

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

*This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the
Bay Area Air Quality Management District at
www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas*

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Lynda Hopkins, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson Lynda Hopkins; Vice Chairperson Vicki Veenker; and Directors Dionne Adams, Monica Brown, Ken Carlson, Brian Colbert, Noelia Corzo, Juan González III, David Haubert, Tyrone Jue, Otto Lee, Bilal Mahmood, Rico E. Medina, Ray Mueller, Gabe Quinto, Mark Salinas, Lena Tam, and Shamann Walton.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Brian Barnacle, Joelle Gallagher, John Gioia, and Steve Young.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS 3 – 7) (10:02 a.m.)

Public Comments

No requests received.

NOTED PRESENT: Directors Brown and Mueller were noted present at 10:11 a.m.; Director Brown was noted present at 10:15 a.m.; and Director Mahmood was noted present at 10:25 a.m.

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

Agency Designated Representatives:

Laura A. Izon, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Hyacinth Hinojosa, Deputy Executive Officer of Finance and Administration

Lisa Baker, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organization: BAAQMD Employees Association

Reportable Action: Alexander Crockett, General Counsel, announced that there was nothing to report.

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) AND (d)(1))**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and (d)(1), the Board of Directors met in Closed Session with Legal Counsel to discuss the following cases:

Stephen (Rex) Sanders v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Northern District of California Case No. 23-cv-04416-RFL;

Terri Levels v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Northern District of California Case No. 23-cv-04432-RFL;

Lewis Letang v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Northern District of California Case No. 24-cv-01316-RFL;

Rochele Henderson v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Northern District of California Case No. 24-cv-01460-RFL; Page 2 of 392

Veronica Eady v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Northern District of California Case No. 24-cv-07000-RFL; and

Vanessa Johnson v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Northern District of California Case No. 24-cv-06276-RFL.

Reportable Action: Mr. Crockett announced that there was nothing to report.

5. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a), (d)(2) AND (e)(3)**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), (d)(2) and (e)(3), the Board of Directors met in Closed Session with Legal Counsel to discuss a significant exposure to litigation regarding the government code claim of Sean Madden, Valeria Cueva, Zoey Millican, and Camden Madden received by the Air District on September 15, 2025.

Reportable Action: Mr. Crockett announced that there was nothing to report.

6. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)**

Title: Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

Reportable Action: Mr. Crockett announced that there was nothing to report.

7. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

Agency Designated Representatives:

Board Chair Lynda Hopkins

Irma Rodriguez Moisa, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Unrepresented Employee: Executive Officer/APCO

Reportable Action: Mr. Crockett announced that there was nothing to report.

OPEN SESSION (11:46 a.m.)

8. **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chair Hopkins welcomed the following new employees: Kelly Crawford, Deputy Executive Officer of Engineering & Compliance; James Butler, Senior Air Quality Engineer in the Assessment, Inventory, and Modeling Division; and Emi Wang, Director of the Air District's new Community Investment Office.

Chair Hopkins also announced that, effective September 16, 2025, Sergio Lopez resigned from the Board of Directors.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 9 – 22)

9. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of September 10, 2025
10. Board Communications Received from September 10, 2025, through September 30, 2025
11. Notices of Violations (NOV) Issued and Settlements in Excess of \$10,000 in the Month of August 2025
12. Personnel Out-of-State Business Travel Report for June - August 2025
13. Authorization to Issue New Credit Cards to the Principal Deputy Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer of Science
14. Authorization of Hiring Recommendation at Step E of Salary Range 148M for the Manager (Cybersecurity Manager) Position for the Information Services Division
15. Authorization to Attend the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties 30 and Related Events, and Enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with The Climate Registry
16. Authorization to Purchase Equipment from Syft Technologies, Incorporated
17. Authorization to Execute a Sponsorship Agreement with the American Lung Association

18. Authorization to Accept Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Carl Moyer Program and Community Air Protection Incentives Program Funds
[Click here to view Board Resolution No. 2025-10](#)
[Click here to view Board Resolution No. 2025-11](#)
19. Authorization to Accept Clean Air Act Section 103 Grant Program Revenues from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Fine Particulate Matter (PM) Monitoring Activities
20. Authorization to Accept Clean Air Act Section 105 Grant Program Revenues from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to Support Various Clean Air Regulatory Programs
21. Report of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of September 17, 2025
22. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of September 17, 2025

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Arianne Harrison, Marie Harrison Community Foundation.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director Lee made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to approve Consent Calendar Items 9 through 22, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:	Adams, Brown, Carlson, Colbert, Corzo, González, Haubert, Hopkins, Jue, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Quinto, Salinas, Tam, Veenker, Walton.
ABSTAIN:	None.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	Abe-Koga, Barnacle, Gallagher, Gioia, Young.

PUBLIC HEARING

23. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 6: PARTICULATE MATTER, RULE 3: WOOD-BURNING DEVICES AND REGULATION 5: OPEN BURNING**

Chair Hopkins opened the public hearing.

Dr. Julia Luongo, Principal Air Quality Specialist, gave the staff presentation: *Proposed Amendments to Rule 6-3 and Regulation 5*, including: recommended action; outline; health impacts; contributions to Bay Area PM_{2.5}; Rule 6-3: Wood-Burning Devices (what is a wood-burning device, current Rule 6-3, woodsmoke reduction programs, share of regional PM_{2.5} emissions, modeled geographic variation, why these amendments); Rule 6-3 proposed amendments (mandatory burn ban threshold, emissions ratings updates, administrative updates, additional curtailment days, PM_{2.5} emissions reductions, socioeconomic impacts, Air

District impacts); Regulation 5 (what is Regulation 5, prescribed burning, why these amendments, increasing use of prescribed fire, Prescribed Burn Program summary, implementation improvements outside of regulatory work); Regulation 5 proposed amendments (impacts of proposed amendments, Air District impacts); combined amendment package (public participation process, public comments received on Rule 6-3 and Regulation 5, California Environmental Quality Act requirements – exempt, statutory findings, and recommended action.)

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Tony Fisher, Coalition for Clean Air; Patrick Messac, Air District Community Advisory Council; and Krisel Rietesel.

Board Comments

The Board and Air District staff discussed whether outdoor street vendors that use grills are impacted by this rule; whether the Air District regulates outdoor cooking of any kind; appreciation for the progress that has been made with this rule, and whether the Air District is being ambitious enough in this rule's objectives; the public's lack of awareness the health impacts from wood smoke (in the home or backyard); Santa Clara County's Minor Permit program that includes chimney and fireplace removal projects; whether the Air District can coordinate with local governments (cities and counties) on woodsmoke complaints, placing enforcement responsibilities with local governments; whether an estimated difference in morality rate would be anticipated, should the Board adopt the proposed amendments; whether the Air District can ban all woodburning, year-round, and the number of deaths that action might prevent; ways in which non-government organizations may learn about Air District regulations, and further educate the community; why the Air District does not regulate commercial food preparation; and whether the Air District may impose sub-regional curtailment of PM (mandate the Spare the Air Program be implemented in some areas more than in others.)

Board Action

Director Lee made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to **adopt** two Board resolutions to:

1. Amend Regulation 6, Rule 3: Wood-Burning Devices;
2. Amend Regulation 5: Open Burning;
3. Determine that the adoption of these amendments is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act

The motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:	Adams, Brown, Carlson, Colbert, Corzo, González, Hopkins, Jue, Lee, Medina, Mahmood, Quinto, Salinas, Tam, Veenker, Walton.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Abe-Koga, Barnacle, Gallagher, Gioia, Haubert, Mueller, Young.

Chair Hopkins closed the public hearing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

24. OVERVIEW OF NEW TARGETED INSPECTION PROGRAM & PILOT PROJECT IN BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT

Dennis Quach, Air Quality Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Overview of New Targeted Inspection Program and Pilot Project in Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP)*, including: outline; Strategic Plan framework; Targeted Inspection goals and objectives; current inspection program background; routine inspections; overview of a Targeted Inspection Program; general inspection program priorities; enhancing inspection priorities in Assembly Bill (AB) 617 areas; community engagement and partnership; BVHP Pilot Project (targeted inspections based on community-knowledge and enforcement data, targeted weekend enforcement, results and findings, successes, challenges, and lessons learned); community impressions and comments; new program elements in Quarter 1 2026; next steps and project timeline; and future staffing resources needed for program implementation.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Air District Community Advisory Council members, Arieanne Harrison and Patrick Messac.

Board Comments

The Board and Air District staff discussed the Board's appreciation for positive results and lessons learned; potential challenges in regards to metrics; the objectives of the Targeted Inspection Program; whether the Air District currently has a secure channel for reporting unethical, illegal, or unsafe activities within an organization, and if one already exists, concerns about creating a second reporting system instead of expanding the existing one; and whether the Air District has conducted inspections on permitted facilities during the weekends, in the past.

Board Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

25. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Mark Williams Jr., Environmental Justice League; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and Air District Community Advisory Council members Arieanne Harrison and Cynthia Prieto-Diaz.

26. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Haubert asked for the status on the formation of a permitting efficiency ad hoc committee, and Chair Hopkins said that October 1, 2025, was the final call for interested Board members.

27. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO

Dr. Philip M. Fine, Executive Officer / APCO, announced that a federal government shutdown began on October 1, 2025, after Congress failed to pass funding legislation for 2026. Dr. Fine said that as the Air District's exposure to potential impacts is limited, no immediate impacts to Air District operations are anticipated over the next month.

Dr. Fine also announced that, due to the Chair and Vice Chair's attendance at the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, the November Board meeting may be cancelled.

28. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None.

29. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the end of the meeting, the next Board meeting was scheduled for November 5, 2025, but after the meeting adjourned, that meeting was cancelled, and the next Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Board of Directors members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

30. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards