

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO. 27

REPORT: California Air Resources Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: The California Air Resources Board held a Board meeting on March 26, 2026. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Patricia Lock Dawson, Member
South Coast AQMD Governing Board

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The March 26, 2026 Board meeting of the California Air Resources Board (Board) was held in Sacramento, California at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building. The key items presented are summarized below.

CONSENT ITEMS

26-2-1: Public Meeting to Consider the 2026 Updates to Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the San Joaquin Valley 75 parts per billion Ozone State Implementation Plan

The Board adopted the 2026 Updates to Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the San Joaquin Valley 75 parts per billion Ozone State Implementation Plan (2026 Budget Update). The updated budgets were developed using CARB's most recently approved motor vehicle emissions model, EMFAC2021. The 2026 Budget Update was necessary to account for increases in pollutant emissions projected by EMFAC2021 in certain years. These increased emissions resulted from changes in emissions factors compared to the previously approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in the San Joaquin Valley 75 parts per billion Ozone State Implementation Plan.

26-2-3: Public Hearing to Consider Proposal to Permanently Adopt the Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations

The Board permanently adopted the Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations that were initially adopted by CARB under its emergency rulemaking authority on September 15, 2025. The Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations clarify that earlier, long-standing, regulations

remain operative as previously adopted. These long-standing regulations were displaced when CARB approved the Advanced Clean Cars II and On-Road Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus regulations. Although U.S. EPA had granted California's requests for waivers from federal preemption under section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act for these programs, on June 12, 2025, President Donald Trump signed congressional resolutions purporting to disapprove these requests. The Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations were therefore necessary to reaffirm that the previous regulations remain in effect.

South Coast AQMD Staff Comments/Testimony: Staff presented testimony in support of adopting the Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations. Staff highlighted the challenge of meeting state and federal air quality obligations due to changes at the federal level. The proposal adds some certainty for mobile source regulations and continued collaboration on mobile source strategies is needed to achieve air quality standards and protect public health.

DISCUSSION ITEM

26-2-2: Public Meeting to Consider Criteria Pollutant Planning Efforts

The Board heard an update on criteria pollutant planning efforts in response to the damage federal actions have caused to California's clean air progress and approved a resolution directing staff to prepare and transmit a memo to the Board. The memo will provide additional details on regulations and policies, along with their potential estimated criteria pollutant emissions reduction benefits, that can support attainment of ozone and particulate matter standards. Over the past year, California's clean air efforts have been undermined by unprecedented federal interference, including the illegal attempts to disapprove three previously issued federal waivers that allow the state to implement major vehicle and engine emissions control programs. In response to these federal actions, CARB staff continue to explore concepts for additional regulations for new vehicles and in-use programs to reduce emissions from existing vehicle and equipment fleets. This work includes the Drive Forward initiative, following direction in Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-27-25, which reaffirms the state's commitment to zero emission vehicle deployment and directs CARB to initiate development of next generation clean car requirements. Staff is also continuing to explore additional concepts for new vehicle regulations and in use programs aimed at reducing emissions from the on-road fleet.

Attachment

CARB March 26, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Public Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 26, 2026, @ 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Webinar: [Register](#)
Phone Number: (855) 758-1310
Webinar ID: 881 5429 2361

California Environmental Protection Agency

1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
[Webcast](#) (Livestream/Watch Only)



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To only watch the Board Meeting and not provide verbal comments, please view the [webcast](#). If you do not wish to provide oral comments, we strongly recommend watching the webcast as this will free up space on the webinar for those who are providing oral comments. Please do not view the webcast and then switch over to the webinar to comment as the webcast will have a time delay; instead, register to participate via the Zoom webinar.

Public Comment Guidelines and Information

- [In-Person Public Testimony](#)
- [Remote Public Participation](#)

The Board will set a two-minute time limit on oral comments; however, the amount of time could change at the Chair's discretion. In-person speakers signed up to comment will be called upon first, followed by public Zoom and phone participants wishing to comment. The Chair may close speaker sign-ups 30 minutes after the public comment portion of an item has begun.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Spanish interpretation will be available for the March 26, Board Meeting

- [Agenda de la Reunión Pública](#)
- [Spanish Webcast](#)

Thursday, March 26, 2026, @ 9:00 a.m.

Hard copies of the Public Agenda and Proposed Resolutions (when applicable) will be provided at the meeting; copies of all other documents linked below will only be available upon request.

Consent Items:

26-2-1: Public Meeting to Consider the 2026 Updates to Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the San Joaquin Valley 75 parts per billion Ozone State Implementation Plan

The Board will consider adoption of the Updated State Implementation Plan Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the San Joaquin Valley for the 75 parts per billion 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The proposed budgets are set based on CARB's Motor Vehicle Emissions Model most recently approved by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), EMFAC2021, in order to accommodate increases in certain pollutants in certain years due to changes in emissions factors compared to the prior versions of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Model, coupled with impacts from recent adverse federal actions.

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- [Item Summary](#)
- [Proposed Resolution](#)
- [Staff Report](#)
- [Submit and View Written Comments](#)

26-2-3: Public Hearing to Consider Proposal to Permanently Adopt the Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations

The Board will consider permanently adopting the Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations that CARB adopted via Emergency Rulemaking in September 2025 and that became effective October 2, 2025. The Emergency Vehicle Emissions Regulations proposal would adopt regulations that clarify that earlier regulations (displaced by the Advanced Clean Cars II and On-Road Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus regulations) remain operative (as previously adopted). The hearing to consider these proposed amendments was postponed on November 7, 2025. [See Notice of Postponement](#) and [Notice of Rescheduled Hearing](#) on the Formal Rulemaking Page, linked below.

- [Formal Rulemaking Page](#)
- [Item Summary](#)
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Discussion Item:

26-2-2: Public Meeting to Consider Criteria Pollutant Planning Efforts

The Board will hear an update on and consider criteria pollutant planning efforts in response to the damage that the federal government has caused to clean air efforts in California.

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Closed Session

The Board may hold a closed session as authorized by Government Code section 11126(e) to confer with, and receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding the following pending litigation, potential litigation on additional challenges to federal decisions regarding waivers and authorizations, and other matters as authorized by Government Code section 11126(e)(2)(B) or (C):

American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce v. Engine Manufacturers Association, et al. (United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, Case No. 3:24-cv-50504)

American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, et al. v. Steven S. Cliff, et al. (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:24-cv-00988-KJM-JDP)

American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 25-89)

American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 25-106)

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers and Energy Marketers of America v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, Case No. 25-1084); *Outdoor Power Equipment Institute v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case. Nos. 25-881 and 25-1481)

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers and the American Waterways Operators v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 25-1088) and *American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers and the American Waterways Operators v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al.* (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 25-1615)

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 25-1089 United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 25-1614)

Association of American Railroads, et al. v. Randolph, et al. (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:23-cv-01154-JAM-JDP)

California Air Resources Board v. Daimler Truck North America LLC, et al. (Superior Court of California, Alameda County, Case No. 25CV151420)

California Air Resources Board v. Noil Energy Group, Inc. and Speedy Fuel Inc. (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 2OSTCV30142 and Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 2OSTCV30292; California Court of Appeal, Second District, Case No. B339478)

California Trucking Association v. California Air Resources Board (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:23-cv-02333-TLN-CKD)

Chamber of Commerce of the United States et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 2:24-cv-00801)

City of Los Angeles, acting by and through its Department of Water and Power v. California Air Resources Board (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCP01428)

Committee for a Better Arvin, et al v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 24-7270)

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 24-1050)

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 24-1087)

Communities for a Better Environment v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 24CECG05430); *Defensores del Valle Central para el Aire y Agua Limpio et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al.* (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 24CECG05508); *Growth Energy v. California Air Resources Board, et al.* (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 24CECG05514)

Daimler, et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:25-cv-02255-DC-AC)

Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC, et al., v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Supreme Court, Case No. 24-7, certiorari granted from *Ohio, et al., v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al.* (United States United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 22-1081, consolidated with Case Nos. 22-1083, 22-1084, and 22-1085)

Environmental Defense Fund, et al. v. Andrew Wheeler, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1360)

Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (San Luis Obispo County Superior Court, Case No. 17CV-0576) and *Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Air Resources Board, et al.* (United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 2:17-cv-8733)

Government Accountability and Oversight v. California Air Resources Board (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV012372)

GreenPower Motor Company, Inc. v. California Air Resources Board (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 23WM000083)

Natural Resources Defense Council v. National Highway Traffic Safety Admin., et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 22-1080, consolidated with Case Nos. 22-1144 and 22-1145)

Outdoor Power Equipment Institute v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case Nos. 25-881 and 25-1481)

People v. Southern California Gas Company (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC602973)

Ryan Murray Partners, Inc. v. California Air Resources Board (Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, Case No. 25CV005264)

South Coast Air Quality Management District v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 20STCP02985; transferred to San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 37 2021 00023385 CU TT CTL; California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1, Case. No. D080902)

Specialty Equipment Market Association, et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:24-cv-02771-TLN-AC)

State of California, et al. v. David Bernhardt, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, 472 F. Supp. 3d 573 (N.D. Cal. 2020) Case No. 3:18-cv-5712-DMR; BLM, Wyoming, and industry appeal to United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 20-16793)

State of California, et al. v. United States, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 4:25-cv-04966)

State of California, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1034, consolidated with *California Communities Against Toxics, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*, Case No. 21-1024)

State of California, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1014)

State of California, et al. v. Wheeler, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 20-1167; consolidated under No. 20-1145, with Nos. 20-1168, 20-1169, 20-1173, 20-1174, 20-1176, and 20-1177)

State of Nebraska, et al. v. Steven S. Cliff, et al. (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:24-cv-01364-TLN-CKD)

State of Nebraska, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 24-1129; consolidated with Case Nos. 24-1133, 24-1157, 24-1207, 24-1208, 24-1209, 24-1210, and 24-1214)

State of New York, et al. v. U. S Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 21-1028)

State of North Dakota v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 15-1381)

State of North Dakota, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 16-1242)

State of Texas, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 22-1031 consolidated with Case Nos. 22-1032, 22-1033, 22-1034, 22-1035, 22-1036, 22-1038)

State of Texas, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 24-1054)

State of West Virginia, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al. (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 24-1120)

State of West Virginia, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 24-1009)

The Two Hundred for Homeownership, Robert Apodaca, and Jose Antonio Ramirez v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Fresno, Case No. 1:22-cv-01474-KES-BAM)

United States of America and United States Department of Transportation v. California Air Resources Board and Steven S. Cliff (United States District Court, Eastern District of California, 2:26-cv-00847-DJC-SCR)

Western Propane Gas Association v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 24CECG03716)

Western States Petroleum Association v. California Air Resources Board, et al. (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 22CECG03603)

Western States Petroleum Association v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 25-1080)

Western States Petroleum Association v. California Air Resources Board (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 23CECG02976)

Western States Trucking Association v. California Air Resources Board (Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 23CECG02964)

Western States Trucking Association, Inc. and Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition, Inc. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 23-1148)

Opportunity for Members of the Board to Comment on Matters of Interest

Board members may identify matters they would like to have noticed for consideration at future meetings and comment on topics of interest; no formal action on these topics will be taken without further notice.

Open Session to Provide an Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Board on Subject Matters within the Jurisdiction of the Board

Although no formal Board action may be taken, the Board is allowing an opportunity to interested members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the Board's jurisdiction, but that do not specifically appear on the agenda. Each person will be allowed a maximum of two minutes to ensure that everyone has a chance to speak. The public will also have an opportunity to *submit written comments* for open session the morning of the Board Meeting.

Other Information

Submit and View Comments Electronically the Day of the Board Meeting

Please Note: PowerPoint presentations to be displayed during public comment at the Board meeting must be electronically submitted via email to the Clerks' Office at cotb@arb.ca.gov no later than noon on the business day prior to the scheduled Board Meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerks' Office:

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