

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 5, 2025

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the August 1, 2025
Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the August 1, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 Holly J. Mitchell
County of Los Angeles

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
City of Los Angeles

Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Rodriguez
Cities of Orange County

Vacant: Governor's Appointee

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Curt Hagman
- Roll Call

Councilmember Raman was not present for roll call; she arrived at 9:08 a.m.

- Opening Comments

Executive Officer Nastri announced the addition of the Agenda Item No. 24 regarding the Draft Cooperative Agreement submitted by the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles on July 18, 2025, and introduced Carlos Gonzales who was recently selected as the Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 7:18.

Vice Chair Cacciotti shared photos of his visit to Cummins in Indiana to look at a variety of their engine projects and uplifted the work at Los Angeles Unified School District to be the largest school district to convert all commercial lawn and garden equipment to electric.

Supervisor Perez recognized the Riverside County student interns and thanked staff for their efforts in addressing air pollution and dust concerns in the Coachella Valley. Supervisor Perez also highlighted the Dust Summit tentatively scheduled for October.

Mayor Lock Dawson expressed her appreciation for the South Coast AQMD summer internship program and congratulated Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson on her appointment to CARB's Community Air Protection Consultation Group. She announced that the City of Riverside's Public Benefits & Energy Efficiency Community Working Group held its first meeting to gather public input on the use of Assembly Bill 1890 funds and announced that Riverside will host the first Extreme Heat Summit this fall.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked staff for supporting the internship program and found it inspiring to hear interns discuss their academic and career goals.

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. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 25:44.

Mandeera Wijetunga, Sierra Club

Lindsey Escamilla

Marven Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)

Key comments from the above speakers included the following:

- Congratulated South Coast AQMD on the federal court's decision to uphold Rule 1146.2, which establishes emission standards for boilers up to 2 million Btu/hr to reduce NOx emissions.
- Urged staff and Board to move forward with rulemaking for Rules 1146 and 1146.1 to regulate larger boilers.

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

Written Comments Regarding South Coast AQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Treatment Plant) – Abatement Order

-El Segundo City Council

Written Comments Regarding Community Request for Sunshine Canyon Landfill

-One letter signed by the following organizations: Nurha Hindi-Chahayed and Erick Fefferman, Protect North San Fernando Valley; and Jane Williams, California Communities Against Toxics of America

Written Comments Regarding Request to Rescind Rule 1146.2

- Marc Neufcourt, Rinnai

Written Comments Regarding Virtual-Only Community Meetings for PR 2304

- Sarah Wiltfong, Supply Chain Federation



CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

1. Approve Minutes of June 6, 2025 Board Meeting
2. Set Public Hearing September 5, 2025 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:
 - A. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 223 – Requirements for Confined Animal Facilities, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 223; and Submit Rule 223 Into State Implementation Plan
 - B. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 445; and Submit Rule 445 Into State Implementation Plan
 - C. Determine That Proposed Amended Rules 1133, 1133.1, 1133.2, and 1133.3, Are Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rules 1133, 1133.1, 1133.2, and 1133.3; and Submit Rules 1133, 1133.1, 1133.2, and 1133.3 Into State Implementation Plan

- D. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions From Restaurant Operations, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1138; Submit Rule 1138 Into State Implementation Plan

Items 3 through 7 – Budget/Fiscal Impact

3. Issue Program Announcements for Battery Electric Class 8 Trucks, Cargo Handling Equipment and Charging Infrastructure for INVEST CLEAN Program
4. Issue Program Announcement, Transfer Funds, and Execute Agreements for CHDV ELECTRIC Program and Amend Awards for Carl Moyer Program
5. Establish Lists of Prequalified Contractors for Legal Services, and for Occupational Health and Medical Services; Authorize Contracts and Funding for Services; and Execute a Contract for Insurance Brokerage Services
6. Authorize Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute MOU With County of Riverside Transportation Department for Assembly Bill 617 Eastern Coachella Valley Paving Projects and Reimburse County of Riverside Transportation Department for Administrative Costs
7. Approve Modified Contract Award, Contract Modification, and Fund Transfer for Miscellaneous and Direct Expenditures Costs in FY 2025-26 as Approved by MSRCs

Items 8 through 14 – Information Only/Receive and File

8. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
9. Hearing Board Report
10. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
11. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects
12. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
13. Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in August
14. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

Items 15 through 22 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB

15. Administrative Committee
16. Investment Oversight Committee
17. Legislative Committee
18. Mobile Source Committee
19. Stationary Source Committee
20. Technology Committee
21. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
22. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report

23. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

There were no items deferred.

