

Potential Cooperative Agreement with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles



Public Update
August 28, 2025
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Agenda



Background



Potential Cooperative Agreement:
Overview and Negotiations



Priorities and Progress from Recent
Discussions

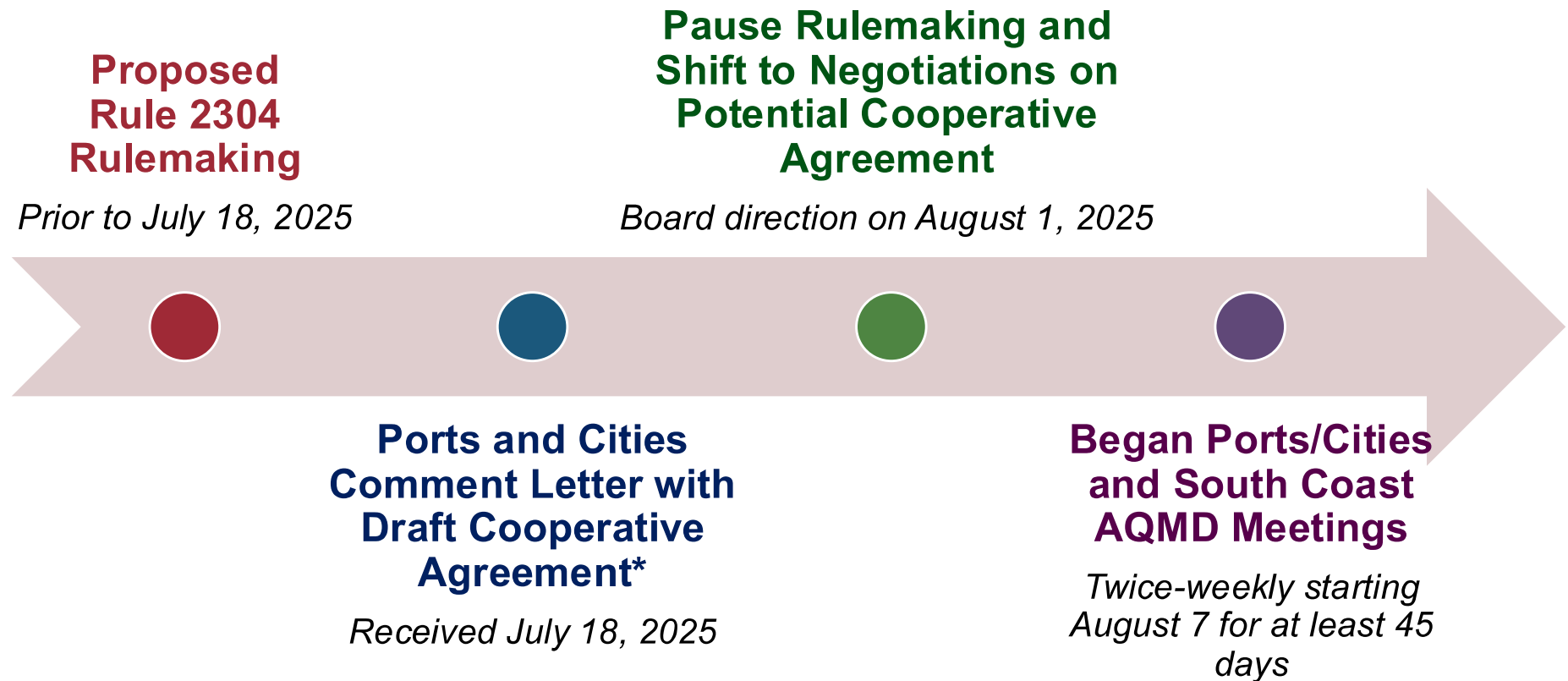


Upcoming Discussion Topics



Next Steps

Background



*Draft developed by the Ports and submitted to South Coast AQMD on July 18, 2025, available at:
https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/planning/fbmsm-docs/2025-07-18---ports-cooperative-agreement_draft.pdf.

Overview of Ports' Initial Proposal

☐ Intended by Ports as starting point for negotiations

Parties:



Responsibilities:

- Implement six Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) 'Plus' Measures
- Provide implementation progress reports to the public and related data reports to South Coast AQMD



- Support grant funding efforts
- May choose to seek SIP credit* for CAAP 'Plus' Measures

Ports' Initial Proposed CAAP Plus Measures

Port Source Specific Measures

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Truck



Switcher



CHE



Workforce Development

ZE Infrastructure Plans



Container Terminal CHE
Drayage Trucks

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Other Terminal CHE
Local Switchers

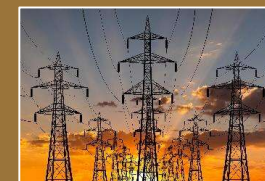
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Harbor Craft
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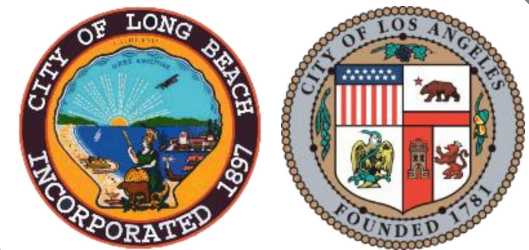
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- Ports approve own Plans
- South Coast AQMD receives annual reports



**Plan delivery dates may be unilaterally modified by the Ports*

Representatives Involved in Meetings



- Discussions led by executive-level deputies
- Respective principals and legal teams brought in as appropriate to facilitate timely decision-making

City representatives from mayoral offices attend meetings regularly

Established Ground Rules for Negotiation

Discussed basic ground rules for negotiations

Meet two times per week virtually (periodically in-person)

Meetings scheduled for two hours (longer meetings as needed)

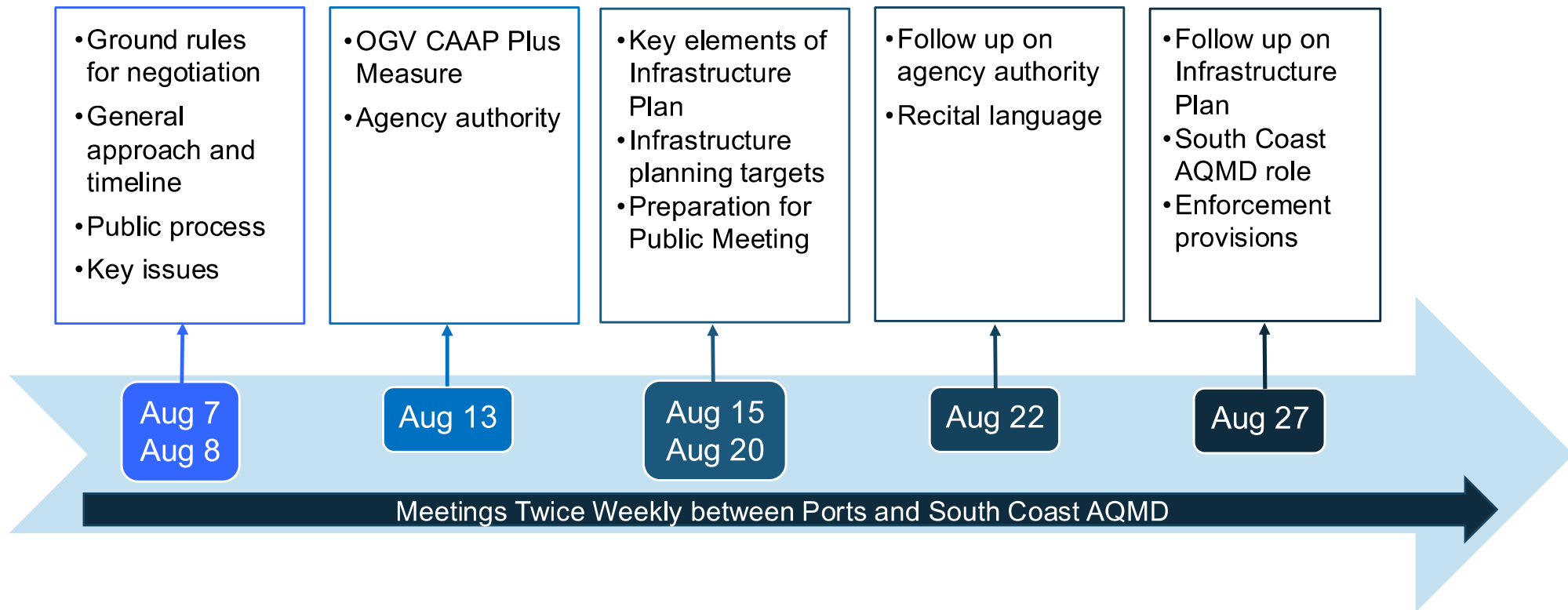
Agendas set prior to each meeting

Meeting recaps at beginning and end of each meeting

Follow-up action items with response time

All parties committed to addressing issues and keeping discussions moving

Negotiation Meetings To Date



Ports and South Coast AQMD Key Consensus Points to Date

Collaboration and Commitment

- Agree that collaboration is important to reduce port emissions
- Committed to the negotiation process

Infrastructure Planning

- Infrastructure planning as foundation to facilitate emission reductions from port sources
- Followed by Infrastructure buildout and technology deployment

Transparent Public Process

- Visibility for and feedback from the public
- During both agreement development and implementation of agreement

Respect for Agency/ Organization's Authority

- South Coast AQMD's regulatory authority
- Ports' policy-making authority for port management related to land use, tidelands trust, city charters, etc.

Priorities for South Coast AQMD



- Infrastructure Plan
 - Foundation to cleaner energy transition and technology deployment for zero emissions, where feasible
 - Incorporate concepts in Proposed Rule 2304 to achieve desired outcomes for infrastructure
- South Coast AQMD roles
- Implementation, monitoring, and reporting
- Enforcement
- Public process and transparency

Agreement on these priorities will inform approach for rest of CAAP Plus Measures

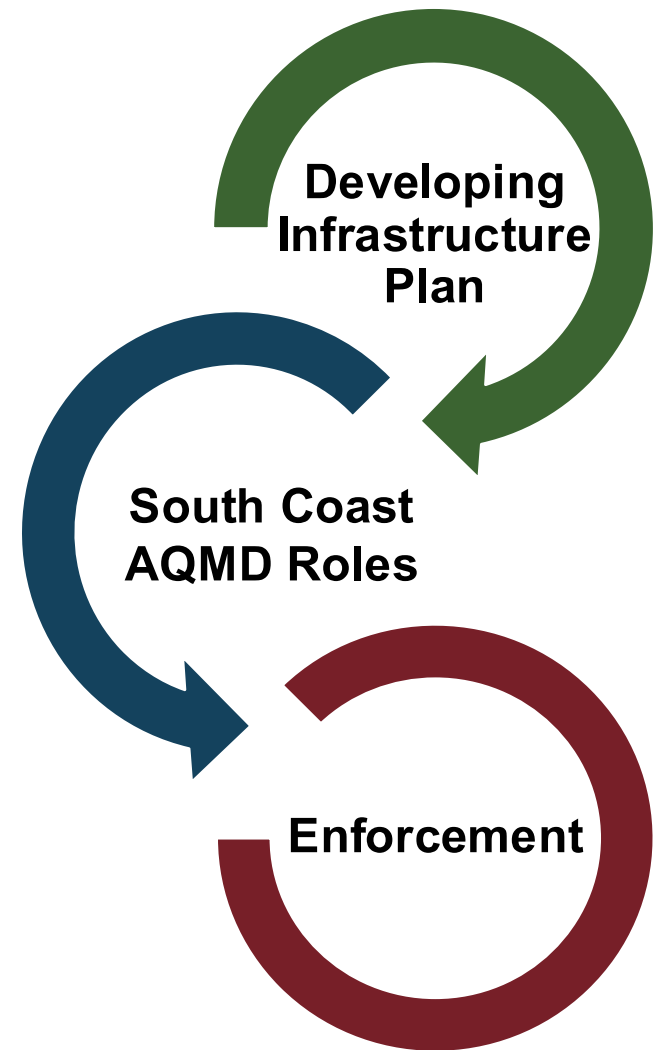
Priorities for the Ports/Cities



- No rulemaking on Ports for the agreement term
- Ports' authority for their Boards
- Flexibility when circumstances change or uncertainties
- Acknowledgement of Ports' need to manage business relationships and actions within the Ports' control

General Approach

- ❑ Before discussions of enforcement, parties agreed it was important to understand key requirements of Infrastructure Plan
- ❑ Knowing key requirements of Infrastructure Plan will inform which areas of the Infrastructure Plan are enforceable



Key Components of Infrastructure Plans in Initial Draft Agreement

- ❑ Actions & milestones to implement projects
- ❑ Accounts for differences in various port source categories
- ❑ Information on projects for each source category
 - Projects under ports control and those that require 3rd party involvement
 - Estimates of energy demand and supply
 - Project schedules and cost estimates
- ❑ Progress reporting and enforcement for actions within the control of the ports
- ❑ Process to update plans as new information becomes available

Key Elements for Infrastructure Plans

Already in Initial Draft Agreement:

- Addresses all port source categories
- Approval of Plans by date certain
- Assessments on port energy demand/supply, construction costs and labor, and CEQA/NEPA requirements
- Annual implementation progress reporting, including public process

Topics Generally Discussed:

- Need for Infrastructure Planning Targets
- Importance of public process on development and implementation of Infrastructure Plan
- Rationale for modifications to Infrastructure Plans and Planning Targets
- South Coast AQMD role
- Level of detail in Infrastructure Plan

Mirroring PR 2304 Concepts

Recent Discussions on Other Topics

Facilitating emission reductions instead of ministerial process regarding SIP credits

Exploring alternative approach to clarifying intent to not exercise regulatory authority on Ports during effective term of agreement

OGV CAAP Plus Measure:

- Potential role of South Coast AQMD
- Potential processes to enhance program effectiveness towards desired outcomes

Upcoming Focus Topics

Continue with Infrastructure Plan discussion

Role of South Coast AQMD in Verification of Infrastructure Plan Submittal

Enforcement of Agreement

Alternative language for Agency Authority

CAAP Plus Measures

Incorporating revisions into the Draft Agreement

Next Steps



Continue Ports and South Coast AQMD
twice weekly meetings



Brief Update to Board on September 5



Mobile Source Committee Update on
September 19

- *Comments and feedback welcome at public meetings*
- *Comment letters accepted throughout the negotiation process and posted online**

*Posted comment letters can be found at:
<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/facility-based-mobile-source-measures/comm-ports-wkng-grp/potential-cooperative-agreement-with-the-ports-of-long-beach-and-los-angeles/potential-cooperative-agreement-comment-letters>

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<p>Sign up for the mailing list at: https://www.aqmd.gov/sign-up (select “Facility Based Measures Working Group” and/or “Rule 2304”)</p> <p>For more information, visit: https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/facility-based-mobile-source-measures/comm-ports-wkng-grp/potential-cooperative-agreement-with-the-ports-of-long-beach-and-los-angeles</p>		