

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 6, 2026

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the February 6, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas  
Clerk of the Boards

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 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

Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson  
Cities of Riverside County

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.)  
Senate Rules Committee Appointee

Supervisor Curt Hagman  
County of San Bernardino

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
County of Los Angeles

Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos  
Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos  
Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
County of Riverside

Councilmember Nithya Raman  
City of Los Angeles

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez  
Cities of Orange County

Cedric Jamie Rutland, MD FCCP  
Governor's Appointee

Absent: Supervisor Janet Nguyen  
County of Orange

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: Vice Chair Larry McCallon
- Roll Call

Mayor Lock Dawson, Senator (Ret.) Delgado, Board Member Padilla-Campos, Councilmember Raman, and Mayor Rodriguez arrived after roll call was taken.

- Opening Comments

Supervisor Perez, Vice Mayor Olmos, Mayor Rodriguez, and Mayor Lock Dawson provided opening comments. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 7:08.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri announced that there will be a mini technology showcase featuring clean technologies at the March Board meeting and announced that the applications are being accepted for the 2026 Summer Governing Board Internship Program. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 13:26.

Chair Cacciotti and Vice Chair McCallon commended Senator Delgado for her leadership, professionalism, and positive approach as Board Chair and honored her with a crystal vase and Resolution. Senator Delgado expressed gratitude for the recognition and acknowledged the working relationship she shares with Chair Cacciotti and Vice Chair McCallon. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 16:31.

- Swearing in of Chair and Vice Chair for the terms January 16, 2026 - January 15, 2028

Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado administered the oath of office to Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti as Chair and Councilmember Larry McCallon as Vice Chair, who were elected to serve terms ending January 15, 2028.

Chair Cacciotti thanked his fellow Board Members for entrusting him with the role of Chair and highlighted three areas of priority: expanding the agency's advanced air monitoring technologies; strengthening outreach to faith community leaders and public health professionals; and enhanced outreach efforts to commemorate South Coast AQMD's upcoming 50th Anniversary. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 25:13.

- Swearing in of Reappointed Board Member V. Manuel Perez and Newly Appointed Board Member Dr. Cedric Jamie Rutland

Chair Cacciotti administered the oath of office to Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, who was reappointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, to serve a term from January 16, 2026 to January 15, 2030; and Dr. Cedric Jamie Rutland, who was appointed by Governor Newsom, to fulfill a term expiring January 15, 2027.

Dr. Rutland introduced himself and described his approach to viewing air quality through the lens of human biology. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:02:17.

Board Members welcomed Dr. Rutland to the Board.

**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.

Heaven Denham, University of California, Riverside graduate student  
Fernando Marquez, Resident of Duarte  
Hope Furukawa, Inland Empire medical student  
Casey Gaughan, San Bernardino County medical student  
Ashley Jackson, California Environmental Voters and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition,  
Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice and Right to Zero  
Palash Mukherjee, Coalition for Clean Air  
Erika Ramirez-Mayoral, Green-MPNA  
Gary Stewart, internal medicine physician and Climate Health Now  
Jennifer De Tejada, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice

The above commenters highlighted:

- The importance of having Dr. Rutland's expertise on the Board;
- Urged meaningful NOx reductions in 2026;
- Importance of advancing zero-emission technologies for Rules 1146 and 1146.1;
- Concern that community comments have not been incorporated into the Cooperative Agreement for the CAAP Plus Measures; and
- Need to focus on reducing harmful air pollutants to protect public health.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 32:47.

Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, welcomed Dr. Rutland and emphasized the importance of implementing the Ports Cooperative Agreement and urged that the timeline for presenting a proposal on the CAAP Plus measures to the Board by June 2026 remain on track. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 40:41.

Several of the speakers thanked former Chair Delgado for her leadership, congratulated Chair Cacciotti and Vice Chair McCallon on their new leadership roles, acknowledged Supervisor Perez for his reappointment, and welcomed Dr. Rutland to the Board.

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

Written Comments Regarding Rule 1180.1 and Monitoring Gaps at 10844 Ellis Ave.

- Jared Kaye



**CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR**

**Items 1 through 3 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact**

1. Approve Minutes of January 9, 2026 Board Meeting
2. Set Public Hearing March 6, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:  
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
3. Annual Meeting of Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation

**Items 4 through 7 – Budget/Fiscal Impact**

4. Reallocate Funds, Amend and Execute Agreements and Contracts to support Ocean-Going Vessel Retrofit Projects
5. Execute Contracts to Evaluate Secondary Particulate Matter Emissions from Tire Off-Gassing, and On-Road Brake and Tire Wear Emissions from Light-, Medium-, and Heavy-Duty Vehicles
6. Issue Program Announcement for AB 617 Clean Community School Initiative and Transfer Funds for Development of AB 617 Grant Management System
7. Recognize Revenue from 2016 Settlement Agreement for World Logistics Center

**Items 7 through 14 – Information Only/Receive and File**

8. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
9. Hearing Board Report
10. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
11. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects
12. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
13. Status Report on Regulation XIII – New Source Review
14. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

**Items 15 through 19 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB**

*Note: The January MSRC and CARB Board meetings were cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the MSRC will be held on February 19, 2026.*

15. Administrative Committee
16. Legislative Committee

17. Mobile Source Committee
18. Stationary Source Committee
19. Technology Committee
20. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

There were no items deferred.

### **Disclosures**

Councilmember Raman reported that she does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 4 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles, which is involved in this item.

Vice Mayor Olmos recused herself from Agenda Item No. 2 because of a financial interest in Raytheon, which is materially affected by this item.

Mayor Lock Dawson 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 Board Member for CARB, which is involved in this item.



Supervisor Mitchell requested that settlement funds from the World Logistics Center (Agenda Item No. 7) be spent to benefit the communities affected by the World Logistics Center project and that staff work with the community and environmental justice organizations to leverage the best possible air pollution results for the surrounding community. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:04:26.

Supervisor Perez highlighted the importance of distributing settlement funds equitably to support both the communities adjacent to the WLC project and the broader communities that have also been affected. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:07:25.

Supervisor Mitchell clarified that her comments were intended to ensure funding is distributed to all communities affected by the development—not just those immediately adjacent. She requested that staff review the framework for the distribution of funds and return with a recommended process. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:12:34.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1-19. The following individuals addressed the Board.

#### **Agenda Item No. 3**

Jared Kaye, a Santa Ana resident, urged the Board not to dissolve the HEAP Foundation. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 1:13:36.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6**

Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice and Los Angeles County Electric Truck and Bus Coalition  
Joaquin Castillejos, CCAEJ

Marven Norman, CCAEJ  
Fernando Marquez Duarte  
Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association

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The above speakers expressed support for the investment in zero-emission school buses for AB 617 communities and the importance for South Coast AQMD to continue investing in zero-emissions technologies. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:16:54, 1:18:00, 1:18:38, 1:22:26, & 1:23:07.

**Agenda Item No. 2**

Rita Loof, RadTech International, requested that PAR 1124 exempt super compliant products and in the alternative, incorporate a definition for UV/EV/LED, and include a test method for thin films. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:19:26.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1-19.

**Written Comments in Support of Agenda Item No. 6 Issuance of #PA 2026-06 (Zero-Emission School Buses) Submitted by the Following Organizations:**

- One letter (2/4/26 ) signed by the following organizations: Yasmine Agelidis, Earthjustice; Adrian Martinez, Los Angeles County Electric Truck and Bus Coalition; Marven E. Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Jocelyn Del Real, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Joe Sullivan, IBEW Local 11 and NECA L.A.; Martin Barrera, Jobs to Move America; Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma; Peter M. Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition; Jennifer M. Cardenas, Sierra Club; Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association
- One letter (2/5/26) updating the 2/4/26 letter to add Jocelyn Del Real, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice to the above signatories.

**Written Comments Regarding Agenda Item No. 7 – World Logistics Center**

- Adrian Martinez and Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice



The Board voted separately on Agenda Item No. 2

**Board Action (Items 1 and 3-19)**

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY HAGMAN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 AND 3 THROUGH 19 AS RECOMMENDED, INCLUDING TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR COMMITTEES.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nguyen

**Board Action (Item 2)**

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY PEREZ TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 AS RECOMMENDED TO SET APRIL 3, 2026 AS THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1124 – AEROSPACE ASSEMBLY AND COMPONENT MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

RECUSE: Olmos

ABSENT: Nguyen



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

21. Background on State Implementation Plan Requirements (Presentation in Lieu of Board Letter) – *No Action Required*)

Sarah Rees, 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 1:25:51.

Supervisor Mitchell, Mayor Lock Dawson, Councilmember Raman, Supervisor Perez, Vice Chair McCallon, and Chair Cacciotti asked clarifying questions and provided comments. Dr. Rees and Executive Officer Nastri responded to the questions. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:51:26.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 21. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, highlighted the health risks and annual mortality rates associated with PM and NOx pollution. He also expressed concerns that the Solar New Deal was not evaluated. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning at 2:09:19.

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy, congratulated the new Board leadership and thanked former Chair Delgado for her leadership. He expressed concerns about the federal government's withdrawal of measures and highlighted that there are clean combustion options available and recommended looking at rules such as the WAIRE Program and

Ports Cooperative Agreement to leverage cleaner technologies that are options for fleets that will reduce NOx emissions and protect communities impacted by heavy-duty truck pollution. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:11:06.

Executive Officer Nastri acknowledged the issues raised by Mr. Campbell and noted that a meeting with CARB senior staff is scheduled later this month to discuss some of these issues. The Board will be provided with an update following that meeting. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:14:17.

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



### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to closed session at 11:13 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);
- Jason Konopisos and Tara Norris v. South Coast Air Quality Management District et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV12152; U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2:25-cv-05683;
- Center for Biological Diversity v. South Coast Air Quality Management District, Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Does 1 through 10, inclusive, Defendants; Harbor Commission of the Port of Los Angeles; Harbor Commission of the Port of Long Beach; Does 11-20, inclusive, Real Parties in Interest, Los Angeles Superior Court No. 25STCP04685 (challenge to Ports Cooperative Agreement).

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

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

- Agency Designated Representative: A. John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer – Administrative & Human Resources;
- Employee Organization(s): Teamsters Local 911, and South Coast AQMD Professional Employees Association; and
- Unrepresented Employees: Executive Officer, General Counsel, Designated Deputies and Management and Confidential employees.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to confer regarding performance evaluations, as specified below:

- Title: Executive Officer
- Title: General Counsel

Following closed session, General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist announced that that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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

AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan  
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  
NOx = Oxides of Nitrogen  
PAR = Proposed Amended Rule  
PM = Particulate Matter  
UV/EB/LED = Ultraviolet, Electron Beam, and Light-Emitting Diode  
WAIRE = Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions