

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 7, 2026

AGENDA NO. 14

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of May 1 through June 30, 2026.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Micah Ali
Hearing Board Chair

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Attached are the following summaries: **May and June 2026 Hearing Board Cases**, and **Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026**. A **Rule Index** with the applicable South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations for **May and June 2026** are also attached.

There were no appeals filed during the period of May 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Report of May 2026 Hearing Board Cases

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney)	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
1. Amazon.com Services, LLC – POC 2 Case No. 6267-2 (M. Reichert)	203(b) 1110.2(c)(19)	A variance was requested to operate temporary internal combustion engines past their legal time limit due to a delayed permanent utility connection.	Not Opposed/Granted	RV granted commencing 5/14/2026 and continuing through 12/20/2026.	CO: 0.86 lbs/day HC: 1.22 lbs/day NOx: 8.64 lbs/day PM10: 0.86 lbs/day SOx: 0.50 lbs/day
2. City of Riverside, Water Quality Control Plant Case No. 5674-10 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	A SV was sought to handle temporary operational disruptions or maintenance at the municipal water treatment facility.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV granted commencing 5/14/2026 and continuing through 6/3/2026.	TBD
3. ReConserve of California – Los Angeles, Inc. Case No. 2876-8 (M. Reichert)	203(b) 1147(d) 2004(f)(1)	An IV was requested to bridge a scheduling gap while awaiting a formal permit modification for emissions limitations.	Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing 5/27/2026 and continuing for 90 days or until the RV hearing scheduled for 7/21/2026, whichever comes first.	CO: 162.3 lbs/day NOx: 12.6 lbs/day
4. South Coast AQMD vs. Lalo Onsurez Individually and dba FixCarNow, Inc. Case No. 6286-1 (K. Roberts)	203(a)	An O/A was petitioned to force the automotive shop to correct outstanding permitting violations.	Not Stipulated/Issued (Respondent did not appear)	O/A issued commencing 5/12/2026; the Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction until 5/31/2027.	N/A
5. South Coast AQMD vs. Laser Industries, Inc. Case No. 6288-1 (D. Hsu)	203(a) 219(d)(5)(H)	South Coast AQMD sought an abatement order because the facility was operating unpermitted high-power laser cutting equipment.	Stipulated/Issued	O/A issued commencing 5/13/2026 and continuing through 5/13/2027; the Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction until 5/13/2027.	N/A
6. South Coast AQMD vs. Southern California Edison – Pebble Beach Case No. 1262-115 (Consent Calendar)	1470(c)(4)(A)	This hearing modified an active abatement order to grant additional time for compliance at the island power plant.	Stipulated/Modified	Mod. O/A issued commencing 5/27/2026; the Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction until 9/30/2027.	N/A

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7. Torrance Refining Company, LLC Case No. 6060-22 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 1189(e)(1) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	The refinery sought a variance to safely perform infrastructure maintenance without violating standard emission limits.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV & AOC granted commencing 5/12/2026 and continuing through 7/29/2026.	None
8. University of California Irvine Medical Center Case No. 5843-2 (J. Jones II)	203(b)	An EV was filed to run essential backup equipment that temporarily exceeded normal concentration caps.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte EV granted commencing 5/6/2026 and continuing through 6/5/2026.	NOx: 15.83 ppm CO: 96.32 ppm
9. Verizon Wireless – Sierra Peak #602 Case No. 6139-10 (M. Reichert)	203(b)	The emergency generator ran for 211.4 hours due to Southern California Edison power outages. This exceeded its annual operating limit of 200 hours under Permit Condition 4.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte EV granted commencing 5/21/26 and continuing through 6/16/26.	VOC: 12.61 lbs/day CO: 16.81 lbs/day NOx: 12.61. lbs/day

Acronyms

CO: Carbon Monoxide
EV: Emergency Variance
HC: Hydrocarbons
IV: Interim Variance
Mod. O/A: Modification Order for Abatement
N/A: Not Applicable
NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen
O/A: Order for Abatement

PPM: Parts Per Million
PM10: Particulate Matter 10
RV: Regular Variance
SOx: Sulfur Dioxide
SR: Status Report
SV: Short Variance
TBD: To Be Determined
VOC: Volatile Organic Compound

Report of June 2026 Hearing Board Cases

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney)	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
1. City of Glendale – Glendale Water & Power Case No. 3478-28 (D. Hsu)	203(b) 3002(c)(1)	Petitioned for a short variance to conduct commissioning operations on replacement internal combustion engines at the Grayson Power Plant, which temporarily exceeded monthly NOx and CO mass limits.	Opposed/Granted	SV granted commencing 6/17/26 and continuing through 7/31/26	TBD
2. County of Riverside Case No. 6229-4 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	Requested a variance to run a public safety communications backup generator past its annual 200-hour limit after criminals vandalized the site's main power system grid connections.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing 6/3/26 and continuing for 90 days or until the RV hearing scheduled for 7/28/26, whichever comes first.	TBD
3. South Coast AQMD vs Chiquita Canyon, LLC Case No. 6177-4 (K. Roberts)	203 402 431.1 1150 3002 H&S §41700	Convened for a Modification Order for Abatement to enforce stricter containment rules regarding ongoing landfill gas leaks, liquid spills, and public odor nuisances.	Stipulated/Issued	Mod. O/A issued commencing 06/03/26. The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction over this matter until 10/31/2026.	N/A
4. South Coast AQMD vs. Electrode Tech Inc. dba Reid Metal Finishing Case No. 6289-1 (D. Hsu)	1469(k)(2)(C) 1469(w)(2)(B) 1469(x)(1)	Enforced a Stipulated Order for Abatement after source testing proved a chromic acid anodizing tank exceeded permissible hexavalent chromium emission standards under Rule 1469.	Stipulated/Issued	O/A issued commencing 06/23/26. The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction until Respondent has fully complied with the terms of the Stipulated O/A.	N/A

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5. Southern California Gas Company Case No. 137-83 (J. Lee)	203(b) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	Applied for a short variance to temporarily operate three internal combustion engines and associated catalytic reduction units at its Playa Del Rey facility outside of standard rule limitations.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV granted commencing 6/23/26 and continuing through 9/21/2026	None
6. Verizon Wireless – Sierra Peak #602 Case No. 6139-10 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 1304(a)(4)	Petitioner sought relief to run its cell tower generator past its 200-hour permit limit due to extended utility blackouts.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing 6/16/26 and continuing for 90 days or until the RV hearing scheduled for 7/28/26, whichever comes first.	VOC: 12.61 lbs./day CO: 16.81 lbs./day NOx: 12.61 lbs./day
7. Vernon Public Utilities Case No. 4957-8 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	Requested a variance to operate its natural gas peaking units at a more efficient water-to-fuel ratio following recent equipment upgrades, ensuring local electric grid stability during peak summer demand without creating excess emissions.	Not Opposed/Granted	RV granted commencing 7/1/2026 and continuing through 7/1/2027	None

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Rules from which Variances and Orders for Abatement were Requested in 2026

Rules	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Actions
202(a)				1									1
203	1					1							2
203(a)					2								2
203(b)	4	3	4	4	6	5							26
218.1(b)(4)(C)			1										1
219(d)(5)(H)					1								1
401(b)(2)				1									1
402	1			1		1							3
407(a)				1									1
430				1									1
431.1	1					1							2
1110.2(c)(19)					1								1
1135(d)(1)(B)		1											1
1147(d)					1								1
1147(d)(5)				1									1
1147(d)(7)				1									1
1147(e)(2)(A)(i)				1									1
1147(h13)(A)				1									1
1150	1					1							2
1153.1	1												1
1189(e)(1)					1								1
1196(d)(1)			1										1
1303(a)(1)			1										1
1303(a)(2)			1										1
1304(a)(4)						1							1
1402(d)(2)				1									1
1407.1(d)(1)				1									1
1407.1(d)(5)(C)													0
1420	1												1
1469(k)(2)(C)						1							1
1469(w)(2)(B)						1							1
1469(x)(1)						1							1
1470(c)(4)(A)					1								1
1703(a)(2)			1										1
2004(f)(1)	1	1	3	1	2	2							10
2005(b)(1)(A)			1										1
3002	1					1							2
3002(c)(1)	1	2	2	1	1	3							10
CA H&S §41700				1		1							2
CA H&S §41701	1			1									2

SOUTH COAST AQMD RULES AND REGULATIONS INDEX FOR 2026 HEARING BOARD CASES AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

REGULATION II – PERMITS

- Rule 202 Temporary Permit to Operate
- Rule 219 Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II
- Rule 203 Permit to Operate

REGULATION IV - PROHIBITIONS

- Rule 401 Visible Emissions
- Rule 402 Nuisance
- Rule 407 Liquid and Gaseous Air Contaminants
- Rule 431.1 Sulfur Content of Gaseous Fuels

REGULATION XI – SOURCE SPECIFIC STANDARDS

- Rule 1110.2 Emissions from Gaseous - and Liquid-Fueled Engines
- Rule 1135 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities
- Rule 1147 NOx Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources
- Rule 1150 Excavation of Landfill Sites
- Rule 1153.1 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens
- Rule 1189 Emission from Hydrogen Plant Process Vents
- Rule 1196 Clean On-Road Heavy-Duty Public Fleet Vehicles

REGULATION XIII – NEW SOURCE REVIEW

- Rule 1303 Requirements
- Rule 1304 Exemptions

REGULATION XIV - TOXICS AND OTHER NON-CRITERIA POLLUTANTS

- Rule 1402 Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources

Rule 1407.1 Control of Toxic Air Contaminant Emissions from Chromium Allow Melting Operations

Rule 1420 Emissions Standard for Lead

Rule 1469 Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

Rule 1470 Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines

REGULATION XVII – PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION (PSD)

Rule 1703 PSD Analysis

REGULATION XX – REGIONAL CLEAN AIR INCENTIVES MARKET (RECLAIM)

Rule 2004 Requirements

Rule 2005 New Source Review for RECLAIM

REGULATION XXX – TITLE V PERMITS

Rule 3002 Requirements

CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

§41700 Prohibited Discharges

§41701 Restricted Discharges