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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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❖ Jennier De Tejada – San Bernardino County
Joshua Scheel – San Bernardino County
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez – San Bernardino County

❖ New YLAC Member

* Alternate Member

February 18, 2026 ♦ 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Young Leaders Advisory Council will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 through in-person attendance in the Conference Room CC-8 at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1-4)

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| 1. Welcome and Agenda Overview (5 min)
<i>(No Motion Required)</i>
Welcoming remarks and overview of the February 19, 2026 agenda and introduction of what our division does. | Dr. Anissa Cessa
Heard- Johnson
Deputy Executive
Officer |
| 2. Introductions (20 Min)
<i>(No Motion Required)</i>
YLAC members and South Coast AQMD Staff members to introduce themselves and the communities they represent. | Dr. Heard-
Johnson |
| 3. Review and Approve Minutes (5 min)
<i>(Motion Required)</i>
Review and approve the August 20, 2025 and November 19, 2025 meeting minutes.
<i>(Written Material Attached)</i> | Dr. Heard-
Johnson |
| 4. Annual Report for YLAC (5 Min)
<i>(Motion Required)</i>
An opportunity for YLAC members to review and approve the YLAC annual report that will be given to the Governing Board.
<i>(Written Materials Attached)</i> | Dr. Heard-
Johnson |

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5-9)

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| 5. Speaker Spotlight: Jordan Salcido (10 min)
<i>(No Motion Required)</i>
An opportunity for 2025 YLAC former member, Jordan Salcido, to speak on her experience hosting an in-community day for South Coast AQMD Staff. | Jordan Salcido,
2025 YLAC
Member |
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- 6. Community Spotlight (20 min)**
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity for YLAC members to elevate or spotlight issues, concerns, and/or events within their respective communities.

Dr. Heard-Johnson
- 7. Goals and Charter Updates (20 min)**
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity to for YLAC members to come together to discuss goals and objectives for the 2026 year as well as discuss any updates or changes to the YLAC Charter.
(Written Materials Attached)

Dr. Heard-Johnson
- 8. Speaker Spotlight: Moses Huerta (20 min)**
(No Motion Required)
Moses Huerta from Paramount California will discuss his experience working in youth driven outreach for addressing community air protection.

Moses Huerta,
Paramount
Resident
- 9. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities (5 min)**
(No Motion Required)
An opportunity to share upcoming engagement opportunities with YLAC members. YLAC recruitment for 2026. 2026 Governing Board Internship. Upcoming Governing Board meetings on the first Friday of the month, CSC Meetings, Working Group Meetings, and Committee Meetings. Details can be found on the [AQMD's Calendar on aqmd.gov](https://aqmd.gov)
(Written Materials Attached)

Dr. Heard-Johnson
- 10. Materials and Expense Claims (5 min)**
(No Motion Required)
An overview of the materials provided for YLAC members including *Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. There will also be an overview on expense and mileage claim procedures.
(Written Materials Attached)

Heatherlynn
Pomeroy,
Senior
Administrative
Assistant

ADDITIONAL MATTERS (Items 11-13)

11. Other Business

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12. Public Comment Period

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13. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.

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YOUNG LEADERS ADVISORY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Gabriela Ballesteros
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Alexander Goytia Fajardo
Shirley Mariel Rivera
Jordan Ashley Salcido
Emanuel Jeffery Alcantar Rodriguez
Elizabeth Zamora
Silvestre Lopez
Andres Coronel
Jose Marquez Cuevas
Heaven Denham
Maiah Itzel Rivas
Vanessa Melesio
Jessica Santos
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez

Members Absent:

Leslie Helen Garcia
Mark Jimenez
Tai Nguyen
Eric Tomas
Linh Tran
Roxana Marina Barrera
Jai Lin Alise Salas
Dominick Rodriguez

South Coast AQMD Staff:

Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel, Legal

Erika Chavez, Principal Deputy District Counsel, Legal

Stephen Dutz, Laboratory Manager, Monitoring and Analysis

Arlene Farol Saria, Public Affairs Manager, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Dr. Alexis Thrower, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Cassandra Johnson, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Carolina Vargas, Staff Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Heather Pomeroy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Paola Servas, Senior Office Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Call To Order

Dr. Heard-Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Agenda Item #1: Staff Introductions and Agenda Overview

Dr. Heard-Johnson welcomed members and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. For additional information, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning 7:36.

Agenda Item #2: Review and Approve Minutes

Motion: Andres Coronel

Second: Gabriela Ballesteros

Aye: Gabriela Ballesteros
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Alexander Goytia Fajardo
Shirley Mariel Rivera
Jordan Ashley Salcido
Emanuel Jeffery Alcantar Rodriguez
Elizabeth Zamora
Silvestre Lopez
Andres Coronel
Jose Marquez Cuevas

Heaven Denham
Maiah Itzel Rivas
Vanessa Melesio
Jessica Santos
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez

Nay: None

Absent: Leslie Helen Garcia

Mark Jimenez
Tai Nguyen
Eric Tomas
Linh Tran
Roxana Marina Barrera
Jai Lin Alise Salas
Dominick Rodriguez

For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 9:09.

Agenda Item #3: South Coast AQMD Spotlight: Lab

Laboratory Manager Stephen Dutz. A video showcasing the South Coast AQMD Lab was shown. After the video Mr. Dutz opened the floor for questions. YLAC members asked a series of questions related to mass spectrometers, collaboration with other organizations and colleges, pollutants that South Coast AQMD is concerned with, community monitoring and what areas are surveyed, where to find published reports, monitor placement, and issues after tropical storm Hilary. Mr. Dutz answered the questions posed by YLAC members and advised that lab tours are available on the last Friday of the month. If someone is interested, our Legislative, Media, and Public Affairs division can help to coordinate. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 15:44.

Agenda Item #4: Community Spotlight

Elizabeth Zamora talked about Title V permit for World Oil and how odorous it is at rush hour. Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez wanted to bring awareness to warehouses being built in the Inland Empire and how close they are to living spaces and trucks not being allowed to drive on certain streets. Vanessa Melesio asked Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez if the zoning had been changed. Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez said they're already changing the streets to accommodate larger vehicles. Vanessa Melesio said to attend city meetings if the land is being re-zoned. Vanessa Melesio said she feels there's a film festival inland film festival in September. Filmmakers are going to be highlighting the warehouse issue. Vanessa Melesio also wanted to highlight Metrolink free rail pass program where Riverside and SB County riders get 90 days free. If you're a first time

user, it's a good way to try it. Ms. Arlene Farol Saria said Sofia Figaroa is someone we're trying to get as a keynote speaker for the All CSC. Sofia Figaroa is an Emmy winning filmmaker focusing on this issue. Shirley Rivera highlighted an event happening in her community on September 7th – in east LA highlighting corridors mapping activities and crafting stations. Jessica Santos wanted to bring attention to a proposed rule change from EPA – rescind greenhouse gas endangerment finding. Emanuel Jeffery Alcantar Rodriguez commented about a section of Central Ave that will be a car free zone where people can walk or bike. Joshua Scheel talked about, as a result of current admin decisions, a number of friends have lost their jobs and the importance of unity. Heaven Denham said academia feels like unsafe spaces to work in currently due to loss of funding and threats. Vanessa Melesio said she feels sad that college students are experiencing their formative years in this climate. Jessica Santos said she echoed what has been shared. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 33:07.

Agenda Item #5: Engagement Opportunities

Dr. Heard-Johnson referenced written materials. Ms. Saria talked about All CSC Event on October 25th for cross community engagement and network. Last year there were almost 200 members who participated in the event. Dr. Heard-Johnson said it's not the default to bring communities together but a lesson we have learned is regional convenings are wanted. Other air districts and CARB are also looking into this. Dr. Heard-Johnson also mentioned that the CEAP Team makes a point to be out in the communities and invited members to partner with the CEAP team to show us issues in their areas. Ms. Pomeroy will email the group asking for engagement volunteers. Andres Coronel said in Mecca on Friday something to be mindful of it's an agricultural community. A lot of the community now goes to work at night now given the current admin so participation may be more limited. Dr. Heard-Johnson talked about being mindful of needing to offer hybrid spaces as this is a reality. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 01:05:48.

Agenda Item #6: mark! Lopez

mark! Lopez was unable to join. The meeting progressed forward. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 01:15:58.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

Andres Coronel asked to explore the Charter to see about our work and how we're adding to it. Heather will provide the Charter to members. Motion to review the Charter and come to next meeting to review and comment.

Motion: Andres Coronel
Second: Gabriela Ballesteros

Aye: Gabriela Ballesteros
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
Alexander Goytia Fajardo
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Nay: None

Absent: Leslie Helen Garcia
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Jai Lin Alise Salas
Dominick Rodriguez

For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 1:16:33.

Agenda Item #8: Public Comment Period

Mr. Moses Huerta said we're all in this fight together and stronger together and it is important that YLAC members don't get discouraged. Mr. Huerta also echoed Ms. Santos' comments about comments about EPA. Moses also highlighted the mobile statewide monitoring initiative. Encouraged members to take advantage of the tours offered by the lab at South Coast AQMD. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 01:20:47

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date

The next regular YLAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 01:22:05

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.



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Members Present:

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Linh Tran
Andres Coronel
Jose Marquez Cuevas
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Maiah Itzel Rivas
Joshua Scheel
Gilbert Sebastian Sanchez

Members Absent:

Gabriela Ballesteros
Emanuel De Jesús Cruz
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Anjela Lu Arellano
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Paola Servas, Senior Office Assistant, Community, Engagement and Air Programs

Call To Order

Dr. Heard-Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m.

Roll Call

Agenda Item #1: Staff Introductions and Agenda Overview

Dr. Heard-Johnson welcomed attendees to the meeting. For additional information, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning 16:53.

Agenda Item #2: Review and Approve Minutes

The minutes could not be approved due to lack of a quorum. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 16:30.

Agenda Item #3: YLAC Member Driven In Community Day

This item was pulled due to lack of a quorum. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 22:30.

Agenda Item #4: Annual Report for YLAC

Dr. Heard-Johnson reviewed the Annual Report and expressed her appreciation for the members and the opportunity visit communities. Andres Cornel commented that the Annual Report summarizes what the group has done in the past year. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 20:19.

Agenda Item #5: Community Spotlight

YLAC members shared work that they are doing in their careers and communities highlighting challenges with stormwater run-off, the political climate, increased warehousing in their neighborhood, increased traffic due to more housing

developments, and decreased funding for certain communities. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 25:53

Agenda Item #6: Goals and Charter Updates

Dr. Heard-Johnson asked the group about 2026 goals for YLAC. Maiah Rivas suggested YLAC Community days and Andres Coronel wanted to know if YLAC members could participate in Administrative Committee. Dr. Heard-Johnson explained that YLAC members can always participate in public comment and staff will find out about a joint presentation. This item will be tabled for the next meeting when more members can be present to weigh in. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 35:56.

Agenda Item #7: Speaker Spotlight: Malinda Dumisani

Malinda Dumisani discussed her role at the California Air Resource Board and t, laws and regulations, and the AB 617 Community Air Programs. Ms. Dumisani discussed the importance that everyone works together to make progress work. YLAC members asked about directions of research. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 42:13

Agenda Item #8: Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Dr. Heard-Johnson went over the attachment with upcoming engagement opportunities where YLAC members can participate. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 1:45:43.

Agenda Item #9: Other Business

No other business was discussed. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 1:47:41

Agenda Item #10: Public Comment Period

There was no general public comment for this meeting. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 01:47:58

Agenda Item #11: Next Meeting Date

The next regular YLAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. For additional information please refer to the [webcast](#) at 01:48:05

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.



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DRAFT 2025 Annual Report of the Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC)

Executive Summary:

The Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC) had an active and impactful year, continuing its mission to engage young adults in the conversation around air quality, environmental justice, and community-based solutions. Through four quarterly meetings in 2025, members shared valuable insights, elevated community concerns, and advised South Coast AQMD on strategies to strengthen youth involvement in air quality initiatives.

YLAC focused on fostering community awareness, exploring environmental issues through a youth lens, and deepening members' understanding of South Coast AQMD's operations and resources. YLAC's collaboration with staff in the Community Engagement & Air Programs (CEAP) division continues to be instrumental in shaping equitable outreach strategies and cultivating the next generation of environmental stewards.

Background:

Consistent with the YLAC Charter, this report documents YLAC's 2025 activities, accomplishments, and areas for continued focus. YLAC serves as a bridge between young community leaders and South Coast AQMD, offering youth-driven insight into local air quality and environmental justice issues.

In alignment with CEAP's mission, YLAC's 2025 programming emphasized developing environmental literacy, addressing barriers to public trust in government agencies, and connecting young leaders to South Coast AQMD's broader initiatives, such as AB 617 and Blueprint 2.0.

Membership Overview:

YLAC members represent Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties, bringing diverse perspectives from public health, education, environmental science, and civic engagement. In 2025, YLAC maintained a full roster, with consistent participation from youth ages 18-35.

Recruitment efforts continue to yield strong engagement, with new members joining during the May 2025 meeting, expanding the council's reach and representation. YLAC's intergenerational partnership with the CEAP division remains a core component of South Coast AQMD's youth engagement model.

Attendance:

A full roster for YLAC is a maximum of twenty members. Throughout the year, some council members resigned due to shifts in their educational and employment responsibilities. As we only have four meetings per year and want to pro-actively address any potential transition issues, we encourage YLAC alternates to attend at least one meeting as a member of the public. YLAC achieved quorum at 3 out of 4 of the 2025 meetings, reflecting active participation and commitment to council objectives:

February 2025: 16 out of 20 members attended; 1 YLAC member did not accept appointment prior to the first meeting.

May 2025: 18 out of 20 members attended; 2 alternates attended

August 2025: 20 out of 20 members attended; 3 alternates attended

November 2025: 9 out of 20 members; 1 alternate attended

Goals & Key Accomplishments 2025:

YLAC members identified through last year's annual report goals and accomplishments the committee would achieve in 2025. Those agreed upon goals were to: increase YLAC members' awareness and engagement in community; increase youth involvement and insight into air quality issues and concerns; enhance understanding of air quality programs and policy; strengthen youth voice in public decision-making; and cultivate collaboration between YLAC and South Coast AQMD and the Community Engagement and Air Programs division.

Increase Youth Engagement in Environmental Justice Activities and Awareness

- Members discussed methods to rebuild public trust in government-led air quality monitoring, emphasizing empathy and transparency when communicating scientific information.
- Members proposed community-based outreach through social media, pop-up events, and university partnerships to reach younger audiences and underrepresented groups.
- Several members participated in AB 617 community conversations, offering youth perspectives on engagement and post-Year 5 evaluation strategies.

Enhance Understanding of Air Quality Programs and Policy:

- February's meeting featured an overview of the CEAP division, providing members with context on how South Coast AQMD integrates environmental justice into its programs.
- In August, members engaged directly with South Coast AQMD's Laboratory Manager, viewing a presentation on the agency's monitoring and analysis equipment and discussing community data transparency.
- Members explored issues such as warehouse expansion, truck emissions, and community odor complaints, connecting local experiences to regional policy impacts.

Strengthen Youth Voice in Public Decision-Making

- Members recommended public presentations to the Governing Board and requested opportunities for YLAC representatives to share youth perspectives during Board meetings.

- The council expressed interest in developing a quarterly newsletter to enhance inter-member communication and community visibility.
- YLAC advocated for inclusion in future statewide air district collaborations, such as the All-CSC Convening, to ensure youth perspectives remain integrated in cross-district dialogue.

Cultivate Collaboration Between YLAC and South Coast AQMD

- Spotlighted speakers include Principal Deputy District Counsel, Shaharzod Hanizavareh to introduce the Brown Act, The Governing Board Chair Vanessa Delgado to speak on her experience as board chair, and a spotlight on the South Coast AQMD's Lab with Lab Manager Stephen Dutz.
- CEAP staff introduced members to Blueprint 2.0 and encouraged YLAC participation in outreach pilots supporting Consistently Nominated Communities.
- Members contributed feedback on Governing Board Intern Program design, emphasizing mentorship, equity in placement, and visibility of air quality careers.
- CEAP staff encouraged members to co-host community engagement opportunities, such as All-CSC events, film screenings, and university pop-up booths.

Proposed YLAC Goals for 2026:

Advance Youth-Led Community Outreach:

Increase YLAC's participation in agency events, including All-CSC meetings and environmental justice forums through YLAC member lead in Community Days with CEAP Staff as well as sharing information amongst members on issues impacting the region.

Develop Youth Policy Briefs:

Translate local air quality concerns into actionable recommendations for South Coast AQMD programs.

Build Data Literacy:

Partner with South Coast AQMD's Laboratory and Planning Divisions to understand air monitoring, data visualization, and reporting.

Mentorship and Career Pathways:

Strengthen linkages between YLAC and the Governing Board Intern Program to prepare members for public service careers in clean air policy.

Looking Ahead:

YLAC continues to be a catalyst for integrating youth perspectives into South Coast AQMD's environmental programs. In 2026, YLAC will build on its work by expanding youth participation in regional environmental initiatives, strengthening partnerships with educational institutions, and amplifying voices from disproportionately impacted communities.

Acknowledgments:

South Coast AQMD extends its sincere appreciation to the YLAC members for their continued dedication and leadership. Special thanks to the Community Engagement & Air Programs

division for facilitating mentorship, training, and meaningful dialogue that empower the next generation of clean-air leaders, to the team at the Monitoring and Analysis Division. and our gratitude to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board for their support in empowering the next generation of environmental leaders.

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 6, 2021

AGENDA NO: 10

PROPOSAL: Approve Amendment to the Charter for South Coast AQMD Young Leaders Advisory Council

SYNOPSIS: This action is to amend the Young Leaders Advisory Council Charter to raise maximum age of participants to 35 and to add environmental justice and advocacy for South Coast AQMD to Charter goals.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, June 11, 2021; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the amended Charter for the South Coast AQMD Young Leaders Advisory Council to update the synopsis, goals and objectives.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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Background

The Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC) was formed in 2017 to identify air quality issues and concerns of young adults in the region. YLAC seeks to educate and engage young adults regarding the region's clean air issues and garner greater insight into their generation's concerns, values and priorities about air quality. YLAC is the first South Coast AQMD advisory group seeking to engage this generation specifically, and staff benefits from their passion, commitment, and urgency to help improve our air.

YLAC reflects the ethnic and geographic diversity of South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. Members represent a variety of backgrounds and expertise, including, but not limited to, representatives of environmental justice groups, community organizations, schools and universities, businesses, and health organizations.

The goals of YLAC include: 1) helping strengthen and build upon South Coast AQMD's relationships and alliances with young adults by supporting South Coast AQMD outreach efforts; 2) assisting South Coast AQMD in making meaningful and continuous progress towards cleaning the air through its decision-making and activities; and 3) maximizing the opportunity for young adults to learn more about South Coast AQMD, air quality and clean technology.

YLAC meets quarterly to: 1) share information about ways to engage young adults on air quality, environmental sustainability, and clean technology issues; 2) provide input on air quality related events and workshops that best address the needs of younger generations; and 3) empower young leaders with more information and knowledge about air quality, air quality management, South Coast AQMD, and the intersection of air pollution, clean technology and other environmental laws and issues.

YLAC consists of no more than 20 members, with at least two members from each county in South Coast AQMD jurisdictional boundaries.

Charter Proposal

The amended YLAC Charter includes a recommendation from the YLAC to raise the maximum age of participants to 35, addressing the air quality concerns of youth in addition to young adults, adding environmental justice to the Charter goals, and advocacy for South Coast AQMD, air quality and clean technology issues.

Resource Impacts

The changes to the Charter do not impact resources or existing costs.

Attachments

Amended South Coast AQMD Young Leaders Advisory Council Charter and additional copy including track changes.



South Coast Air Quality Management District Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC)

Charter

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5. Assist with the creation and implementation of air quality related events and workshops that best address the needs of people aged 35 and under;
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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Attending South Coast AQMD meetings offers YLAC members an opportunity to learn how air quality policies are developed and implemented across their communities. These meetings are open to the public and include time for public comment, allowing youth leaders to voice their perspectives on environmental justice, air pollution, and community health. Participating in these forums allows YLAC members to stay informed, engaged, and empowered to advocate for cleaner air in their neighborhoods.

Meetings are available on the South Coast AQMD Website Calendar at https://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/calendar_v2

Governing Board Meetings

Governing Board Meeting: Friday, March 6, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Friday, May 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Committee Meetings

March 2026

Legislative Committee Meeting: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Administrative Committee Meeting: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mobile Source Committee Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Stationary Source Committee Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Technology Committee Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2026 at 12:00 PM

April 2026

Legislative Committee Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Administrative Committee Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mobile Source Committee Meeting: Friday, April 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Stationary Source Committee Meeting: Friday, April 17, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Technology Committee Meeting: Friday, April 17 at 12:00 PM

May 2026

Legislative Committee Meeting: Friday, May 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Administrative Committee Meeting: Friday, May 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mobile Source Committee Meeting: Friday, May 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Stationary Source Committee Meeting: Friday, May 15, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Technology Committee Meeting: Friday, May 15, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Advisory Group Meetings

February MSRC Meeting: Thursday February 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM

March MSRC-TAC (Technical Advisory Group): Thursday March 5, 2026 at 1:30 PM

March MSRC Meeting: Thursday March 19, 2026 at 2:00 PM

April MSRC-TAC (Technical Advisory Group): Thursday April 2, 2026 at 1:30 PM

April MSRC Meeting: Thursday April 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM

May MSRC-TAC (Technical Advisory Group): Thursday May 7, 2026 at 1:30 PM

May YLAC Meeting : Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 12:30 PM

AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meetings

East LA / Boyle Heights / West Commerce: Wednesday, February 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM

South Los Angeles: Wednesday, March 12, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Wilmington / Carson / West Long Beach: Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Easter Coachella Valley: Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM

San Bernardino / Muscoy: Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Southeast Los Angeles: Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4:00 PM

East LA / Boyle Heights / West Commerce: Wednesday, May 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM

South Los Angeles: Wednesday, June 4, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Wilmington / Carson / West Long Beach: Thursday, June 18 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Working Group Meetings

AB617 South LA Oil and Gas Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 All CSC Post 5th Year Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 South LA Just Transition Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 South LA Community Air Monitoring Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 All CSC Post 5th Year Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 South LA Community Mobility Working Team Meeting: Wednesday May 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AB617 South LA Oil & Gas Working Team Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Rule Forecast: https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/agendas/governing-board/2026/2026-aug1-012.pdf?sfvrsn=5ac06e7e_1

Keep an eye out for:

Working Group Meetings are scheduled 2 weeks in advance.

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

EXPENSE CLAIM

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PERMITTEE NAME Mickey Mouse

TITLE YLAC MEMBER

HOME ADDRESS 1313 Disneyland Drive

OFFICE/UNIT CEAP

Street Address

Anaheim

CA

92802

City

State

Zip

PERIOD OF CLAIM February 2025

WORK PROGRAM CODE 70853-69700

FALSIFYING THIS REPORT WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL

DATE	DESCRIBE EXPENSE AND PURPOSE OF TRIP	LOCATION	AMOUNT
02/19/2025	February YLAC Meeting	South Coast AQMD Headquarters	\$ 100.00

IF MORE THAN ONE SHEET IS USED, DETACH ON HEAVY LINE, EXCEPT LAST SHEET OF CLAIM

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE EXPENSE WAS NECESSARY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTY. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AQMD'S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 120.1 AND 120.2 AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NO. 7 AND THE EXPENSE CLAIM RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS. CLAIM IS HEREBY MADE FOR EXPENSES AS ITEMIZED ABOVE.

MICKEY MOUSE

02/19/2025

Permittee Signature

Date

TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED \$ 100.00

**FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES,
ALWAYS ATTACH COPY OF THE
APPROVED TRAVEL REQUEST.**

APPROVED:

Supervisor

Date

Manager

Date

Designated Deputy or Designee

Date

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

Vendor # _____

Voucher # _____

Date _____

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO FILL OUT THE EXPENSE FORM

- A. Fill in the headings completely on every sheet of your expense claim.
- B. Purposes of trips and locations of expenses must be stated.
- C. Where more than one sheet is used in preparing your claim, detach (on the indicated line) the lower portion of all sheets except the last one.
- D. After your claim is completed, sign the claim on the line marked "Permittee".
- E. Your claim must be examined and approved by your Division Director or Designee.
- F. The ORIGINAL CLAIM ONLY will be submitted to Accounting for payment. Any duplicate or supplemental claims submitted MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED AS SUCH and bear ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND APPROVALS.
- G. All claims must be submitted within 120 days after incurring the expense or will not be accepted for reimbursement.

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MILEAGE CLAIM

PERMITTEE NAME Mickey Mouse **TITLE** YLAC MEMBER

HOME ADDRESS 1313 Disneyland Drive Anaheim CA 92802 **OFFICE/UNIT** CEAP
Street Address **City**

HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar CA, 91765 **MILEAGE CLAIM FOR MONTH OF** FEBRAURY 2025
Street Address **City**

DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME AND HEADQUARTERS (MILES) _____ **WORK PROGRAM CODE** 70853-67700

FALSIFYING THIS REPORT WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL

DATE	TIME	STREET ADDRESS/CITY	ODOMETER READING		MILEAGE CLAIMED	PURPOSE OF TRIP
			Starting	Ending		
02/19/2025		Travel to YLAC Meeting			19.4	YLAC Meeting
02/19/2025		Travel From YLAC Meeting			19.4	YLAC Meeting

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Mickey Mouse 02/19/2025
Permittee Signature **Date**

APPROVED:

Supervisor **Date**

Manager **Date**

Designated Deputy or Designee **Date**

MILEAGE CLAIMED

Amount claimed:

38.8 **miles** @ 0.70 cents \$ 27.16

Parking expense (attach receipts) \$ _____

Total Amount Claimed \$ 27.16

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

Vendor # _____

Voucher # _____

Date _____

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- D. Purposes of trips must be stated.
- E. Whenever the continuity of your travel is broken by a personal trip, indicate your personal trip clearly.
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- G. After your claim is completed, sign the claim on the line marked "Permittee."
- H. Place the mileage claimed figures and amounts and the occasional parking amounts on the appropriate lines.
- I. Your claim must be examined and approved in the name of your Designated Deputy or designee.
- J. The **original claim only** will be submitted to Accounting for payment. Any duplicate or supplemental claims submitted **must be clearly marked as such** and bear **original signature and approvals**.

II. TYPES OF MILEAGE AND OCCASIONAL PARKING THAT MAY BE CLAIMED

Mileage and parking reimbursement is allowed for trips made by authorized mileage permittee, driving a personal automobile on official AQMD business, subject to the following limitations:

- A. Mileage **will not** be reimbursed for commute trips made between home and headquarters or headquarters and home, on regular working days.
- B. Mileage **will not** be reimbursed if an AQMD pool car is available and the mileage permittee elects to drive his own private vehicle.
- C. Mileage will be reimbursed for trips while on AQMD-related business. Such mileage is computed by adding the total miles traveled during the day in which your personal vehicle was used for AQMD-related business then subtracting personal trips and commute mileage. As an example:

From home to AQMD-related business is 6 miles and from this point to headquarters is 10 miles and from headquarters to home is 5 miles.

Total miles traveled	21
Deduct travel from home to headquarters to home	<u>-10</u>
Total miles that can be claimed	<u>11</u>

- D. If the entire day is spent on AQMD-related business but you don't come to your assigned office (for most employees this will be the headquarters' office) your total mileage can be claimed. As an example:

If you travel 6 miles from home to the first stop; 15 miles to your second stop and 4 miles to home all in one day, you can claim the 25 total miles traveled.

- E. Occasional parking expenses may be claimed for reimbursement by permittees for actual expenses incurred as a necessary part of trips made on AQMD-related business at destinations other than headquarters.
- F. All mileage claims must be submitted within 120 days after incurring the expense or will not be accepted for reimbursement.

III. AUDIT OF CLAIM

- A. Mileage claims are audited and paid by Finance. Illegible claims and claims which lack correct and complete data **will be returned unprocessed** to the permittee for correction.
- B. Any questions concerning returned claims or unpaid claims **must be** directed to Accounting.

