrano, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
- Mihran Toumajan, NAIOP SoCal

# Written Comments Regarding Concerns with Draft Cooperative Agreement

- One letter signed by the following organizations: Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; David Pettit, Center for Biological Diversity; Lindsey Escamilla, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air; Taylor Thomas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma; Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council; Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment; Peter M. Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition; Jennifer M. Cardenas, Sierra Club; and Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association

Chief Deputy Counsel Barbara Baird reported that Councilmember Raman had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 30 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. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:05:26.

In response to Chair Delgado's request for clarification on staff's recommendation, Mr. MacMillan explained that staff is seeking Board guidance on bringing the additional Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Plus Measures for Board consideration in Spring 2026, with periodic progress updates provided to the Mobile Source Committee and for community meetings to be held throughout the process. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:06:04.

Mayor Lock Dawson requested information on the Mobile Source Committee's recommendation and voting results for this item at the meeting held on September 19, 2025. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:06:33.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon reported that the Mobile Source Committee voted 5-0, with one member absent, to present the Draft Cooperative Agreement to the full Board for their consideration at the November Board meeting, that he asked the Ports for their commitment to negotiate in good faith on the additional CAAP Plus Measures, and that staff should host a public meeting with the Ports to solicit community input before the November meeting. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:07:24.

Mayor Lock Dawson asked for clarification on whether the Cooperative Agreement would usurp the South Coast AQMD's authority or prevent it from achieving the AQMP's objectives. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:07:58.

Executive Officer Nastri responded that the Draft Cooperative Agreement would not usurp South Coast AQMD's authority and that it is largely aligned with Proposed Rule 2304 for infrastructure plan development and implementation. Executive Officer Nastri explained that, if the Draft Agreement is approved, staff will provide periodic updates to the Board on the implementation progress, and if implementation is not working, the Board can direct staff to exit the Agreement with the 90-day early termination clause. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:08:22.

Mayor Lock Dawson asked for clarification on the criteria for identifying when the Agreement is no longer working and triggering the exit clause. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:11:42.

Executive Officer Nastri described the scenario of potential noncompliance by a Port. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:11:58.

Mayor Lock Dawson commented on the importance of continued public input and requested assurance that the community would have opportunities to participate and provide comments. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:13:27.

Executive Officer Nastri reassured the Board that public input is being actively sought through ongoing outreach efforts, including the September 16 release of the Draft Cooperative Agreement for public review, a public meeting scheduled for October 15 at Long Beach City College, and weekly virtual office hours where stakeholders have the opportunity to meet with staff to ask questions and provide comments. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:14:08.

Mayor Lock Dawson requested clarification regarding assertions from a commenter that the proposed Cooperative Agreement would violate state law. Chief Deputy Counsel Baird explained that while state law requires all feasible measures to be implemented on an expeditious schedule, it does not require that such measures be adopted in the form of a rule. The proposed Cooperative Agreement contains the same measures that would have been included in PR 2304 and reflects what is currently considered feasible. Chief Deputy Counsel Baird further acknowledged the shared interest in pursuing additional measures targeting individual port sources. This will be addressed through the ongoing negotiations expected to conclude in spring 2026 and, if successful, would be more expeditious than through traditional rulemaking. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:15:00.

Supervisor Hagman expressed appreciation for the leadership in developing a Cooperative Agreement that reflects a pragmatic approach. He emphasized the importance of prioritizing infrastructure as a critical first step for the deployment of zero-emission technologies. He commended staff for completing the Agreement negotiations within the 45-day timeframe and pointed out that the Board retains rulemaking authority and the ability to exit the agreement with a 90-day notice if necessary. Supervisor Hagman moved to approve the staff recommendation. Supervisor Nguyen seconded the motion. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:16:35.

Board Member Padilla-Campos thanked staff for the update and expressed appreciation to the community for their engagement and heartfelt comments. She pointed out that the 90-day exit clause remains somewhat unclear to her and requested clarification on what would happen should negotiations be terminated. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:18:57.

Chief Deputy Counsel Baird clarified that the Cooperative Agreement does not preclude the Board from returning to rulemaking at any time, regardless of whether a default has occurred. While the Agreement specifies it will serve as an alternative to a Ports ISR and the associated Resolution pauses rulemaking for five years, the Board can change course at its discretion and retains the authority to initiate rulemaking on its own motion, public input, or information presented in staff reports. The Agreement can also be terminated with 90 days' notice, with or without cause. For additional details, please

refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:20:39.

Board Member Padilla-Campos expressed concern that calling this a "Cooperative Agreement" may be misleading because there was no meaningful public engagement in the negotiations. She questioned why the level of public engagement required in rulemaking has not been followed in the Cooperative Agreement process. Because community members have legitimate concerns and deserve a seat at the table, she requested there be additional opportunities for public involvement in the process. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:22:39.

Executive Officer Nastri emphasized the agency's commitment to meaningful community engagement and pointed out that outreach efforts under the Cooperative Agreement process have provided opportunities for public input that go beyond standard rulemaking practices, such as the Weekly Virtual Office Hours. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:24:13.

In response to Board Member Padilla-Campos's request for clarification on the Weekly Virtual Office Hours, Mr. MacMillan explained that the Weekly Office Hours are open to all stakeholders and facilitate an interactive two-way dialogue for community members to ask questions, provide feedback, and engage directly with staff. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:26:25.

Board Member Padilla-Campos inquired about the timeline for addressing the CAAP Plus Measures. Mr. MacMillan responded that the immediate focus is the November Board meeting for the current Draft Cooperative Agreement and staff is working on the next steps with the other CAAP Plas Measures and will be returning to the Board in Spring of 2026. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:27:08.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon thanked staff and port representatives for their efforts in reaching an agreement within the 45-day negotiation period. He emphasized that the Board retains full authority under the Agreement and can revisit the term of agreement if necessary, and that the Agreement is similar in scope to Proposed Rule 2304. He commented on the Ports commitment to continue working on the CAAP Plus Measures and encouraged the South Coast AQMD and Ports staff to accelerate those efforts. He agreed with Supervisor Hagman that infrastructure is a crucial first step and that this agreement will put that infrastructure in place. Mayor Pro Tem McCallon welcomed continued public participation and urged staff to provide ample opportunities for community input. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:28:50.

Supervisor Nguyen thanked South Coast AQMD staff, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the Mayor's offices of Los Angeles and Long Beach for their efforts in prioritizing and negotiating on the Cooperative Agreement. She acknowledged the extensive time and collaboration involved and expressed appreciation for the progress made. She also encouraged continued public input as the process moves forward. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:31:51.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez expressed appreciation to community members for their input over the past five years, acknowledging that it was their comments and input that served as a catalyst to bring forth a Port ISR framework that has served as the guide for the draft Cooperative Agreement. He commented on the alignment between what was proposed in PR 2304 and the Cooperative Agreement, highlighted key provisions in the agreement, commended staff for ensuring accountability and transparency throughout the process, and commented on the multiple opportunities for public engagement. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez reaffirmed that the South Coast AQMD Board retains full oversight and authority and voiced support for the Cooperative Agreement. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:33:14.

Vice Chair Cacciotti thanked staff, fellow Board Members and community members for their participation in this process and commended staff for reaching an agreement with the Ports on a Draft Cooperative Agreement within such a short timeframe. He acknowledged the concerns raised by the public at today's meeting and highlighted previous outreach and public engagement efforts during PR 2304 rulemaking where staff addressed many of the issues raised that are now reflected in the draft Agreement. Vice Chair Cacciotti encouraged continued public participation and emphasized the Board's shared commitment to improving air quality. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:37:21.

## **Board Action (Item 30)**

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

- 1) BRING AN AGREEMENT FOR OTHER CAAP MEASURES FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION IN SPRING 2026
- 2) PROVIDE PERIODIC UPDATES TO THE MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS; AND
- 3) CONDUCT COMMUNITY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Lock Dawson, Delgado, Hagman,

McCallon, Nguyen, Olmos, Raman, and

Rodriguez

NOES: Padilla-Campos

ABSENT: Perez and Mitchell

(Supervisor Nguyen left the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.)

Chair Delgado opened the public comment period for the Consent and Board Calendar because it had been inadvertently overlooked earlier in the meeting. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 2:40:00.

The public comment period was opened for the Consent and Board Calendar. The following individual addressed the Board.

## Agenda Item No. 2

Rita Loof, RadTech International, requested that UV/EB/LED processes be exempted from the requirements of PAR 1107 and PAR 1469 because UV/EB/LED materials do not contain the targeted toxic compounds and that such regulatory flexibility would encourage businesses to voluntarily choose UV/EB/LED technology. She expressed concerns that the current language in PAR 1107 regarding test methods for energy-curable materials is vague and asked that the rule resolution include language that would allow manufacturer data in the absence of approved test methods. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 2:41:00.

There being no further requests to speak on Consent and Board Calendar, the public comment period was closed.

Executive Officer Nastri responded that Ms. Loof's request would be considered and reminded the Board of staff's recommendation to move the public hearing for PAR 1107 and PAR 1469 to the December meeting.

With no additional requests to speak on the Consent and Board Calendar, Chair Delgado proceeded to call for a revote by the Board on Agenda Item No. 2 only.

## **Board Action (Item 2)**

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PAR 1107 AND PAR 1469 TO THE DECEMBER 5, 2025 MEETING.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Lock Dawson, Delgado, Hagman,

McCallon, Olmos, Raman, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mitchell, Nguyen, \*Padilla-Campos, and Perez

\*Board Member Padilla-Campos was temporarily absent when the vote was taken.

## STAFF PRESENTATION/RECEIVE & FILE

31. Permitting Enhancement Program Status Update (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter – No Action Required)

Jason Aspell, Deputy Executive Officer/Engineering & Permitting, and Ron Moskowitz, Chief Information Officer, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 31. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:44:16.

Mayor Lock Dawson congratulated staff on their significant progress and expressed appreciation to Chair Delgado for highlighting this issue, noting that the outcome exemplifies what can be accomplished through intentional efforts. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:59:43.

Councilmember Raman thanked Chair Delgado for her diligence on this issue and commented that the resulting progress reflects staff's hard work. She asked whether the new portal is already in use and if any feedback has been received. Mr. Moskowitz responded that the new portal is still in the testing phase and expected to go live in six months, with a second phase that involves integrating the South Coast AQMD's legacy systems over the next two years. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 3:00:16.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez expressed appreciation to Chair Delgado for her leadership on this issue and to staff for their hard work. He inquired about the timeframe to complete the different types of permits, particularly the more complex permits, and if there is a focus group that can be used to conduct real-time testing of the portal. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 3:01:49.

Mr. Aspell explained that the new workflow enhancements are being designed to provide this data on the timeframe to complete different types of applications which will also identify the bottlenecks in the permitting process. Mr. Aspell responded affirmatively that permittees will be involved with testing the portal. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 3:03:34.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 31. The following individual addressed the Board.

Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance and Permit Streamlining Task Force member, thanked Chair Delgado for prioritizing permitting enhancements and commended staff for the progress made. While he supported starting with gas stations and spray booths, he was eager to see the program expand to include more complex permits, which are representative of his membership. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 3:08:26.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No 31.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

32. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 301 - Permitting and Associated Fees, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 301; and Recognize Revenue Into FY 2025-26 General Fund for Increase of Rule 1180 Fees That Were Not Included in FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget

Mike Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 32. For additional details, please refer to the <a href="Webcast">Webcast</a> beginning at 3:09:31.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 32. The following individual addressed the Board.

Ranji George suggested offering fee reductions or exemptions to refineries that adopt zero-emission technologies to encourage clean technology applications. For additional details, please refer to the <u>Webcast</u> beginning at 3:10:57.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No 32.

## **Board Action (Item 32)**

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 32 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-20

- 1) DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 301 PERMITTING AND ASSOCIATED FEES, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT;
- 2) AMENDING RULE 301 PERMITTING AND ASSOCIATED FEES; AND
- 3) RECOGNIZING REVENUE OF \$593,151 INTO THE FY 2025-26 GENERAL FUND (01) FOR THE INCREASE OF RULE 1180 FEES THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FY 2025-26 ADOPTED BUDGET.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Lock Dawson, Delgado, Hagman,

McCallon, Olmos, Padilla-Campos, Raman,

and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mitchell, Nguyen, and Perez

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not meet in closed session.

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on October 3, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Fave Thomas** 

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

## **ACRONYMS**

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
UV/EB/LED = Ultraviolet/Electron Beam/Light-emitting Diode