

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 2, 2026

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the September 4, 2026 Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the September 4, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 (Arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
County of Los Angeles

Supervisor Janet Nguyen
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 9:15 a.m.)
Cities of Orange County

Cedric Jamie Rutland, MD FCCP
Governor's Appointee

Absent: Councilmember Adrin Nazarian
City of Los Angeles
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
County of Riverside

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 9:02 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Lock Dawson
- Roll Call

Supervisor Mitchell and Mayor Rodriguez arrived after roll call.

- Opening Comments

Mayor Lock Dawson reported that she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on August 31, 2026 for the Riverside Transit Agency's unveiling of a new hydrogen fueling station and its first zero-emission, hydrogen-powered buses.

Chair Cacciotti shared photos from a community outreach event at Our Lady of Victory in Boyle Heights regarding the Lineage Logistics fire. He also shared a photo of a gardener from his neighborhood interested in the Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment rebate program.

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri provided updates on the date and time of the Governing Board Retreat and September 11 Board Committee meetings, the status of the Lineage Logistics food waste removal, and the Go Zero Pilot Incentive Program.

Supervisor Mitchell thanked staff for their work in East Los Angeles and Boyle Heights on the Lineage warehouse fire and recovery efforts and suggested opening the summer internship program to community members and advocates.

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

The General Public Comment Period for matters not on the agenda was opened. The following individuals addressed the Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 16:58.

Tris Carpenter, labor relations consultant for the South Coast Professional Employees Association, commented on rising health insurance premiums outpacing South Coast AQMD contributions and urged for increasing the employer contribution amount to reduce employee cost burdens. *[Note: The subject of Mr. Carpenter's remarks pertains to an item listed in the Closed Session portion of the agenda.]*

Jon G. Dickason, Quantum Environmental Testing, Inc., raised his continued concerns regarding enforcement actions taken by South Coast AQMD staff and requirements related to its asbestos rule and the resulting impacts on his clients. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 20:19.

Marven Norman, Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) and San Bernardino resident

Jennifer De Tejada, CCA EJ, SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition and San Bernardino resident

Greg Good, Good Strategy on behalf of South Coast Clean Building Coalition, and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition

John McKenna, Parent of a young child

Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition

Vanessa Rivas Villanueva, Earthjustice and SoCal Clean Manufacturing Coalition

Catalina Gonzalez, San Gabriel Valley resident

Akanksha Mathur, Elephant Energy

Comments from the above speakers included the following:

- Expressed strong support for the Go Zero Incentive Program and encouraged increased, potentially permanent funding and program expansion.
- Urged the Board to consider creating a similar incentive program for industrial equipment.
- One speaker raised concerns about Metrolink service reductions ahead of the 2028 Olympics.

Denise Cochran, Tustin resident, expressed concerns about the temporary suspension of the Replace Your Ride Program. She urged the Board to direct staff to explain when the suspension will be lifted and how valid vouchers will be managed and protected from expiration. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 34:56.

Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association, expressed support for the Go Zero Incentive program and advocated for the elimination of the methyl bromide. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 40:29.

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

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Residential Lawn & Garden Equipment Rebate Program

- David Shane Adamson

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Irvine Unified School District Transportation Plan

- Brian Demsky, Irvine

Written Comments Submitted Regarding South Coast AQMD Inspector

- Amed Franco

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Support for Addendum to Port Cooperative Agreement

- Anthony Otto, Long Beach Container Terminal

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Rule 1403 Compliance and Asbestos Concerns

-Christopher Ponce and Jason Brown, Los Angeles

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Support for Rules 1146 and 1146.1

- C.Y., Sacramento

Vice Chair McCallon thanked staff for their dedication and hard work and recognized the Office of Compliance & Enforcement for their challenging role in protecting public health across the agency's four-county jurisdiction.



CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes of September 4, 2026 Board Meeting
2. Set Public Hearings October 2, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1143; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Item 3 through 14 – Budget/Fiscal Impact

3. Execute Contract to Study Durable Fuel Cell Membrane Electrode Assemblies for Heavy-Duty Vehicles
4. Execute Contracts to Deploy Class 8 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Drayage Trucks
5. Issue Program Announcement and Execute Contracts for Proposition 1B – Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program
6. Recognize Revenue, Execute Contracts for Battery Electric Class 8 Trucks and Charging Infrastructure to Implement INVEST CLEAN and Transfer Funds for ELECTRIC
7. Approve Additional Funds for Residential Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Rebate Program
8. Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment for Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations Program
9. Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, and Issue Purchase Order for Air Monitoring Equipment for National Air Toxic Trends Station Network Program
10. Issue Program Announcement for Zero-Emission Trucks and Zero-Emission Infrastructure for Year 2026 Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions Mitigation Program
11. Execute Contract for Three-Year Service Agreement for South Coast AQMD Access to Online Legal Research Libraries

12. Amend Contract to Provide Short- and Long-Term Systems Development, Maintenance and Support Services
13. Execute Contracts for Legislative Representation in Sacramento, California
14. Approve New and Modified Awards as Approved by MSRC

Items 15 through 24 – 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 Regulation XIII - New Source Review
21. Audit Reports of AB 2766 Fee Revenue Recipients for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and 2023
22. Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in September
23. FY 2025-26 Contract Activity
24. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

Items 25 through 30 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB

Note: CARB did not hold a meeting in August.

25. Administrative Committee
26. Legislative Committee
27. Mobile Source Committee
28. Stationary Source Committee
29. Technology Committee
30. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
31. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6, and 10 were pulled.

Disclosures

Supervisor Mitchell reported that she does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 14 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Board Member for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is involved in this item.

Mayor Lock Dawson reported that she does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 14 but is required to identify for the record that she is the Mayor of the City of Riverside, which is involved in this item.

Supervisor Hagman reported that he does not have a financial interest in Agenda Item No. 6 but is required to identify for the record that he is a Supervisor for the County of San Bernadino, which is involved in this item.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1-30, except Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6, and 10. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1-30, except Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6, and 10.



Board Action (Items 1-30, except Items 4, 6, & 10)

MOVED BY MITCHELL AND SECONDED BY LOCK DAWSON TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 30, EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM NOS. 4, 6, AND 10, AS RECOMMENDED INCLUDING TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR THE BOARD COMMITTEES AND MSRC.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nazarian and Perez

31. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar
Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6, and 10 were pulled

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6, and 10. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 6

Carolyn Essex, Long Beach resident and State Assembly District 69 candidate, expressed support for the funding and investments proposed in Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 6. She emphasized the importance of providing residents with workforce development opportunities to support the new technologies and ensuring that local communities can benefit economically in the industries and technologies these investments are helping to create. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 52:54.

Agenda Item No. 10

Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice, expressed support for funding projects in communities near warehouses that focuses on zero-emissions technologies to address warehouse pollution. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 55:35.

Marven Norman expressed support for the progress of the WAIRE program and that funds are available to help clean up warehouse pollution. He urged keeping the eligibility for funding limited to zero-emission technologies to ensure that the projects funded result in actual emission reductions.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6, and 10.

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Support for Agenda Item No. 10

- One letter signed by the following organizations: Adrian Martinez and Regina Hsu, Earthjustice; Marven Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Paola Vargas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council; Jennifer Cardenas, Sierra Club; Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association

Written Comments Submitted Agenda Item No. 28 – Update on Go Zero Pilot Incentive Program

- One letter signed by the following organizations: Adrian Martinez and Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; David Diaz, Active SGV; Yassi Kavezade, Building Decarbonization Coalition; Ashley Jackson, California Environmental Voters; Catalina Gonzalez, Center for Progressive Reform; Ayn Craciun, Climate Action Campaign; Lisa Swanson, Climate Reality Project Orange County Chapter; Chris/Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air; Akanksha Mathur, Elephant Energy; Kenneth Galbraith and Wendy Salvador, Green House South LA; Teresa Cheng, Industrious Labs; Pete Marsh, Andrew Ellis, and Andrew Hattala, Los Angeles Climate Reality Project; Richard Parks, Redeemer Community Partnership; Sharon Ungersma, San Fernando Valley Climate Reality Project; Kim Orbe, Sierra Club

Written Comments Submitted Regarding Agenda Item Nos. 5, 6, 7, 10, and 14 - Support for Zero-Emission Investments

- Adrian Martinez, Right to Zero



Board Action (Items 4, 6, & 10)

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 4, 6, AND 10, AS RECOMMENDED.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nazarian and Perez



PUBLIC HEARINGS

32. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 461; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 32. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 59:03.

Supervisor Hagman asked whether the updated rule language provides enough flexibility to adapt recordkeeping requirements as new technologies emerge, and emphasized the need for rule updates to account for future technological advancements. Mr. Krause noted that staff is already seeing businesses transition to modernized recordkeeping systems. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 59:03.

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

Board Action (Item 32)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 32 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-21:

1. DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 461 – GASOLINE TRANSFER AND DISPENSING IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT;
2. AMENDING RULE 461 – GASOLINE TRANSFER AND DISPENSING; AND
3. DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 461 FOR INCLUSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nazarian and Perez

33. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1157 – PM10 Emission Reductions From Aggregate and Related Operations, Is Exempt From CEQA; and Amend Rule 1157

Michael Krause gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 33. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:06:33.

Supervisor Hagman cautioned that overly prescriptive rules can limit flexibility and hinder achieving intended results and suggested focusing on outcomes with room to tailor requirements to different situations. Mr. Krause explained that the rulemaking process allows staff to balance flexibility with operational needs while maintaining the intended outcomes. Staff also commented on the agency's approach to assessing and using new technologies. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:22:10 & 1:29:54.

Dr. Rutland viewed the rule as a positive step and inquired about the proportion of particulate emissions consisting of PM2.5 versus PM10, how emission reductions would be measured, and how the health benefits to nearby communities would be assessed. Staff clarified the sources of particulate matter and its potential impact on surrounding communities, and approaches and technologies used to monitor emissions and potential community impacts. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:25:15.

Mayor Olmos asked about sensitive receptor areas and potential overlap between Rule 403 and Rule 1157. Mr. Krause explained the definition of sensitive receptors, as well as what sources fall within that designation, and the relationship between the two rules. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:32:02.

Board Member Padilla-Campos thanked staff for the proposed amendments, highlighted longstanding negative impacts on Sun Valley residents, and asked about the compliance timeline. Mayor Rodriguez characterized the amendment as a step in the right direction, highlighted the need for clear, feasible requirements, and inquired about industry concerns that additional time may be needed to fully understand the new requirements. Staff noted the effective date of PAR 1157, explained industry concerns that were addressed during the rulemaking process, and clarified the purpose for having meetings post-adoption of PAR 1157. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:33:37 & 1:35:42.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item No. 33. The following individuals addressed the Board.

Suzanne Seivright-Sutherland, CalCIMA, thanked staff for their engagement during the rulemaking process and expressed concerns that time to evaluate industry proposed solutions was limited. She commented on existing industry practices for removing fine material that could serve as potential compliance pathways warranting further technical evaluation, questioned the enforcement of existing rule requirements and how unpermitted off grid operations will be addressed, and requested clarification on the definition of material spillage. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:41:58.

Michael Lewis, Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition, commended staff's efforts and understanding of the industry's variable, dynamic operations and recommended that staff develop a standard reporting form for consistent recordkeeping. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:44:22.

Ambar Rivera, Communities for a Better Environment, thanked staff for updating the rule, expressed concerns that parks and green spaces are not included as sensitive receptors. She encouraged the use of fenceline monitoring for this rule to track health impacts on communities. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:46:33.

Mariam, a community member, commended staff for strengthening the rule and emphasized that coordinated enforcement is important to its effectiveness. She highlighted the need for better alignment between South Coast AQMD and local permitting agencies on permitting and enforcement and urged stronger coordination to ensure the rule effectively protects communities. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:48:43.

There being no further comments, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item No. 33.

Written Comments Submitted Supporting PAR 1157

- City Manager John Moreno, City of Paramount

Written Comments Submitted Regarding PAR 1157 Remaining Issues

- Suzanne Seivright-Sutherland, California Construction and Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA)

In response to Chair Cacciotti, Mr. Krause acknowledged concerns raised by the community regarding where facilities get sited and clarified that South Coast AQMD does not have land use authority to control siting decisions but can provide comments on environmental impacts through the CEQA process. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:50:42.

Mayor Rodriguez asked whether concerns regarding compliance options for open storage piles and the associated recordkeeping requirements had been addressed. Mayor Lock Dawson asked whether staff can work with stakeholders to develop a standardized recordkeeping form. Mr. Krause explained that concerns regarding open storage piles had been addressed and that misunderstandings about recordkeeping had been clarified. Staff pointed out examples in the staff report to assist with recordkeeping requirements and confirmed their commitment to continue working with stakeholders on this issue. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:51:32 & 1:56:27.

Board Action (Item 33)

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO. 33 AS RECOMMENDED AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-22:

1. DETERMINING THAT PAR 1157 – PM10 EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM AGGREGATE AND RELATED OPERATIONS IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND
2. AMENDING RULE 1157 – PM10 EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM AGGREGATE AND RELATED OPERATIONS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nazarian and Perez



CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 10:57 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:

- Chanell Monique Scott v. South Coast Air Quality Management District, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No.: 25AVCV00502; and
- People ex rel. South Coast Air Quality Management District v. Chiquita Canyon, LLC et al., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 26STCV15409. regarding enforcement of public nuisance and related violations at Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

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:

- People ex rel. San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District v. Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc., Fifth District Court of Appeal No. F089820 (proposed amicus).

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 986, and South Coast AQMD Professional Employees Association; and
- Unrepresented Employees: Executive Officer, General Counsel, Designated Deputies and Management and Confidential employees.

Written Comments Submitted Regarding South Coast AQMD Trends in Healthcare Premiums and Benefits Cap

- South Coast Professional Employees Association (SC-PEA)

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 Boards.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on September 4, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Michael A. Cacciotti, Chair

ACRONYMS

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

PR = Proposed Rule