

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 3, 2026

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the March 6, 2026
Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the March 6, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

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:

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

Councilmember Larry McCallon, Vice Chair
Cities of San Bernadino County

Supervisor Curt Hagman (Arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
County of San Bernardino

Councilmember Adrin Nazarian (Arrived at 9:13 a.m.)
City 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 (Arrived at 9:23 a.m.)
Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez
Cities of Orange County

Absent: Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson
Cities of Riverside County

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.)
Senate Rules Committee Appointee

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
County of Los Angeles

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
County of Riverside

Cedric Jamie Rutland, MD FCCP
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 Cacciotti called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Carlos Rodriguez
- Roll Call

Supervisor Hagman arrived at 9:07 a.m., Councilmember Nazarian arrived at 9:13 a.m., and Board Member Padilla-Campos arrived at 9:23 a.m.

- Opening Comments

Supervisor Nguyen and Mayor Rodriguez provided an update on the recent tour of the Bowerman Landfill in Irvine, and thanked Chair Cacciotti, Vice Chair McCallon, and South Coast AQMD staff for joining her and Mayor Rodriguez on the tour. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 8:10.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri provided several updates: announced that Item 23, the public hearing on Proposed Amended Rule 1124, would be pulled due to a late-identified issue and would be continued to the April Board meeting; highlighted key dates for the Governing Board Summer Internship Program; reported that staff recently participated in a Habitat for Humanity volunteer event in Long Beach; announced the retirement of Robert Paud, Information Technology Supervisor; and reminded Board Members about the 2026 Technology Showcase. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 11:15.

Executive Officer Nastri disclosed that he does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 5 but identified for the record that he serves on the Board of Directors for the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, which is involved in this item. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 13:53.

General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist clarified that the Public Hearing for PAR 1124, Agenda Item No. 23, would be continued to the April Board meeting, without re-noticing, due to lack of action by the Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 14:15.

- Swearing in of Newly Appointed Board Member: Adrin Nazarian

Chair Cacciotti administered the oath of office to Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, who was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass effective February 27, 2026, to serve a term ending January 15, 2030.

Councilmember Nazarian expressed enthusiasm to serve on the Board and is looking forward to supporting the agency's efforts and ensuring that residents of the City of Los Angeles continue to benefit from clean air and South Coast AQMD programs.

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

The Public Comment Period for items not listed on the agenda was opened. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Jonathan Lloyd, Co-owner of J.O. Power, expressed concerns about asbestos abatement and removal practices particularly in utility districts. Executive Officer Nastri commented that Terrence Mann, Deputy Executive Officer/Office of Compliance & Enforcement, would schedule a meeting with Mr. Lloyd. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 15:40.

Caitlin Nelson, University of California, Riverside student
Jesse Parks, Riverside County resident
Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice
Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air
Melissa Yu, Sierra Club
Thomas Castro, Climate Action Campaign
Joaquin Castillejos, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
Fernando Marquez Duarte

The above speakers raised concerns about the reported influx of AI-generated comments that had inundated the public comment process during the rule development for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 and requested an investigation into the matter, the need for to screen for AI-generated comments to ensure fairness and transparency in future proceedings, and requested that PARs 1111 and 1121 be brought back to the Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 23:15.

Executive Officer Nastri expressed concerns about the integrity of the public process and noted that staff has been exploring opportunities to identify discrepancies and will continue to address the issue. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 46:53.

Ryan Senneff, Glendora resident, commented on the need to reduce NOx emissions and advocated for Assembly Bill 2647 (Calderon) and advanced nuclear technology as a pathway to help meet federal attainment goals and maintain grid reliability. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 29:40.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, echoed concerns raised by prior commenters regarding AI-generated comments and commented on climate-related issues, international efforts to transition to renewable energy, and federal programs supporting solar initiatives. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 39:11.

Some of the commenters welcomed Councilmember Nazarian to the Board.

There being no further requests to speak, the Public Comment Period for items not listed on the agenda was closed.

Submitted Written Comment to Rehear PAR 1111 & PAR 1121

-Dominic Bendinelli, Buena Park resident

Submitted Written Comments Regarding AB 2647 (Calderon) and Nuclear Technology

-Ryan Senneff, Glendora resident

Submitted Written Comments Regarding Public Integrity in the Rulemaking Process

- Two letters (dated 3/4/26 and 3/5/26), (*the 3/5/26 letter updated the 3/4/26 to reflect additional sign-on organizations*), signed by the following organizations: Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice; David Diaz, ActiveSGV; Jane Williams, California Communities Against Toxics; Ashley Jackson, California Environmental Voters; Robina Suwol, California Safe Schools; Marven Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Pete Marsh, Citizens' Climate Lobby Long Beach CA Area Chapter; Lisa Swanson, Climate Reality Project Orange County Chapter; Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air; Paola Vargas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Fernando Marquez Duarte, Environmental Justice Committee of the Border; Jorge Rivera, Healing and Justice Center; Jacob Klein, Industrious Labs; Charles Miller, Los Angeles Climate Reality Project; Denny Zane, Move LA; Richard Parks, Redeemer Community Partnership; Kim Orbe, Sierra Club; Stuart Wood, Sustainable Claremont; Ben Stapleton, USGBC California

Submitted Written Comments Supporting Rules 1146 and 1146.1

[See Attachment A]



CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

1. Approve Minutes of February 6, 2026 Board Meeting
2. Set Public Hearings April 3, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:
 - A. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1136; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan
 - B. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1144 – Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1144

Items 3 through 8 – Budget/Fiscal Impact

3. Amend Contracts and Add Funds to Contractor Contracts for Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program Implementation
4. Appropriate Funds, Amend Contracts, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for U.S. EPA Grant
5. Appropriate Funds from General Fund Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance into Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation Services & Supplies Budget to Reimburse Work on Upgrades to California Emissions Estimator Model
6. Authorize Purchase of Maintenance and Support Services for Servers and Storage Devices
7. Execute Contract for Independent Audit Services for FYs Ending June 30, 2026, 2027, and 2028
8. Issue Program Announcement and Amended Program Opportunity Notice as Approved by MSRC

Items 9 through 15 – Information Only/Receive and File

9. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
10. Hearing Board Report
11. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
12. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects
13. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
14. FY 2025-26 Contract Activity
15. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

Items 16 through 21 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB

Note: The February 20, 2026 Mobile Source Committee meeting was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mobile Source Committee is March 20, 2026.

16. Administrative Committee
17. Legislative Committee
18. Stationary Source Committee
19. Technology Committee
20. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
21. California Air Resource Board Monthly Report
22. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

General Counsel Gilchrist recommended that Agenda Item No. 4 be pulled and continued to the April Board meeting due to lack of a quorum. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 48:18.



Disclosures

General Counsel Gilchrist announced that, out of an abundance of caution, Councilmember Nazarian would recuse himself from Agenda Item Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 24 due to his recent appointment to the Board and insufficient time to assess any potential campaign contribution conflicts. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 48:44 & 56:13.



Supervisor Nguyen expressed concerns that Rule 1302 had been moved on the Rule Forecast Report (Agenda Item No. 13), without mention of the schedule change at the February 25, 2026, Regulation XIII – New Source Review Working Group meeting. Staff explained the need to adjust the rulemaking schedule. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 49:58.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1-3 and 5-21. The following individual addressed the Board.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, was unable to identify the specific agenda item(s) he was commenting on when requested. As a result, his comments were concluded. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 53:08.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1-3 and 5-21.



Board Action (Items 1-3, and 5-21)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY OLMOS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 21 AS RECOMMENDED, EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4, WHICH WAS CONTINUED TO APRIL 2026; AND TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BOARD COMMITTEES, MSRC, AND CARB REPORTS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Hagman, McCallon, Nazarian (except on Items 3, 6, and 7), Nguyen, Olmos, Padilla-Campos, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

RECUSE: Nazarian (on Items 3, 6, and 7)

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Delgado, Mitchell, Perez, and Rutland



PUBLIC HEARINGS

23. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1124 – Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1124; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Agenda Item No. 23 was withdrawn and continued to the April 2026 Board Meeting.



24. Approve and Adopt Technology Advancement Office Clean Fuels Program 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Plan Update, Resolution and Membership Changes for Clean Fuels Advisory Group

Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer/Technology Advancement Office, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 24. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 56:41.

Chair Cacciotti and Vice Chair McCallon inquired about the status of applications for the Invest Clean programs. Staff responded that approvals have not yet been made and are expected to come before the Board within the next few months. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:06:01 & 1:06:43.

Chair Cacciotti asked clarifying questions about the battery electric heavy-duty trucks, emissions associated with methanol fuel cells, timelines for reopening of the Carl Moyer and Low Emission School Bus programs, and the California State University, Los Angeles Battery Workforce Challenge. Board Member Padilla-Campos asked about the number of applications for projects and funding amounts requested. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:07:26 & 1:09:02.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 24. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Ranji George, Community Member, urged the South Coast AQMD to allocate more funding towards hydrogen technologies to address existing infrastructure and fueling challenges and support the adoption of hydrogen. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:11:19.

Harvey Eder agreed with the comments of Mr. George. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:14:11.

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

Board Action (Item 24)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY PADILLA-CAMPOS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 24 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-4:

APPROVING THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT OFFICE CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025 AND ADOPTING THE CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM PLAN UPDATE FOR 2026 AND FINDING THAT THE CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM PLAN UPDATE DOES NOT DUPLICATE ANY PAST OR PRESENT PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS FUNDED.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

RECUSE: Nazarian

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Delgado, Mitchell, Perez, and Rutland



25. Approve Annual RECLAIM Audit Report for 2024 Compliance Year

Jillian Wong, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Engineering & Permitting, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 25. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:15:35.

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

Board Action (Item 25)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY OLMOS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-5:

1. APPROVING THE ANNUAL RECLAIM AUDIT REPORT FOR 2024 COMPLIANCE YEAR;
2. APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO DETERMINE THAT PARAGRAPHS (D)(1) THROUGH (D)(4) OF RULE 2004 CONTINUE WITHOUT CHANGE, AS REPORTED IN THE PRIOR YEAR'S EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF THE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF THE RECLAIM PROGRAM, WITH CONFIRMATION THAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NOT CHANGED, AND ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS IN RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUED RULE 2015

- PRICE THRESHOLD EXCEEDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED; AND
3. DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT TO CARB AND U.S. EPA THE ANNUAL RECLAIM AUDIT WITH REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION THAT PARAGRAPHS (D)(1) THROUGH (D)(4) OF RULE 2004 CONTINUE WITHOUT CHANGE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Hagman, McCallon, Nazarian, Nguyen Olmos, Padilla-Campos, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Delgado, Mitchell, Perez, and Rutland



CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Cacciotti encouraged attendees to visit the Technology Showcase in the parking lot and adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on March 6, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Michael A. Cacciotti, Chair

Attachment:

- A. Submitted Written Comments Supporting Rules 1146 and 1146.1

ACRONYMS

CARB = California Air Resources Board
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
EV = Electric Vehicle

FY = Fiscal Year
MSRC = Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
PAR = Proposed Amended Rule

**Attachment A to the Minutes – March 6, 2026 Governing Board Meeting
Submitted Written Comments Supporting Rules 1146 & 1146.1**

- Resolution 6 of the 62nd Session of the Pitzer College Student Senate (62-R-6)

- Abbott, Leanne - Yucca Valley
- Adelman, Charles - Los Angeles
- Adelson, Julie - San Pedro
- Alexander, Rhetta - Van Nuys
- Ames, Mary - Temecula
- Anderson, Ray - Riverside
- Arcade, Jimmy - Costa Mesa
- Armstrong, Mark - Pasadena
- Avildsen, Peter - Los Angeles
- Banerjee, Sayan - Anaheim
- Barryte, S - Rachos Palos Verdes
- Baumgartner, Tim - Torrance
- Baxter, Joslyn - Los Angeles
- Bender, Kae - Lancaster
- Benson, Karin - Topanga
- Bock, Natalie - Los Angeles
- Bostock, Vic - Altadena
- Bucher, Theresa - Tarzana
- Burk, Joyce - Redlands
- Cairo, Kathy - Woodland Hills
- Cameron, Susan - Fountain Valley
- Cannon, Frederic - Orange
- Chamberlain, Gina - Los Angeles
- Chen, Alan - Los Angeles
- Cherry, James - Santa Monica
- Clare, Constance - Aguanga
- Clark, Barri - Los Angeles
- Cristante, Daniel - Pasadena
- Cunningham, Jason - Studio City
- Davis, Marianne - Encino
- Destro, Greg - Murrieta
- Dicarlantonio, Gayle - Riverside
- Dunker, Tristan - Garden Grove
- Ernoux, Stephanie - Redondo Beach
- Fernandez, Kathleen - Yorba Linda
- Frale, Darren - Los Angeles
- Frankel, Rd - Cathedral City
- Gahan, Jerry - Los Angeles
- Gallery, Jillian - Seal Beach
- Gillespie, Matthew - Redondo Beach
- Goode, - Los Angeles
- Graff, Janet - Pasadena
- Harker, Edward - Santa Monica
- Hawkinson, Sarah - San Diego

- Hayes, Christine - Upland
- Hiss, Eric - Los Angeles
- Hoover, Renee - Redondo Beach
- Hoover, Rosalinda - Palm Springs
- Johnson, Janet - Garden Grove
- Jung, Scott - South Pasadena
- Kim, Kevin - La Crescenta
- Kulhanek, Paul - Monterey Park
- Laureta, Lisa - Los Angeles
- Lavelle, Kim - Rancho Cucamonga
- Lee, Karen - Glendale
- Lee, Regina - Los Angeles
- Lefebvre, Louise - Huntington Beach
- Lenz, Pat - Desert Hot Springs
- Llanes, Marissa - Pomona
- Lubin, Dana - Valley Village
- Lucien, Mara - Los Angeles
- Lynch, M - Santa Monica
- Mais, Barbara - Long Beach
- Malley, Karen - Anaheim
- Mandrussow, Olga - San Francisco
- Mannheimer, Jody Lynn - Huntington Beach
- Mansour, Amira - Irvine
- Marshall, Gregory - Rancho Cucamonga
- Martinez, Robert - Irvine
- Martynec, Jesse - Westminster
- McKelvie, Kevin - Palm Springs
- Merris Weber, Los Angeles
- Meyers, Hildy - Huntington Beach
- Miceli, Cami - Burbank
- Mishodek, Sandy - Running Springs
- Moffet, Penelope - Culver City
- Montgomery, Chris
- Olsson, Krister - Los Angeles
- Park, Benjamin - West Hollywood
- Plonski, Marta Kati - Anaheim
- Ramire, Bridgette - West Covina
- Ramirez, Clifford - Rancho Cucamonga
- Rinehart, Gwen - Los Angeles
- Robertson, William - Santa Monica
- Robles, Andy - Anaheim
- Ronan, Catherine - Los Angeles
- Rubinstein, Joan - Santa Monica
- Sahm, Sahm - Santa Cruz

**Attachment A to the Minutes – March 6, 2026 Governing Board Meeting
Submitted Written Comments Supporting Rules 1146 & 1146.1**

- Schulz, Linda - Lake Hughes
- Schurtz, Renee - Los Angeles
- Seamans, Alice - Moreno Valley
- Stannard, Mark - Los Angeles
- Steiner, Neal - Los Angeles
- Su’a, Cecilia - Carson
- Suskin, Mirch - Studio City
- Swenson, Eric - Glendale
- Tam, Grace - Laguna Hills
- Tierney, Nancy - Pacifica
- 100.Tobe, Jerry - Los Angeles
- Vallen, Tracy - Santa Monica
- Velvick, Joan - Westminster
- Warner, Katharine – Sunland