

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 5, 2026

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the May 1, 2026 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the May 1, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas  
Clerk of the Boards

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**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 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

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.)  
Senate Rules Committee Appointee

Supervisor Curt Hagman  
County of San Bernardino

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
County of Los Angeles

Councilmember Adrin Nazarian  
City of Los Angeles

Supervisor Janet Nguyen (Left at 10:50 a.m.)  
County of Orange

Mayor Brenda Olmos  
Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos  
Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez (Arrived at 9:09 a.m.)  
Cities of Orange County

Absent: Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson  
Cities of Riverside County

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 9:03 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Senator Delgado
- Roll Call

Mayor Rodriguez arrived after roll call.

- Opening Comments

Supervisor Nguyen recognized South Coast AQMD staff for their continued engagement with the County of Orange on grant funding efforts that will help in the transition to lower emission equipment. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 8:48.

Supervisor Mitchell shared photos and described a recent visit with the youth-led organization Greenhouse South LA, where she toured their 100-year-old Craftsman home in South Central that has been transformed into a fully electrified model promoting sustainable living and serving as a community hub for education, workforce development, and environmental justice programs. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 9:24.

Chair Cacciotti shared photos and described recent visits to a commercial bakery near Little Tokyo, the San Pedro Ports, Marathon Refinery, and a South Coast AQMD fence line monitoring system. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 12:04.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri announced the staff recommendation to continue Agenda Item No. 31 (PAR 1136) to the June Board Meeting, confirmed that applicants selected for this year's Summer Internship Program had been notified, with two cohorts starting in May and June, and highlighted an upcoming staff volunteer effort with Habitat for Humanity and Project Build to support Altadena families rebuilding after the Eaton fire. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 15:11.

Hearing no objections from the Board, Chair Cacciotti moved to continue Agenda Item No. 31. The public was invited to provide public comments on Agenda Item No. 31 during the General Public Comment Period for matters not on the agenda.

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

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

Tomas Castro, Climate Action Campaign  
Sapna Peruvemba, Public Health graduate student

Casey Gaughan, Loma Linda University medical student and Medical Students  
for a Sustainable Future  
Jennifer De Tejada, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice  
(CCA EJ) and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition  
Candice Youngblood, EarthJustice and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition  
Elle Hawthorne, Pomona College student  
Quinn Bolster, Inland Empire student  
Miranda Elder, Pomona College student  
Amy Li, Pitzer College student, Pitzer 5C Environmental Justice and  
Pitzer EcoReps  
Madeline Huq, Pitzer College student  
Clarissa Aquino, Pitzer College student  
Heaven Denham, University of California, Riverside (UCR) student  
Monica Orozco, University of Southern California student  
Nysa Jain, University of Southern California student  
Emily Nguyen, UCLA pre-med student  
Tyler Green, California State University, Long Beach student and Climate Action  
Campaign

The above speakers expressed support for strengthening Rules 1146 and 1146.1 to prioritize emission reductions in environmental justice communities most impacted by industrial pollution. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 17:54.

Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, expressed support for PAR 1136 phasing out pCBtF and t-BAC and urged changing the existing one gallon per day usage to a one pound of VOC emissions per day. He also echoed other speakers' support for advancing Rules 1146 and 1146.1. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 54:07.

Marven Norman, CCAEJ, shared his perspective that PAR 1136 is close to completion but still needs a little more work and he expressed support for Rules 1146 and 1146.1. Mr. Norman also raised concerns regarding increased gas prices and suggested expanding participating dealerships, especially in the Inland Empire, in the Clean Cars 4 All Program, to improve community access to the program. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 55:31.

[*Dan Titus, American Coalition for Sustainable Communities, was experiencing a poor connection with his device and was unable to provide comments.*] For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:03:40.

Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), commented on the recently scheduled May 14 Ports Cooperative Agreement Public Meeting and expressed concern that the June timeline for bringing the CAAP Plus measures to the Board will not be met and urged that the measures be brought before the Board no later than August. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 28:52.

