

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 6, 2026

AGENDA NO. 19

REPORT: Technology Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Technology Committee held a hybrid meeting on Friday, February 20, 2026. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Carlos Rodriguez,
Committee Chair
Technology Committee

AK:psc

Call to Order

Committee Chair Carlos Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members

Present: Mayor Carlos Rodriguez, Committee Chair
Supervisor Curt Hagman
Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson
Councilmember Larry McCallon
Supervisor Janet Nguyen

Absent: Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos

For additional details of the Technology Committee Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Amend Contracts and Add Funds to Contractor Contracts for Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program Implementation

Victor Juan, Program Supervisor, Technology Advancement Office, presented on the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, branded as Replace Your Ride. The program utilizes consultant support for participant application evaluation, outreach, and education. Consultants were selected through a competitive process by a panel of subject matter experts. Additional funding is needed for case management consultants as a result of a surge of applications received in late summer 2025 and while new case management consultant contracts are put into place through RFP 2026-05, which closed in December 2025. This action is to amend contracts with the Foundation for California Community Colleges, Center for Sustainable Energy, and Green Paradigm Consulting, Inc. to add a total of up to \$1,000,000 from HEROS II Special Revenue Fund to continue support of Replace Your Ride implementation. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 3:33.

Moved by Hagman; seconded by McCallon; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Lock Dawson, McCallon, Nguyen, Rodriguez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Padilla-Campos

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

Vasileios Papapstolou, Planning & Rules Manager, Technology Advancement Office, presented on the Clean Fuels Program 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Plan Update, Resolution and Membership Changes for Clean Fuels Advisory Group. Each year by March 31, South Coast AQMD must submit to the California Legislative Analyst an approved Annual Report for the past year and a Plan Update for the current calendar year for the Clean Fuels Program. These actions are to: 1) approve and adopt the Technology Advancement Clean Fuels Program 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Plan Update; 2) adopt the Resolution finding that proposed projects do not duplicate any past or present programs; 3) approve and adopt membership changes to the SB 98 Clean Fuels Advisory Group; and 4) receive and file membership changes to the Technology Advancement Advisory Group. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 6:55.

Mayor Lock Dawson commented on adding Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) representative to the Technology Advancement Advisory Group. Dr. Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer, Technology Advancement Office, stated that SoCal Gas already had an existing representative on the Advisory Group

and this was a replacement member. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 24:22.

Committee Chair Rodriguez requested that the report note how success is measured and any implications for emission reductions before the Governing Board meeting. Dr. Katzenstein explained that emission reductions would not be the best measure of success for the Clean Fuels program as it is focused on research and development, and that a better measure of success might be highlighting how projects become commercially available. Committee Chair Rodriguez asked additional clarifying questions about promising emerging technologies. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 25:56.

Mayor Lock Dawson shared her interest in hydrogen technologies and noted two companies that have headquartered in Riverside: Voltu and Chaevi. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 29:20.

Moved by McCallon; seconded by Hagman; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Lock Dawson, McCallon, Nguyen, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Padilla-Campos

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

3. Presentation on Joby Aviation’s electric Vertical Take Off and Landing (eVTOL) Technology

Ryan Brodley, Joby Aviation, presented Joby Aviation’s electric Vertical Take Off and Landing (eVTOL) technology and the upcoming launch of electric air taxi services. This new era of flight aims to transform mobility using zero operating emission aircraft across the South Coast Air Quality Management District. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 31:10.

Supervisor Hagman inquired about fast charging infrastructure availability at airports, and encouraged Joby to participate with the city and county to address future energy needs. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 39:50.

Mayor Lock Dawson, Committee Chair Rodriguez, and Vice Chair McCallon asked a series of questions about logistics, use of the technology, TSA, cost, and FAA. Vice Chair McCallon invited Joby to participate in the March Technology Showcase. Mr. Brody responded to all of the questions. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 41:45.

OTHER MATTERS:

4. Other Business

Supervisor Hagman inquired about small modular reactors. Dr. Katzenstein mentioned that we might bring a presentation before the committee in near future. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 50:52.

Mayor Lock Dawson commented that she is now South Coast AQMD's representative to CARB. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 51:34.

5. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026, at noon.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Attachment

Attendance Record

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**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Attendance Record – February 20, 2026**

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| Mayor Carlos Rodriguez | South Coast AQMD Board Member |
| Supervisor Curt Hagman | South Coast AQMD Board Member |
| Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson | South Coast AQMD Board Member |
| Councilmember Larry McCallon | South Coast AQMD Board Member |
| Supervisor Janet Nguyen | South Coast AQMD Board Member |
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| Erin Sheehy | Board Consultant/Assistant (Rodriguez) |
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| Ryan Brodley | Joby Aviation |
| Rob Del Core | Greenumerix |
| Jessie Denver | Governor’s Office |
| Jacquelyn Zamora | Public Member |
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| Debra Ashby | South Coast AQMD Staff |
| Cesar Ayala | South Coast AQMD Staff |
| Luisa Bautista | South Coast AQMD Staff |
| Cindy Bustillos | South Coast AQMD Staff |
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| Sheri Hanizavareh | South Coast AQMD Staff |
| Anissa Cessa Heard-Johnson | South Coast AQMD Staff |
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