Disclosures

Supervisor Perez reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 6 but is required to identify for the record that he is a Supervisor for the County of Riverside, which is involved in this item.



Supervisor Nguyen inquired about a letter from Orange County Waste and Recycling requesting that staff expand the essential public service designation in Rule 1302 and amend the emissions factors in the Rule 1133 series. She asked whether staff has had an opportunity to work with the County to explore options. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 29:21.

Mike Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, explained that the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) is currently studying baseline emission factors. South Coast AQMD staff will amend the Rule 1133 Series after CAPCOA has completed its statewide review. Mr. Krause added that staff will look into the Regulation XIII request.

Supervisor Perez commended staff and the communities in the Coachella Valley for coming together to address the issue of windblown dust and work on the Paving Project Plan. He noted that about 34 properties have been identified for pavement projects in the Coachella Valley and that he will be involved in the review process to help prioritize them. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 31:20.



The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 22. The following individual addressed the Board.

Agenda Item No. 2D

Jackie Romero, California Restaurant Association, expressed concerns about PAR 1138, which regulates emissions from chain-driven charbroilers, highlighting the significant economic and feasibility challenges the rule poses and the lower exemption threshold for the amount of meat cooked on chain-driven charbroilers. She urged staff to conduct broader outreach and solicit feedback from more affected facilities, noting that the South Coast AQMD's large restaurant community faces impacts that are not comparable to other air districts, threatening the industry's ability to remain operational. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 34:06.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 22.

Written Comments Regarding Support for Agenda Items No. 3 and 4

-One letter signed by the following organizations: Regina Hsu, Earthjustice; Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma; Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council; Peter Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition; and Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association

Board Action (Items 1 – 22)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 22 AS RECOMMENDED, INCLUDING TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE COMMITTEE, MSRC, AND CARB REPORTS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



[At approximately 9:40 a.m., Chair Delgado called for a recess due to technical issues. The meeting resumed at approximately 9:50 a.m.]

Items No. 25 and 26 were taken out of order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. Determine That South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS Is Exempt from CEQA; and Adopt South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS

Dr. Sang-Mi Lee, Planning & Rules Manager/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 25. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 46:21.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 25 and the following individuals addressed the Board.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented about solar energy equity and the Department of Energy's Sunshot Initiative. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 55:37

Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice, emphasized the importance of adopting rules that reduce NOx emissions to meet federal mandates, particularly rules such as Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 57:07.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 25.

Board Action (Item 25)

MOVED BY PEREZ AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-11:

- 1) DETERMINING THAT THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN CONTINGENCY MEASURE SIP REVISION FOR THE 2015 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND
- 2) ADOPTING THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN CONTINGENCY MEASURE SIP REVISION FOR THE 2015 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FORWARD THE SOUTH COAST OZONE CONTINGENCY SIP REVISION TO CARB FOR APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION TO U.S. EPA FOR INCLUSION IN THE SIP.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None



26. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 462; and Submit Rule 462 Into State Implementation Plan

Supervisor Nguyen announced that she was recusing herself from Agenda Item No. 26 because of a financial interest in Kinder Morgan Inc., which is materially affected by this item, and she left the room during consideration of this item. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 59:47.

Mike Morris, Planning & Rules Manager/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 26. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:00:00.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 26 and the following individual addressed the Board.

Harvey Eder was cut off because his comments were not related to Agenda Item No. 26. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:03:24.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 26.

Board Action (Item 26)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 26 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-12:

- 1) DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 462 – ORGANIC LIQUID LOADING, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT;
- 2) AMENDING RULE 462 – ORGANIC LIQUID LOADING; AND
- 3) DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 462 – ORGANIC LIQUID LOADING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.E SIP.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Lock Dawson, Delgado, Hagman, McCallon, Mitchell, Olmos, Padilla-Campos, Perez, Raman, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

RECUSE: Nguyen (*Was not in the room during the consideration of this item*)



STAFF PRESENTATION/BOARD DISCUSSION

24. Choose an Option to Address Development of a Marine Ports Facility-Based Mobile Source Measure (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter)

Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 24. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:07:21.

Supervisor Mitchell expressed concern about pausing rulemaking, given the Board's 2021 directive to pursue the Port ISR, noting that the Proposed Rule 2304 (PR 2304) is administrative in nature and builds on the discussions at the 2023 Board Retreat regarding zero-emission infrastructure planning. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:24:25.

Chair Delgado commented that she did ask the Ports to participate in the rulemaking process and submit edits on the draft rule language by the release of the 75-day rule package, July 18, 2025. Chair Delgado added that she felt it was important to bring this item to the Board for consideration and public discussion, since the Draft Cooperative Agreement that the Ports submitted is a significant deviation from PR 2304. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:27:24.

Supervisor Mitchell questioned the rationale for agreeing to the 10-year prohibition on rulemaking proposed in the Draft Cooperative Agreement, noting it would undermine the responsibility of elected officials to their constituents. She also asked whether proceeding with rulemaking while continuing negotiations is mutually exclusive and commented that if negotiations are conducted, she hopes they are in good faith. Executive Officer Nastri affirmed that rulemaking and work on a cooperative agreement are not mutually exclusive and emphasized staff's commitment to address the issues diligently. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:28:27.

Supervisor Hagman inquired whether the July 18 Draft Cooperative Agreement differs from previous agreements and recommended holding discussions between the respective boards and their staff. Executive Officer Nastri commented that the Draft Cooperative Agreement timeline looks longer than PR 2304 and that he questions the emission reduction commitments in the Draft Cooperative Agreement. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:35:25.

Supervisor Hagman inquired about the status of Senate Bill 34 (SB 34), the proposed legislation that limits the South Coast AQMD's authority over the Ports, and whether the Ports have offered to withdraw support for SB 34 given that the Ports are requesting a halt to the rulemaking process. Executive Officer Nastri responded that he is not aware of such a request, and noted that the state legislature is currently on break. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:37:08.

Supervisor Hagman asked if staff interactions with U.S. EPA have provided insight into the federal government's direction on current actions. Executive Officer Nastri responded that it remains unclear what approach the administration will take. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:38:20.

Board Member Padilla-Campos expressed concern that the Draft Cooperative Agreement weakens South Coast AQMD's regulatory authority and limits the community's ability to voice concerns. She emphasized the need for internal standards to address last-minute requests. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:39:50.

Supervisor Perez requested clarification of the options presented. Executive Officer Natri explained possible options for the Board: pause rulemaking to focus on the Cooperative Agreement (Option A); proceed with Proposed Rule 2304 (Option B); or work on both in parallel (Option C). Executive Officer Natri noted progress updates will be provided to the Mobile Source Committee, with the goal of presenting either a cooperative agreement or rule proposal at the December Board meeting. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:41:37.

Supervisor Perez questioned the feasibility of pursuing a simultaneous approach given the timing, staffing, and existing commitment and asked whether it would be more feasible to pause work on the rule and instead focus on negotiating a cooperative, enforceable agreement to see where that leads. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:45:35.

Dr. Rees explained that staff is far along on the rule language and was ready to release the 75-day rule package. If the dual approach option is chosen, staff would probably focus more on the Cooperative Agreement since it is in the initial phase. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:47:11.

Chair Delgado explained that this matter will return to the Mobile Source Committee for further review after today's discussion and also agreed with Board Member Padilla-Campos that the current request deviates from prior instructions to staff. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:47:55.

Councilmember Raman asked for clarification on how much further the rulemaking timeline would be delayed if the Board considers the request from the cities. She expressed openness to different approaches while noting the need to reduce emissions and improve air quality for residents of the South Coast region. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:49:02.

Executive Officer Natri explained that staff is ready to proceed with PR 2304 but is also willing to have discussions regarding the proposed agreement for about 45 days. If consensus is not achieved within that period, PR 2304 would be brought before the Board for consideration. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:51:36.

Councilmember Raman asked about the difference between pausing the rulemaking to focus solely on the agreement as opposed to working on both at the same time, given how far along the rulemaking process has progressed. Executive Officer Natri responded that staff can work on the Draft Cooperative Agreement for 45 days since the 75-day package for Proposed Rule 2304 is ready.

Councilmember Raman expressed uncertainty about what was being voted on and requested clarification before taking a vote, since the difference between Options B and C was not clear. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:53:12.

Chair Delgado commented that the difference between the options lies in the request to stop the rulemaking process, emphasizing that this is a request and it is the Board's decision on how to proceed with the issue. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:53:42.

Vice Mayor Olmos asked what would happen if PR 2304 is adopted by the Board but not approved at the state or federal level. Dr. Rees explained that the rule does not require the approval of the state or federal governments to remain in effect. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:54:27.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon recognized that the Draft Cooperative Agreement is significant because unlike past MOU efforts it includes commitments from both Cities and the Ports. He recommended pausing rulemaking and focusing solely on negotiations for an agreement, while acknowledging that enforceability is a key issue that needs to be resolved. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:55:03.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked Chair Delgado for a transparent process and highlighted that the joint support from both Cities is unprecedented. He urged that staff focus on negotiations for an enforceable agreement and if needed, resume the Port ISR rulemaking in 45 days. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:56:53.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 24 and the following individuals addressed the Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:00:50.

Lucius Martin, Office of Mayor Rex Richardson, Long Beach
Erick Martel, Office of Mayor Karen Bass, Los Angeles

Mr. Martin read the joint letter into the record from the Mayors of Long Beach and Los Angeles formally requesting that the South Coast AQMD Board set aside Proposed Rule 2304 to negotiate a cooperative agreement.

Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach
Heather Tomley, Port of Long Beach
Adrian Granda, Port of Long Beach
Eleanor Torres, Port of Long Beach
David Libatique, Port of Long Beach
Sara Baumann, Port of Long Beach
Arthur Mandel, Port of Long Beach
Ernesto Medrano, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Business & Construction
Trades Council
Alan McCorkle, Yusen Terminals LLC
Dave Wear, Ocean Network Express North America
David Hanson, UA Local 398
Brian Johsz, Los Angeles County Business Federation - BizFed

Jorge Quintero, Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
Ray Lawson, Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
Eddie Ravelo, LiUNA! Local 1309
Matt Sentell, Ports America
Brandon Griswold, International Union of Operating Engineers – Local 12
Alfonso Ruiz, Heat Frost Insulators Local 5
Maria Hoye, Lathan & Watkins – Pacific Maritime Association
Matt Dickinson, Fenix Marine Services
Richard Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council
Sarah Wiltfong, Supply Chain Federation
Tommy Faavae, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11
Paul Murre, California Association of Port Authorities
Sal DiCostanzo, International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU)
Gary Herrera, ILWU
Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Mihran Toumajan, NAIOP SoCal
Elissa Diaz, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Nick Chiappe, California Trucking Association
Jacob Brint, California Retailers Association
Celeste Wilson, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce
Paulina Alvarez, Orange County Business Council
Manuel Cunha, Representing the agricultural sector
John Kendrick, California Chamber of Commerce
Skyler Wonnacott, California Business Properties Association
Matt Schrap, Harbor Trucking Association
Garret Renz, A.P. Moller Maersk
Clint Olivier, Central Valley Business Federation
Paul Granillo, Inland Empire Economic Partnership
Megan Weinman, SSA Marine
Matthew Lyons, San Gabriel Economic Partnership
Ramine Ross, Western States Petroleum Association
Dustin Rinehart, CMA CGM
Elizabeth Esquivel, California Manufacturers & Technology Association

The above speakers expressed support to set aside rulemaking for a collaborative enforceable agreement and urged the Board to direct staff to pause rulemaking and work with the Cities and Ports on the proposal for a cooperative agreement.

Lindsey Escamilla, CCAEJ
Marven Norman, CCAEJ
Sonia Schendel, Natural Resources Defense Council
Andrea Vidaurre, Community Member
Jennifer Cardenas, Sierra Club
Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment
Diego Mayen, Healthy Active Streets

Whitney Amaya, CCAEJ
Kimberly Amaya, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) and
West Long Beach resident
Fernando Marquez Duarte, University of California Riverside (UCR) student
Maria Reyes, Community Member (via Spanish translator)
Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice
Mateo Gil, EYCEJ
Evelyn Cruz, UCR student and San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Elva Cordoba, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Jose Avalos, Community Member (via Spanish interpreter)
Dalinef Leon, Community Member
Alberto Leon, San Bernardino resident
Macarmen Gonzalez, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Brenda Soto, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air
Nathan Carvajal, EYCEJ
Francis Yang, Sierra Club
Judy Joshua, Community Member
Jojo, CCAEJ
Jasmine Gonzalez, EYCEJ
Paola Vargas, EYCEJ

The above speakers expressed opposition to the cooperative agreement and urged the Board to direct staff to move forward with the Port ISR without further delay to reduce port pollution and protect communities who are bearing the brunt of the region's worst air pollution.

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

Written Comments Regarding Request to Pause Rulemaking and Direct Staff to Negotiate Cooperative Agreement

- July 18, 2025 letter from Mayors Rex Richardson and Karen Bass and a Draft Cooperative Agreement between South Coast AQMD and the Cities and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles
- Stephen Hennessy, Pacific Maritime Association
- Martha Miller, California Association of Port Authorities
- John Nahas, Rexford Industrial
- Meghan Weinman, SSA Marine
- July 2025 Port of Long Beach Green Port Progress Report



Supervisor Mitchell expressed concern regarding public comments suggesting that the proposed rule would result in job losses and further economic challenges but noted that commenters did not substantiate these claims and she explained that the proposed rule would build out infrastructure, thereby creating jobs, especially in the building trades. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:34:12

Supervisor Mitchell made a motion to direct staff to pursue rulemaking, Option A. The motion was seconded by Board Member Padilla-Campos. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:37:56

MAIN MOTION

MOVED BY MITCHELL AND SECONDED BY PADILLA-CAMPOS DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE THE RULEMAKING PROCESS ON PROPOSED RULE 2304.

Councilmember Raman requested clarification on the timelines associated with Options B and C. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:40:58.

Executive Officer Nastri explained that the soonest PR 2304 can be brought to the Board is November, alternatively staff could pause the rulemaking for about 45 days and focus on work with the Ports on a cooperative agreement. The 45-day pause would align for when the 75-day package for PR 2304 would need to be released to make a December Public Hearing. Executive Officer Nastri also mentioned that the Draft Proposed Cooperative Agreement is available on the South Coast AQMD's website. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:42:52.

Councilmember Raman confirmed that the proposed rule could still be brought back for consideration by the end of the year and expressed support for using the next 30 days to work on the cooperative agreement. Councilmember Raman proposed a substitute motion to pursue the parallel path approach (Option C), noting that there is sufficient time and resources to do both. Vice Chair Cacciotti seconded the substitute motion. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:48:07.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

MOVED BY RAMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE THE RULEMAKING PROCESS ON PROPOSED RULE 2304 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DRAFT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN A PUBLIC PROCESS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CACCIOTTI.

Board Member Padilla-Campos thanked community members and staff for their dedication throughout the rulemaking process. She expressed disappointment that the Board was now considering a last-minute proposal that she believes undermines the public process and agency's regulatory authority. Board Member Padilla-Campos emphasized

the importance of moving forward with an enforceable Ports ISR and reaffirmed her support for Supervisor Mitchell's motion. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:49:55.

Mayor Lock Dawson shared her view of both perspectives and expressed support for Councilmember Raman's substitute motion with a firm deadline on negotiations. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:52:27.

Supervisor Hagman commented on the significance of having both the Ports and the Cities involved in the cooperative agreement process and viewed it as a valuable opportunity to make a final effort toward a workable solution. He expressed support for the parallel approach, but emphasized the need for a firm deadline on negotiations and an enforceable agreement. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:55:00.

Supervisor Nguyen confirmed that the proposed parallel approach directs staff to continue work on the Ports ISR while also facilitating discussions with the Ports. She proposed pausing the PR 2304 for 30 to 45 days to focus solely on negotiations, noting that the rulemaking is already far along and the timeline for Board consideration in December would not change. She expressed concern that pursuing both tracks simultaneously would not allow the space needed for negotiations to take place. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:56:35.

Vice Mayor Olmos noted that the Port of Long Beach is within the region she represents on the Board; therefore, she has had the opportunity to engage with all parties involved in this longstanding issue. She expressed support for Supervisor Nguyen's recommendation to pause rulemaking and focus solely on the cooperative agreement negotiations. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:01:00.

Supervisor Mitchell withdrew her original motion in support of Councilmember Raman's substitute motion. She emphasized the need to address enforceability in the agreement and concurred with other Board Members on the need for a firm 45-day deadline to complete the negotiations. Her expectation is that if no agreement is reached by day 46, the ISR rule will move forward. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:02:09.

Mayor Lock Dawson requested that specific dates be attached to the motion for clarity. Chair Delgado clarified that the 75-day PR 2304 rule package for the December 5, 2025 Public Hearing will be released on September 19. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:04:12.

Vice Chair Cacciotti asked what would happen if the parties were close to finalizing an agreement but fell narrowly short of full consensus by the September 18 deadline. Supervisor Nguyen clarified that, regardless of how close the parties are to resolving the issues, PR 2304 will move forward on September 19, unless full consensus is reached. She expressed her willingness to allow 45 days for negotiations out of respect to Mayors

Richardson and Bass. If the agreement is not finalized by the deadline, the rule will move forward as planned. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:06:50.

Vice Chair Cacciotti explained his reasons for supporting Councilmember Raman's motion for a parallel track. He pointed out that the Draft Cooperative Agreement seems to be modeled after the successful Airport MOU that was adopted years ago and he believes that the Ports will negotiate in good faith. However, if staff finds that the negotiations are not being conducted in good faith or fails to produce enforceable and accountable measures to meet federal mandates, he supported promptly pivoting back to the ISR. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:08:36.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez confirmed that the 45-day pause is for staff to embark exclusively on the cooperative agreement negotiations in a public and transparent process through the Mobile Source Committee and does not involve a dual-track approach during that period. He asked whether adjusting the pause to October 1 would still allow the Board to meet the December timeline. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:11:56.

Executive Officer Nastri explained that the September 19 deadline, which is also the date of the Mobile Source Committee meeting, must be maintained to preserve the 75-day notification period to make a December 2025 Public Hearing for PR 2304. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:12:58.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez inquired whether negotiations on a cooperative agreement could continue concurrently with the ISR rulemaking, if an agreement is not finalized by September 18. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:13:10.

Executive Officer Nastri confirmed that missing the consensus deadline would not preclude continued negotiations and noted that staff could potentially present both items to the Board in December. He added that staff will provide regular updates to the Mobile Source Committee and seek the committee's direction. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:14:26.

Board Member Padilla-Campos expressed opposition to Options B and C. In the 2020-2021 timeframe, the Board voted to pursue an MOU and gave the Ports ample time to negotiate. She apologized to the community for yet another delay. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:15:23.

Supervisor Perez requested clarification on the motions that were on the floor. Councilmember Raman expressed her confidence that staff can fully engage in negotiations with enthusiastic partners on the cooperative agreement while simultaneously doing the preparatory work on PR 2304. She added that from her perspective there is no measurable difference between Options B and C. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:16:30.

Since Supervisor Mitchell withdrew her original motion, Councilmember Raman's substitute motion became the main motion.

SUBSTITUTE MAIN MOTION

COUNCILMEMBER RAMAN MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE THE RULEMAKING PROCESS ON PROPOSED RULE 2304 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DRAFT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN A PUBLIC PROCESS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR CACCIOTTI.

Chair Delgado thanked staff for their hard work and acknowledged that the 75-day package was ready to be released on July 18; therefore, the pause is to provide time to focus on the negotiations for 45 days. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:19:27.

Supervisor Nguyen clarified that the motion she planned to introduce is for a complete 45-day pause on rulemaking to allow for negotiations, whereas Councilmember Raman's motion is for a parallel effort. Supervisor Nguyen made a substitute motion to pursue Option B, directing staff to pause rulemaking activities on the Port ISR and focus exclusively on the cooperative agreement. Supervisor Perez seconded the motion. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:20:29.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

MOVED BY NGUYEN MADE AND SECONDED BY PEREZ DIRECTING STAFF TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS ON A POTENTIAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN A PUBLIC PROCESS WITH THE CITIES AND PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18, 2025. IF FULL CONSENSUS ON A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IS NOT ACHIEVED BY SEPTEMBER 18, SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF IS DIRECTED TO RESUME RULEMAKING AND RELEASE THE 75-DAY RULE PACKAGE FOR PR 2304 AND ITS COMPANION FEE RULE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 FOR A DECEMBER 5, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PEREZ.

Executive Officer Nastri acknowledged that the 75-day package was ready for release on July 18 and will be released on September 19, if no agreement is reached. There is not a lot of work to do on PR 2304 in the next 45 days, other than coordinating the logistics for a few additional community meetings that are required as part of the rulemaking process. Staff could devote the 45 days fully to the cooperative agreement. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:22:00.

Councilmember Raman expressed concern about efforts to undermine the agency's regulatory authority, commented on her support for pausing rulemaking to engage in good-faith negotiations on a cooperative agreement, and emphasized the need to continue rulemaking in parallel to affirm the community who feels an urgency about this issue, as well as those who have committed to work hard on a cooperative agreement. Executive Officer Natri clarified that the pause on the PR 2304 rulemaking does not mean the agency is giving up its authority to promulgate rules. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:24:01.

Chair Delgado confirmed that staff will proceed to release the 75-day rule package on September 19, if there is no consensus on the cooperative agreement by the September 18 deadline. If the parties are close to consensus but have not finalized an agreement, staff may bring both a cooperative agreement and the proposed rule to the Board for consideration in December. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:26:04.

Supervisor Hagman commented on the need for background discussions to help reconcile potential differences between the cooperative agreement as it develops and the proposed rule. Chair Delgado noted that the Mobile Source Committee is the appropriate forum for discussions on this matter. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:26:34.

Supervisor Nguyen clarified that having a full pause signals a commitment to genuine collaboration rather than moving forward with rulemaking and negotiations in parallel. To address comments from some Board Members that the two motions on the floor are the same, Supervisor Nguyen explained that her motion is in support of Option B for staff to pursue the cooperative agreement and completely pause rulemaking activities. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:27:40.

Councilmember Raman commented on the uncertainty about the difference between Options B and C; however, she believes that Option C honors community members who have been raising their voices on this issue for a long time. She also believes that the Board and staff are capable of working effectively on the rulemaking and cooperative agreement at the same time. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:29:45.

Board Action (Item 24)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

MOVED BY NGUYEN AND SECONDED BY PEREZ TO DIRECT STAFF TO PAUSE RULEMAKING ACTIVITIES ON PROPOSED RULE 2304 (PR 2304) UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AND NEGOTIATE DURING THE 45-DAY PAUSE WITH THE CITIES OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES AND THE PORTS OF LONG BEACH AND LOS ANGELES ON A POTENTIAL

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN A PUBLIC PROCESS.

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF IS ALSO DIRECTED TO RESUME RULEMAKING AND RELEASE THE 75-DAY RULE PACKAGE FOR PR 2304 AND ITS COMPANION FEE RULE, IF FULL CONSENSUS ON A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 5, 2025.

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IF FULL CONSENSUS IS NOT REACHED BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AND CAN PRESENT EITHER THE PR 2304 PROPOSAL OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT OR BOTH TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2025 MEETING.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: Lock Dawson, Cacciotti, Mitchell,
Padilla-Campos and Raman

ABSENT: None



CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 1:31 p.m. to discuss the following items.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 to confer with labor negotiators:

Agency Designated Representative: A. John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer – Administrative & Human Resources;

- Employee Organization(s): Teamsters Local 911, and South Coast AQMD Professional Employees Association; and
- Unrepresented Employees: Executive Officer, General Counsel, Designated Deputies and Management and Confidential employees.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATING LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a) and § 54956.9(d)(4) to consider initiation of litigation.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with legal counsel because there is significant exposure to litigation against the South Coast AQMD:

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.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by General Counsel Gilchrist at 1:38 p.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on August 1, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye 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