Rita Loof, RadTech International #31  
Brijesh Nigam, Orgchem, LLC

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The above speakers questioned staff's characterization of UV/EB/LED coatings as high VOC. Ms. Loof expressed concern that staff did not follow the Board's April 3 directive to analyze RadTech's proposal and present an option at the April 17 Stationary Source Committee. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 37:09 & 50:25.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented on recent United Nations and international conferences focused on phasing out fossil fuels and advocated for public solar power to meet climate goals. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 41:44.

Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance  
Curt Coleman, Southern California Air Quality Alliance  
Bill La Marr, California Small Business Alliance

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The above speakers expressed support for the PAR 1136 proposal to phase out two carcinogenic compounds—pCBtF and t-BAc—and to maintain the one gallon per day low use exemption. They urged to keep the rule focused on its original intent and cautioned against introducing late proposals that would impose operational burdens on facilities. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 52:26, 58:37, & 59:29.

Jennifer De Tejada, CCAEJ, urged the Board not to allow further exemptions that could lead to increased VOC emissions and recommended tabling the item to allow for further discussion and engagement with impacted communities. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 140:12.

Doug Raymond, Waterlox Coatings Corporation consultant, expressed support for PAR 1136, noting the effectiveness of reactivity-based approaches for reducing VOC emissions, and commended staff for their collaborative efforts. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 57:27.

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

Written Comments Submitted in Support of Rules 1146 and 1146.1 and Zero-Emission Standards for Boilers

- Clarissa Aquino, Pitzer College (2 items)
- Anabel Audoly, Claremont McKenna College student
- Russel Babbitz, West Covina resident
- Rachel Cox, Costa Mesa resident
- Heaven Denham, University of California-Riverside
- Susie Duff, Malibu resident
- Tyler Green, California State University-Long Beach

- Nysa Jain, University of Southern California student
- Dennis Landi, Bellflower resident
- G. Matthews-Marcelin, Carson resident
- Monica Orozco, University of Southern California
- Sydney Tai, Pomona College student
- Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College Resolution
- Associated Students of Pomona College Resolution
- Scripps Associated Students Resolution
- Associated Students of UCR Senate Resolution No. SR-F25-002
- Resolution 6 of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Pitzer College Student Senate (62-R-6)

#### Written Comments Submitted Regarding Incentives for Industrial Equipment

- One letter signed by the following organizations: Adrian Martinez, and Vanessa Rivas Villanueva, Earthjustice; Jacob Klein and Teresa Cheng, Industrious Labs; Ayn Craciun, Anthony Agama, and Tomas Castro, Climate Action Campaign; Richard Parks, Redeemer Community Partnership; Dylan Plummer and Mandeera Wijetunga, Sierra Club; and Jennifer De Tejada and Joaquin Castillejos, CCAEJ

#### Written Comments Submitted Opposing PAR 1136

- Rita Loof, RadTech International
- Jim Raymont, EIT 2.0 LLC

#### Written Comments Submitted Supporting PAR 1136

- Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance



### **CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR**

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

1. Approve Minutes of April 3, 2026 Board Meeting
2. Set Public Hearings June 5, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:
  - A. Determine That Proposed Rule 444.1 – Particulate Matter Emission Reductions from Forestry and Agricultural Waste, Proposed Amended Rule 401 – Visible Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 404 – Particulate Matter - Concentration, Proposed Amended Rule 405 – Solid Particulate Matter - Weight, Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Adopt Rule 444.1 and Amend Rules 401, 404, 405, 219, and 222
  - B. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 2011 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions, Proposed

Amended Rule 2012 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions, and Proposed Amended Rule 2015 – Backstop Provisions, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rules 2011, 2012, and 2015

**Items 3 through 14 – Budget/Fiscal Impact**

3. Adopt Resolution and Recognize Funds for Climate Heat Impact Response Program and Reimburse General Fund for Administrative Costs
4. Execute Contract to Deploy Zero-Emission Ship Assist Tugboats
5. Transfer Funds Between Major Objects and Issue Purchase Order for AQ-SPEC Program
6. Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program, Issue Solicitation and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment
7. Recognize Revenue for Mobile Monitoring Near Operational Logistics Use Developments
8. Transfer and Appropriate Funds for Development of Grant Management System for Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions Mitigation Program
9. Approve Compensation Adjustments for Board Member Assistants and Board Member Consultants for FY 2026-27
10. Issue RFP for Legislative Representation in Sacramento
11. Authorize Purchase of Virtual Meeting Software Support
12. Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, Printer, Hardware and Software
13. Execute Agreement with California High-Speed Rail Authority Setting Forth Framework for Development of Future Contract to Reduce Construction Emissions and Satisfy General Conformity for Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of California High-Speed Rail Project
14. Approve Contract Modification as Approved by MSRC

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

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

**Items 21 through 27 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB**

21. Administrative Committee
22. Legislative Committee
23. Mobile Source Committee
24. Stationary Source Committee
25. Technology Committee
26. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
27. California Air Resource Board Monthly Report (*was not available for inclusion*)
28. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

There were no items deferred.



**Disclosures**

Supervisor Nguyen recused herself from Agenda Item No. 2B because of a financial interest in Amazon, which is materially affected by this item and she abstained from Agenda Item No. 13. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:04:06.

Mayor Olmos recused herself from Agenda Item No 2B because of a financial interest in Raytheon, which is materially affected by this item. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:04:40.

General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist announced that Councilmember Nazarian does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 4 but is required to identify for the record that he is a Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles, which is involved in this item. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:08:16.



The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1-27. The following individual addressed the Board.

Tyler Green [*Comments were moved to the General Public Comment Period for matters not on the agenda.*] For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:05:14.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1-27.

**Written Comments Submitted Regarding Support for Agenda Item No. 4**

- One letter signed by the following organizations: Regina Hsu, Earthjustice; Marven E. Norman, CCAEJ; Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma; Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment; Peter M. Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition; and Jennifer Maria Cardenas, Sierra Club

Written Comments Submitted by Dan Titus, American Coalition for Sustainable Communities (ACSC) Regarding Agenda Item No. 25 – Received 4/28/26: Final Submission of Evidence – May 1, Budget Hearing , May 1, 2026, Item #25 (dated 4/28/26); Received 4/30/26: Addendum Technical Specifications for Item #25: May 1, 2026

Late Written Comments Submitted by Dan Titus, ACSC, – Received 5/1/26 : Technical Failure During Testimony and Formal Request for Inclusion of Technical Addendum for Item #25; Received 5/4/26: Addendum: Technical Specifications for Item 25: May 1, 2026 (dated 4/30/26), Final Submission of Evidence – May 1, 2026, Item #25 (dated 4/28/26), and Supplemental Evidence: DRI Records Response Regarding Atmospheric Modeling (Item 25)



Mayor Rodriguez expressed support for Agenda Item No. 8 and asked about the status of the request for another public meeting on the WAIRE Mitigation Program. Staff responded that the workshop has been scheduled for May 13. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:07:02.

**Board Action (Items 1-27)**

MOVED BY MITCHELL AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 27, INCLUDING:

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-10 RECOGNIZING FUNDS AND ACCEPTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FY 2025-2026 CLIMATE HEAT IMPACT RESPONSE PROGRAM (CHIRP);

RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR THE BOARD COMMITTEES, MSRC, AND CARB; AND

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION ON LEGISLATION AS SET FORTH BELOW.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, McCallon, Mitchell, Nazarian, Nguyen (except Items 2B and 13), Olmos (except Item 2B), Padilla-Campos, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Nguyen (Item 13 only)

RECUSE: Nguyen and Olmos (Item 2B only)

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Perez, and Rutland

<b>Legislation/Agenda Item</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
AB 1661 (Bryan): Oil and gas: low-production wells: Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Equitable Community Repair and Reinvestment Account	Support
AB 2175 (Garcia): Electrical corporations: definition: electrical and gas service: microgrids	Work With Author
AB 2239 (Carrillo): Infrastructure-constrained energization areas: energization timelines: environmental review.	Work With Author
SB 1270 (Richardson) Wildfire mitigation program: financial assistance to counties.	Support



## **STAFF PRESENTATION/BOARD DISCUSSION/RECEIVE & FILE**

### 29. Permitting Enhancement Program Status Update (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter)

Jason Aspell, Deputy Executive Officer/Engineering & Permitting, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 29. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:09:41.

Mayor Rodriguez commended staff on the progress made and asked clarifying questions regarding permit processing timelines, the nature of the bottlenecks and the size of the backlog, and how increased permitting activity affects the overall progress of the backlog. He also encouraged continued stakeholder engagement and requested more detailed information in future presentations to provide clearer context. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:24:24.

Mr. Aspell responded by describing the general goals for processing applications, tracking backlog reduction efforts, factors that contribute to delays, and ongoing efforts to improve efficiency and address older applications. Staff committed to including a detailed breakdown by each category type in future presentations and noted that productive stakeholder input continues through the Permit Streamlining Task Force Subcommittee.

Supervisor Nguyen expressed concerns regarding delays in permit processing, particularly for County of Orange Title V applications, and asked about efforts to prioritize long-standing permits. She suggested exploring strategies to reduce delays and move applications through more quickly. Mr. Aspell discussed ongoing efforts to manage permit processing priorities, address bottlenecks, and improve processing efficiency through staffing and operational adjustments. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:32:45.



The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 29. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Bill Pearce, Boeing  
Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance and Permit Streamlining Task Force member

The above speakers thanked Chair Cacciotti for continuing the Permit Enhancement Program (PEP) that Senator Delgado initiated, and expressed support for the progress and improvements made to date.

Steve Jepsen, Clean Water SoCal  
Allison Torres, Eastern Municipal Water District and Clean Water SoCal

The above speakers thanked Chair Delgado for initiating PEP, the Board for supporting the initiative, and staff for their efforts. They expressed appreciation for staff acknowledging that long permit processing timelines remain an issue for the water and wastewater sector, as well as plans to improve the Waste Management permit team. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:39:55 & 1:41:51.

Harvey Eder [*Mr. Eder was advised that his comments were not relevant to Agenda Item No. 29, and his remarks were concluded*]. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:42:59.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 29.

Vice Chair McCallon requested that future PEP updates to the Stationary Source Committee include the detailed information Mayor Rodriguez requested for future progress reports to the Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:44:03.

(This was a receive and file item; no action was required from the Board.)



(Supervisor Nguyen left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

30. Determine That Proposed Amendments to Regulation III – Fees Are Exempt from CEQA; Amend Regulation III – Fees; and Adopt Executive Officer’s Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27

Sujata Jain, Chief Financial Officer, gave the staff presentation on the Executive Officer’s Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27;

and Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on the proposed amendments to Regulation III. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:45:21.

**Brown Act Disclosure:** John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human Resources, orally reported that the proposal for Agenda Item No. 30 impacts executive compensation and seeks approval for an adjustment to Executive Management salaries. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:44:51.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 30. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Steve Jepsen, Clean Water SoCal  
Allison Torres, Eastern Municipal Water District  
Cindy Parsons, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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The above speakers expressed concern that Criteria Pollutant and Toxics Reporting (CTR) facilities face increased first-quarter reporting deadlines from multiple regulatory bodies. They appreciated the proposed extension for Annual Emissions Reporting (AER) submittals and emissions fee payments but request a May 1 deadline be considered for CTR abbreviated reporting. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:05:59, 2:07:40, & 2:10:51.

Staff clarified why extending the deadline for the simpler abbreviated reports is not warranted. Staff also explained the flexible approach allowed for the submittal deadline over the past couple of years to accommodate stakeholders and why that flexibility must now be balanced with the Finance department's budget timeline needs. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:07:10 & 2:12:00.

Curt Coleman, Southern California Air Quality Alliance and Budget Advisory Committee member, commented on his concerns regarding the impacts of source testing evaluations on permit processing, as well as staffing resources and workload associated with performing these evaluations. He also requested that staff provide a report to the Stationary Source Committee addressing these issues and noted that staff had agreed to provide the information. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:08:57.

Bill Quinn, California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance and Budget Advisory Committee member, expressed support for the budget and fee proposals, as well as the 10-day extension for AER submittals. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:09:58.

Harvey Eder addressed equity as a policy objective. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:12:53.

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

Written Comments Submitted Opposing Permit Fee Increases

- Saeed Manshadi, Vincent Petroleum

Written Comments Submitted by Dan Titus, ACSC, - Received 4/4/26: Demand for Immediate Inclusion of Chemical Speciation in 2026-27 Budget Monitoring Protocols (dated 4/4/26) and Joint Notice/Formal Report and Notice of Potential Liability Regarding FY 2026-27 Budget (April 3) and April 9, 2026 AB 617 Community Steering Committee (dated 4/1/26); Received 4/7/26: Formal Administrative Filing : Notice of Liability and Request for Record Inclusion (dated 4/6/26); Received 4/21/26: Formal Notice of Data Deficiency & Mandatory Budgetary Remedy FY 2026-27 (dated 4/21/26)



Board Member Padilla-Campos asked clarifying questions about funding for several South Coast AQMD computer-based systems that are under development. Staff explained the funding sources and the approaches being used to develop those systems. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:14:19.

Mayor Rodriguez asked whether the CAAP Plus measures fit within the Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, when updates on the CAAP Plus measures would be provided, and how concerns raised by the wastewater sector regarding the AER submittal deadline could be addressed within the proposed actions. Executive Officer Nastri explained how the CAAP Plus measures align with existing goals, the reporting process for the CAAP Plus measures and planned update at this year's Board retreat, and the rationale for the recommended AER reporting deadline. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:16:17.

**Board Action (Item 30)**

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 30 AS RECOMMENDED AND:

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-11:
  - A. DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION III – FEES, WHICH INCLUDE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 301 – PERMITTING AND ASSOCIATED FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 303 – HEARING BOARD FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 304 – EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND AMBIENT AIR ANALYSES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 304.1 – ANALYSES FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 306 – PLAN FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 307.1 – ALTERNATIVE FEES FOR AIR TOXICS EMISSIONS INVENTORY, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 308 – ON-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE MITIGATION OPTIONS FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 309 – FEES FOR REGULATION XVI AND REGULATION XXV, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 311 – AIR QUALITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 313 – AUTHORITY TO ADJUST FEES

AND DUE DATES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 314 – FEES FOR ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 315 – FEES FOR TRAINING CLASSES AND LICENSE RENEWAL, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 316 – FEES FOR RULE 2305, AND PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 316.2 – FEES FOR RULE 2306, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND

B. AMENDING REGULATION III – FEES, WHICH INCLUDES PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 301, 303, 304, 304.1, 306, 307.1, 308, 309, 311, 313, 314, 315, 316, AND 316.2.

2. APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S PROPOSED GOALS AND PRIORITY OBJECTIVES, AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2026-27;
3. REMOVE FROM RESERVES AND DESIGNATIONS ALL AMOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FY 2025-26 BUDGET;
4. APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE MAJOR OBJECTS FOR FY 2026-27 OF:

Salary and Employee Benefits	\$188,944,295
Services and Supplies	33,426,169
Capital Outlays	825,000
Transfers Out	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total	<u>\$225,195,464</u>

5. APPROVE REVENUES FOR FY 2026-27 OF \$223,895,464;
6. APPROVE THE DELETION OF FOUR NET AUTHORIZED/FUNDED POSITIONS AS DETAILED IN THE FY 2026-27 BUDGET; AND
7. APPROVE A PROJECTED JUNE 30, 2027 FUND BALANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

<b>Classification<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Reserves/Unreserved Designations</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Committed	Reserve for Encumbrances	\$22,500,000
Nonspendable	Reserve for Inventory of Supplies	80,000
Assigned	Designated for Enhanced Compliance Activities	883,018
Assigned	Designated for Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Obligations	2,952,496
Assigned	Designated for Permit Streamlining	234,159
Assigned	Designated for Self-Insurance	2,000,000
Assigned	Designated for Unemployment Claims	80,000
Total Reserved & Unreserved Designations		\$28,729,673
Unassigned	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$88,534,302

<sup>1</sup>The fund balance classifications of Committed, Nonspendable, Assigned, and Unassigned are established by the Government Accounting Standards Board 54.

8. APPROVE THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SALARY RESOLUTION ARTICLE 7 – DESIGNATED DEPUTY ANNUAL SALARIES.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Nguyen, Perez, and Rutland



31. Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1136; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan (**This item was continued from the April 3, 2026 Board Meeting**)

Staff recommended that this item be continued to the June 5, 2026 Board Meeting.

32. Annual Report on South Coast AQMD Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts for 2025

John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human Resources, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 32. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:23:27.

The following South Coast AQMD employees gave presentations to the Board on behalf of their respective bargaining units: Jennifer Nessler, Teamsters Local 986; and Lane Garcia, South Coast Professional Employees Association. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:26:10 & 2:34:11.

Mr. Olvera described the ongoing process for reviewing classifications in collaboration with the Teamsters and commented on some of the proposed classification changes that have been completed or currently under evaluation. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:30:55.

Board Member Padilla-Campos inquired about a target date for completing the classification revisions, and Supervisor Mitchell asked how to ensure regular classification and salary reviews to avoid long gaps in updates. Mr. Olvera explained what sets the progress and timelines of the classification studies and the factors that determine the priorities. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:31:42 & 2:32:28.

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

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, expressed appreciation for the presentations and commented on wages and equity for low- and middle-income workers, the importance of networking with renewable energy industries, and noted his long-

standing union membership. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:39:40.

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

(This was a receive and file item; no action was required from the Board.)

33. Approve Amendments to Executive Agreements with Executive Officer and General Counsel and Appropriate Funding for the FY 2026-27 Budget

John Olvera provided an oral report on Agenda Item No. 33. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:41:02.

In response to Vice Chair McCallon's inquiry, Mr. Olvera publicly disclosed the proposed increases to the compensation packages for the Executive Officer and General Counsel. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:41:33.

**Brown Act Disclosure:** John Olvera orally reported that the proposal for Agenda Item No. 33 impacts executive compensation, disclosed the proposed increases to the compensation packages, and noted that it seeks approval of an amendment to the executive agreements with the Executive Officer and the General Counsel. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:41:02.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 33. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

**Board Action (Item 33)**

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 33 AS RECOMMENDED AND:

1. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR COMPENSATION INCREASES. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE SHOWN IN ATTACHMENTS A AND B, RESPECTIVELY; AND
2. APPROPRIATE \$99,872 INTO THE FY 2026-27 BUDGET FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNDESIGNATED (UNASSIGNED) FUND BALANCE TO FUND THE COSTS OF THE AMENDMENTS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Nguyen, Perez, and Rutland



34. Amend Administrative Code and Adopt Resolution to Comply with SB 707 Requirements

General Counsel Gilchrist gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 34. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:44:34.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 34. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

**Board Action (Item 34)**

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY OLMOS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 34 AS RECOMMENDED AND:

1. AMEND SECTION 30 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (SOUTH COAST AQMD GOVERNING BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES) TO INCORPORATE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF SB 707 RELATING TO DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE, REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, AND DISRUPTIVE MEETING CONDUCT.
2. ADOPT RESOLUTION 26-12 RELATING TO THE REVISED TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lock Dawson, Nguyen, Perez, and Rutland



**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to closed session at 11:47 a.m. to discuss the following items.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, It is necessary to recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a) and § 54956.9(d)(1) to consider pending litigation:

- Cruz Lopez Parra v. South Coast Air Quality Management District & John David Eckert, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 25NNCV00710.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATING LITIGATION, It is also necessary to recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a) and § 54956.9(d)(4) to consider initiation of litigation (one case).

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, the meeting was adjourned by General Counsel Gilchrist at 12:32 p.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on May 1, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas  
Clerk of the Boards

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

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Michael A. Cacciotti, Chair

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**ACRONYMS**

- CAAP – Clean Air Action Plan
- CARB = California Air Resources Board
- CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
- FY = Fiscal Year
- MSRC = Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
- PAR = Proposed Amended Rule
- pCBtf = para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride
- t-Bac = tert-Butyl Acetate
- UV/EB/LED = Ultraviolet/Electron Beam/Light Emitting Diodes