BOARD MEETING DATE: November 6, 2026 AGENDA NO. 16

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of September 1 through September 30, 2026.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Micah Ali
Hearing Board Chair

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Attached are the following summaries: **September 2026 Hearing Board Cases,** and **Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from September 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026**. A **Rule Index** with the applicable South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations for **September 2026** are also attached.

There was one (1) appeal filed during the period of September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

Report of September 2026 Hearing Board Cases

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
1. Darling Ingredients, Inc. Case No. 4061-15 (K. Roberts)	203(b) 204 415(e) 2004	The petitioner sought a temporary variance to complete planned maintenance on its thermal oxidizer without facing enforcement action from the respondent for permit violations.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV granted commencing 9/22/2026 and continuing through 12/20/2026.	VOC: 89.28 lbs/day
2. Ecology Recycling Services, LLC dba AIM Recycling Colton Case No. 6299-1 (N. Dwyer)	203(b) 1155(d)(3) 1155(d)(10)	The petitioner requested an emergency variance after a sudden equipment breakdown disabled their dust collection system, protecting them from non-compliance penalties by the respondent.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte EV granted commencing 9/24/2026 and continuing through 10/7/2026.	PM: 30.16 lbs/day VOC: 1.768 lbs/day
3. South Coast AQMD vs. Western Municipal Water District Case No. 6240-1 (Consent Calendar)	1196(d) 1196(e)	The petitioner and the respondent agreed to modify an existing abatement order to establish a legally binding, multi-year schedule for bringing the water district's heavy-duty fleet into compliance.	Stipulated/Issued	Mod O/A issued commencing 9/17/2026. The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction over this matter until 12/31/2029.	N/A
4. Verizon Wireless, San Sevaine Case No. 6139-11 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	The petitioner secured a regular variance allowing them to test emergency backup generators beyond standard limits without violating rules enforced by the respondent.	Not Opposed/Granted	RV granted commencing 9/22/2026 and continuing through 12/31/2026, the FCD.	VOC: 12.61 lbs/day SOx: 0.1 lbs/day CO: 16.81 lbs/day PM; 1.38 lbs/day NOx: 12.61 lbs/day

Acronyms

CO: Carbon Monoxide
EV: Emergency Variance
FCD: Final Compliance Date
ICE: Internal Combustion Engine
Mod O/A: Modification of Order for Abatement
N/A: Not Applicable
NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen
PM: Particulate Matter
RV: Regular Variance
SOx: Oxides of Sulfur
SV: Short Variance
VOC: Volatile Organic Compound

Rules from which Variances and Orders for Abatement were Requested in 2026

Rules	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Actions
109(c)(1)								1					1
201								1					1
202(a)				1			1	1					3
203	1					1							2
203(a)					2		1	2					5
203(b)	4	3	4	4	6	5	8	1	3				38
204									1				1
218.1(b)(4)(C)			1										1
219(d)(5)(H)					1								1
401(b)(1)							1	1					2
401(b)(2)				1									1
402	1			1		1		1					4
407(a)				1			1	1					3
415(e)									1				1
430				1									1
431.1	1					1							2
1110.2(c)(19)					1								1
1135(d)(1)(B)		1											1
1147(d)					1								1
1147(d)(5)				1									1
1147(d)(7)				1									1
1147(e)(2)(A)(i)				1									1
1147(h13)(A)				1									1
1150	1					1							2
1153.1	1												1
1155(d)(3)									1				1
1155(d)(10)									1				1
1189(e)(1)					1								1
1196(d)									1				1
1196(d)(1)			1				1						2
1196(e)									1				1
1303(a)(1)			1										1
1303(a)(2)			1										1
1304(a)(4)						1							1
1402(d)(2)				1									1
1407.1(d)(1)				1									1
1407.1(d)(5)(C)													0
1420	1												1
1469(k)(2)(C)						1							1
1469(w)(2)(B)						1							1
1469(x)(1)						1							1
1470(c)(4)(A)					1								1
1703(a)(2)			1										1
2004(f)(1)	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	1				15
2005(b)(1)(A)			1										1

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Rules	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**April**	**May**	**June**	**July**	**Aug**	**Sept**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Total Actions**
3002	1					1							2
3002(c)(1)	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	1					14
CA H&S §41700				1		1		1					3
CA H&S §41701	1			1									2

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