

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 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:** Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Vicki Veenker, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center (375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson Vicki Veenker; Vice Chairperson Juan González III; and Directors Ken Carlson and Sergio Lopez.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 3, Office of Supervisor Lena Tam, 101 Callan Avenue, Suite #103, San Leandro, CA 94577): Director Lena Tam.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Crystal Conference Room, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566): Director David Haubert.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, Palo Alto Courthouse, 270 Grant Ave., 1st Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94306): Director Margaret Abe-Koga.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (City of San Bruno, 567 El Camino Real, Room 138, San Bruno, CA 94066): Directors Rico E. Medina and Ray Mueller.

Absent: Director Otto Lee.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2025

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair González, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of March 19, 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, Gallagher, González, Haubert, Lopez, Medina, Mueller, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lee.

ACTION ITEMS

4. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *State Legislative Updates*, including: action requested; outline; Air District co-sponsored bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 14 Hart and Senate Bill (SB) 282 (Wiener); Board-approved position bills: AB 546 (Caloza), AB 339 (Ortega), AB 907 (Chen), AB 1368 (Wallis), 712 (Grove); bills for Committee consideration: AB 674 (Connolly), AB 1106 (Rodriguez), AB 1352 (Solache), SB 69 (McNerney), AB 914 (Garcia), SB 318 (Becker); additional bills of interest for discussion only: SB 34 (Richardson); additional bills for brief discussion: and recap of action requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the following:

Regarding AB 222 (Bauer-Kahan) – Data centers: energy usage reporting and efficiency standards: electricity rates: A Committee member’s desire to receive a report on the bill at the next Committee meeting.

Regarding AB 1352 (Solache) – Community air protection programs: financial support: A Committee member’s belief that there is too much ambiguity in the bill’s current language and subsequently, that supporting it is without amendments is not currently feasible.

Regarding SB 34 (Richardson) – Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports: Whether to adopt a “watch” or “oppose” position on this bill; the desire to stand in solidarity with the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (AQMD) efforts; the author’s objective of the bill; the scheduled hearing dates for this bill, and whether the Air District’s Board would be able to consider adoption of a position in time; and concern regarding potential risk and removal of air districts’ authority.

Regarding SB 318 (Becker) – Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology: indirect sources: Committee members’ desire to work with Senator Becker’s office on revising the bill’s language, to improve implementation, and other Committee member’s appreciation for wanting to preserve their and the Air District’s relationship with Senator Becker, but belief that Senator Becker’s office may not incorporate the Air District’s desired revisions, and that opposing the bill is the only option; whether to adopt a “watch”, “oppose”, or “oppose unless amended” position on this bill; which entities may have either sponsored or supported this bill; whether Senator Becker plans to negotiate amendments with the South Coast AQMD; whether to bring this bill back to the Board for consideration, despite the fact that the Board (on April 2, 2025) delegated authority to the Committee determine a final position on April 16, 2025; concerns regarding the perceived level of uncertainty in this bill’s current language and centralization of power of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) over local air districts; the problem that this bill addresses (purpose of the bill); and the nature of the relationship between the Air District and CARB.

Committee Action

ORIGINAL MOTION

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Haubert, to recommend the Board **adopt** the following positions on the following bills:

1. Support AB 674 (Connolly) – Clean Cars 4 All Program
2. Support AB 1106 (Rodriguez) – State Air Resources Board: regional air quality incident response program
3. Support AB 1352 (Solache) – Community air protection programs: financial support
4. Support SB 69 (McNerney) – Clean Cars 4 All Program
5. Work With Author AB 914 (Garcia) – Air pollution: indirect sources: toxic air contaminants
6. Watch SB 34 (Richardson) – Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Director Gallagher suggested separating SB 34 (Richardson) from the first five bills that staff recommended for the Committee’s consideration. The motioner and seconder of the original motion agreed.

AMENDED MOTION

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Haubert, to recommend the Board **adopt** the following positions on the following bills:

1. Support AB 674 (Connolly) – Clean Cars 4 All Program
2. Support AB 1106 (Rodriguez) – State Air Resources Board: regional air quality incident response program
3. Support AB 1352 (Solache) – Community air protection programs: financial support
4. Support SB 69 (McNerney) – Clean Cars 4 All Program
5. Work With Author AB 914 (Garcia) – Air pollution: indirect sources: toxic air contaminants

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

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, Gallagher, González, Haubert, Lopez, Medina, Mueller, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lee.

Director Haubert made a motion, seconded by Director Carlson, to recommend the Board **adopt** the position of watch on SB 34 (Richardson); and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, González, Haubert, Lopez, Medina, Mueller, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: Gallagher.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lee.

Vice Chair González made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, that the Committee **adopts (with final authority, on behalf of the Board)** the position of oppose unless amended on SB 318 (Becker) – Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology: indirect sources. Amendments include, “Make amendments in principle, so the bill does not usurp local air district authority and does not significantly impact the Air District’s ability to process permits in an efficient way.”

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

AYES: Carlson, Gallagher, González, Haubert, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: Abe-Koga, Lopez, Medina, Mueller.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lee.

5. **TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR (TFCA) 40% FUND ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING (FYE) 2026**

Dr. Minda Berbeco, Strategic Incentives Manager, gave the staff presentation *TFCA 40% Fund Allocation and Expenditure Plans for FYE 2026* including: TFCA; project types funded in previous years; expenditure plan for TFCA 40% fund in FYE 2026; and recommendations.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the reprogrammed amount of over \$2 million in TFCA funds for the Alameda County Transportation Commission within the Proposed Allocation and Planned Expenditures for the TFCA 40% Fund FYE 2026.

Committee Action

Vice Chair González made a motion, seconded by Director Carlson, to do the following:

1. **Approve** the proposed allocation of and expenditure plans for the estimated new TFCA revenue to each of the nine Administering Agencies for FYE 2026 that will be funded by the 40% portion of the TFCA; and
2. **Authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to enter into funding agreements with the Administering Agencies for TFCA revenues that will be paid for by the 40% portion of the TFCA to be programmed in FYE 2026.

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

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, González, Haubert, Lopez, Medina, Mueller, Tam, Veenker.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Gallagher, Lee.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the end of this meeting, the next meeting of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards