

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 6, 2026

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the January 9, 2026  
Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the January 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas  
Clerk of the Boards

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 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:

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 (Arrived at 9:24 a.m.)  
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 (Left at 11:03 a.m.)  
County of Riverside

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez  
Cities of Orange County

Absent: Councilmember Nithya Raman  
City of Los Angeles

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:** Vice Chair Cacciotti called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Pro Tem McCallon
- Roll Call

Supervisor Mitchell arrived at 9:24, after roll call.

- Opening Comments

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri presented suggested edits to Agenda Item No. 3 clarifying that a Board Member Assistant or Board Consultant may elect to be either a South Coast AQMD contract employee or employee of an entity with which the South Coast AQMD contracts, summarized a recent meeting with the Acting Regional Administrator for U.S. EPA Region 9, and reported on available funds and applications received for the INVEST CLEAN program. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 9:22.

Mayor Lock Dawson announced that the City of Riverside has completely moved away from coal and that the City signed an MOU with Chaevi Co., Ltd., a South Korean EV infrastructure and technology company who is relocating its manufacturing operations to Riverside. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 11:16.

Supervisor Perez highlighted ongoing public concerns regarding wind and dust storms in the Coachella Valley, and their potential link to respiratory health and urged for an evidence-based study to clarify and address community concerns related to health impacts, the environment, and economy. He also commented on the need for continued advocacy to secure funding and legislative support for unfunded mandates. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 12:33.

Supervisor Nguyen highlighted Orange County's urgency to broaden the definition of Essential Public Services under New Source Review. She invited Board Members and staff to tour the Frank R. Bowerman Landfill/Bee Canyon Greenery in Irvine on January 28, or an alternative date that can be arranged, to gain a better understanding of the issue. General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist advised that coordination with interested Board Members will be required for the tour to avoid violations of the Brown Act. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 18:32.

Mayor Rodriguez echoed Supervisor Nguyen's comments and encouraged Board Members to attend the Irvine landfill tour. He noted the importance of this issue for Orange County and that arrangements can be made to avoid quorum issues. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 19:44.

- Swearing in of Reappointed Board Members: Brenda Olmos and Veronica Padilla-Campos

Chair Delgado administered the oath of office to Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos, who was reappointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, Western Region, and Board Member Padilla-Campos, who was reappointed by Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas, for the January 16, 2026 to January 15, 2030 terms.

Board Member Padilla-Campos thanked Speaker Rivas for the appointment and reflected on her service on the Board the past few years. She affirmed her ongoing commitment to representing communities and working collaboratively with colleagues.

Vice Mayor Olmos thanked the Los Angeles County Western Cities for the opportunity to continue serving on the Board and reflected on her service the past eight months. She expressed appreciation to her South Coast AQMD Board Assistant and staff for their support and commented on increasing engagement with the western cities.

- Election of Chair for Term January 2026 - January 2028

The floor was opened for nominations.

CHAIR DELGADO NOMINATED VICE CHAIR MICHAEL A. CACCIOTTI TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR PEREZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS AND NO OBJECTIONS, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED. THE BOARD ELECTED MICHAEL A. CACCIOTTI AS CHAIR FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2026 THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2028 TERM BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mitchell and Raman

- Election of Vice Chair for Term January 2026 - January 2028

The floor was opened for nominations.

SUPERVISOR PEREZ NOMINATED MAYOR PRO TEM LARRY MCCALLON TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS AND NO OBJECTIONS, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED. THE BOARD ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM LARRY MCCALLON AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2026 THROUGH

JANUARY 15, 2028 TERM BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mitchell and Raman

Chair Delgado reflected on her tenure as Chair and the progress made toward set goals. She expressed appreciation to the Board for working collaboratively, for the contributions of all stakeholders, and staff for their hard work. She expressed optimism for continued success under the incoming leadership. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 26:44.

Board Members offered remarks expressing appreciation for Chair Delgado's tenure as Chair. Comments included references to her gracious and collaborative leadership style, the historic significance of her tenure as the first Latina to serve as Chair, and members' experiences working with her in prior roles.

Supervisor Mitchell arrived after the vote for Chair and Vice Chair, expressed her concurrence with the appointments, and thanked Chair Delgado for her leadership. She announced that her continued service on the South Coast AQMD Board was confirmed at the Board of Supervisors' annual reorganization meeting in December 2025. Supervisor Mitchell acknowledged upcoming challenges due to the current federal administration policies and reaffirmed her commitment to improving air quality for her constituents. She also expressed regret for missing the South Coast AQMD's tribute to Jesse Marquez and noted that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors adjourned its November 18, 2025 meeting in his memory.

**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.

Jennifer De Tejada, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEJ) and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition, commented on her community organizing experience and participation in the SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition. She congratulated Board Members Padilla-Campos and Olmos and expressed her commitment to collaborating to advance strong environmental protections. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 42:44.

Mandeera Wijetunga, Sierra Club and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition, congratulated Board Members Padilla-Campos and Olmos on their reappointments, and Board Members Cacciotti and McCallon on their elevation to Chair and Vice Chair. He

commented on the opportunity to achieve NOx emission reductions through Rules 1146 and 1146.1, expressed the SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition's enthusiasm for advancing the zero-emission transition, and acknowledged staff's efforts. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 43:20.

Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice, complimented the Board on their dedication and service, congratulated the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair, as well as the reappointed Board Members, and thanked Chair Delgado for her work over the years. Reflecting on the challenges of 2025, he expressed optimism for 2026, highlighting priorities such as funding for zero-emission technologies, passing important rules, and implementing the AQMP to reduce emissions and improve air quality. He also expressed appreciation for staff's work over the years and looks forward to continued collaboration. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 44:45.

Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, thanked Chair Delgado for her leadership, particularly in advancing the Port Cooperative Agreement, congratulated the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair, as well as the reappointed Board Members. He expressed anticipation to collaborate with the Board on the development of the CAAP Plus Measures, which will be a key tool in achieving the transition to zero emissions. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 47:18.

Joaquín Castillejos, CCAEJ and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition, congratulated the reappointed Board Members Olmos and newly elected Chair and Vice Chair. He highlighted the importance of improving air quality and public health in the region, and expressed his commitment to working with the Board towards cleaner air and decarbonized future. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 49:29.

Marven Norman, CCAEJ, commented on observing that diesel-powered lighting was used at nighttime park events during the holidays and suggested exploring programs to help local agencies transition to zero-emission lighting solutions for such events. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 51:39.

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

Written Comments Regarding Natural Gas

-Kenneth Gunn

Written Comments Regarding Use of Alerts for Compliance with Fireplace/Chimney Smoke Bans

-Michael L.



## **CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR**

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

1. Approve Minutes of December 5, 2025 Board Meeting
2. Approve Recommendations to Revise Governing Board Committees and Advisory Groups

### **Items 3 through 5 – Budget/Fiscal Impact**

3. Approve Amendments to Board Member Assistant and Board Member Consultant Policy and Methodology to Determine Support Level per Board Member
4. Approve Appointment by South Coast Air Quality Management District Building Corporation of Jean Bracy to Building Corporation's Board of Directors
5. Approve New and Modified Awards as Approved by MSRC

### **Items 6 through 12 – Information Only/Receive and File**

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

### **Items 13 through 16 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB**

*Note: The Mobile Source Committee, Stationary Source Committee, Technology Committee, and CARB Board held no meetings in December 2025. The next regularly scheduled meetings for the Mobile Source, Stationary Source, and Technology Committees will be held on January 23, 2026.*

13. Administrative Committee
14. Investment Oversight Committee
15. Legislative Committee
16. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
17. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

There were no items deferred.

## **Disclosures**

Supervisor Hagman and Mayor Lock Dawson reported that they do not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 5 but are required to identify for the record that they are members of the SCAG Regional Council, which is involved in this item.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon reported that he does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 5 but is required to identify for the record that he is a member of the SCAG Regional Council and the Board of Directors for Metrolink, which are involved in this item.

Supervisor Nguyen reported that she does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 5 but is required to identify for the record that she is a member of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board, which is involved in this item.

Supervisor Mitchell reported that she does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 5 but is required to identify for the record that she is a member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors, which is involved in this item.



Supervisor Nguyen addressed Agenda Item No. 3 regarding amendments to the compensation calculation methodology for Board Member Assistants and Consultants. She commented that Board Assistants and Consultants attend committee meetings, regardless of whether their Board Member serves on the Committee, to obtain an understanding of the full Board agenda, and would like the proposal to reflect that. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 54:35.

Mayor Rodriguez commented on the recommendation in Agenda Item No. 2 to pause the Local Government and Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) and Environmental Justice Advisory Groups to work on developing a Policy Group. He requested that staff proactively solicit the input of elected officials and small business representatives who have been a part of the LGSBA. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 56:17.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1-16. The following individual addressed the Board.

### **Agenda Item No. 2**

James Breitling, City of Upland Councilmember and LGSBA member, thanked the Administrative Committee for its recommendation to reform the LGSBA and urged the Board to approve the item. He commented on the importance of reforming the LGSBA and that engaging with local governments and small businesses as implementation partners improves compliance, clarity, and emission reductions. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 58:08.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1-16.

Written Comments Regarding Support for Agenda Item No. 5 – Continued Investments in Zero-Emission Technologies

-Adrian Martinez and Regina Hsu, Earthjustice



**Board Action (Items 1-16)**

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 16 AS RECOMMENDED, WITH REVISIONS TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 AS SET FORTH BELOW, AND TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE COMMITTEES AND MSRC REPORTS.,

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Raman

Agenda Item No. 3 Proposed Amendments to Administrative Code Section 112 - Board Member Assistant and Board Member Consultant Policy. Revisions to paragraphs 4 and 6 noted in bold strikethrough, underline text:

4. That Board Member Consultants and Board Member Assistants may be employed engaged as either SCAQMD contract employees or employees of an entity with which the District contracts. Board Consultants and Assistants who are employees of an entity with which the District contracts must follow the Administrative Code provisions applicable to employee Consultants and Assistants.
6. That a Board Member wishing to engage the services of a person to provide assistance shall submit to the Administrative Committee [...]\*. All Board Member Assistants and Consultants shall be contract employees or employees of an entity with which the District contracts. Board Member Assistants, and Board Member Consultants, are exempt from SCAQMD's Salary Resolution, Personnel Rules, and Administrative Code, except as specifically referenced in the said documents, this policy, or in his/her contract with SCAQMD.

\*[...] indicates portion omitted for brevity



**STAFF PRESENATION/BOARD DISCUSSION/RECEIVE & FILE**

18. 2025 State and Federal Legislative Recap and 2026 Priority Outlook (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter) – *No Action Required*)

Lisa Tanaka, Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 18. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:01:05.

Supervisor Mitchell inquired about the implications of recent federal changes on the AQMP and their potential impacts on the South Coast region's efforts to reduce emission reductions. Executive Officer Nastri confirmed that the federal changes have impacts on the South Coast region, as well as CARB. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:23:41.

Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation explained that emission reductions in the AQMP are associated with requirements that are now being rolled back due to the loss of waivers, creating a gap in planning requirements. South Coast AQMD staff is coordinating with CARB, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, and U.S. EPA to address the gap. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:24:45.

Supervisor Mitchell expressed concern over the strong legislative support for Senate Bill (SB) 34, which would have limited the South Coast AQMD's regulatory authority if it had been enacted. She inquired about improving education and outreach to legislators to ensure they understand and value the South Coast AQMD's work. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:25:27.

Ms. Tanaka highlighted staff's outreach efforts to educate legislators on South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction and authority and reinforce the importance of its role in addressing emissions. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:26:24.

Executive Officer Nastri added that staff plans to do more outreach this year by working with Board members who have legislative experience to help bridge understanding with the Legislature and address perceptions of government overreach. Supervisor Mitchell commented on the need for staff to recognize that challenges are not always due to a lack of understanding but can also stem from competing interests. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:28:41.

Mayor Lock Dawson announced that her second interview with the Senate Rules Committee for CARB Board confirmation is scheduled for February 4, 2026. She requested letters of support for the interview and noted issues that were raised at her first interview. She commented on CARB's plans to proceed with Advanced Clean Cars III, building decarbonization, and appliance electrification, despite the federal rollbacks. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:29:02.

Executive Officer Nastri offered to assist Mayor Lock Dawson in preparing responses to questions for her confirmation hearing. He reported that South Coast AQMD staff is working proactively with CARB, including an upcoming priorities meeting between senior staff. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:32:13.

Supervisor Mitchell noted that the U.S. House Clerk has made it public that the official name of the “One Big Beautiful Bill” is H.R. 1 and encouraged the use of the official bill number in all future presentations. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:33:33.

Supervisor Perez expressed support for Mayor Lock Dawson’s Senate confirmation to the CARB Board. He acknowledged concerns with CARB’s decision-making approach and highlighted the need to balance environmental goals with economic development and community and business interests. Supervisor Perez commented on the need for outreach to address requests to expand AB 617 to additional communities, and the potential for conducting a health study that provides information on air quality and respiratory illnesses. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:33:58.

Vice Chair Cacciotti commented about the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and the importance of continuing to advocate for funding AB 617 since there are other agencies with competing interests that will also be seeking funding from the GGRF. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:42:37.



## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Supervisor Nguyen recused herself from Agenda Item No. 19 and left the auditorium because of a financial interest in Kinder Morgan, Inc., which is materially affected by this item.

19. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 463; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Michael Morris, Planning & Rules Manager/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 19. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:47:24.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 19. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

### **Board Action (Item 19)**

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED BY PEREZ AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-1:

- 1) DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 463 – ORGANIC LIQUID STORAGE, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT;

- 2) AMENDING RULE 463; AND
- 3) DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 463 – ORGANIC LIQUID STORAGE TO CARB AND U.S. EPA FOR INCLUSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

RECUSE: Nguyen

ABSENT: Raman



20. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1111; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Heather Farr, Planning & Rules Manager/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 20. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:51:37.

Supervisor Nguyen expressed concern about the mitigation fee for mobile home furnace manufacturers, pointing out that it could raise consumer costs while the technology is not yet available. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:54:37.

Dr. Rees responded that the technology is available; however, mobile home furnace manufacturers are reluctant to develop units due to the small market size and low demand. She noted the availability of heat pump technology and increasing requests from owners of mobile homes seeking assistance through the Go Zero Program to transition to heat pumps. As costs for heat pumps continue to decline, they are expected to become the preferred option for mobile homes because of their efficiency and smaller footprint, which helps address space constraints. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:55:38.

Supervisor Nguyen's inquired about outreach efforts to mobile home owners. She requested that staff provide a list of mobile home parks in Orange County where site visits were conducted and suggested exploring additional locations for future outreach. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:56:46.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 20. The following individual addressed the Board.

Bob Helbing, Institute of Heating and Air Conditioning Industries, commented that manufacturers are unlikely to develop a compliant gas furnace for mobile homes due to significant engineering challenges. He added that heat pumps are not a viable alternative because some mobile homes do not have sufficient electrical capacity. The lack of alternatives could place an undue burden on low- and moderate-income residents. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:58:45.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 20.

Mayor Rodriguez highlighted the urgency of extending the mitigation fee option deadline due to constraints on the manufactured housing supply. He commented on the importance of mobile homes in meeting local and state housing needs and in providing affordable housing options for economically challenged and low-income residents. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:01:48.

**Board Action (Item 20)**

MOVED BY PEREZ AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-2:

- 1) DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1111 – REDUCTION OF NOX EMISSIONS FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT;
- 2) AMENDING RULE 1111 – REDUCTION OF NOX EMISSIONS FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES; AND
- 3) DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1111 - REDUCTION OF NOX EMISSIONS FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES TO CARB AND U.S. EPA FOR INCLUSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Raman



Supervisor Perez left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

21. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1118

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 21. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:04:18.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 21. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

**Board Action (Item 21)**

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI  
TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 AS RECOMMENDED  
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-3:

- 1) DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1118 – CONTROL OF EMISSIONS FROM REFINERY FLARES, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND
- 2) AMENDING RULE 1118 - CONTROL OF EMISSION OF REFINERY FLARES.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Perez and Raman



**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to closed session at 11:06 a.m. to discuss the following items.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a) and § 54956.9(d)(1) to consider pending litigation:

- Rinnai America Corp. et al. v. South Coast Air Quality Management District, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 25-5129 (appealing U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 2:24-cv-10482); and
- Center for Biological Diversity v. South Coast Air Quality Management District, Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court No. 25STCP04685 (challenge to Ports Cooperative Agreement).

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on January 9, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas  
Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vanessa Delgado, Chair

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**ACRONYMS**

AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan  
CARB = California Air Resources Board  
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act  
FY = Fiscal Year  
MSRC = Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee