

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 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 10:00 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; and Directors Ken Carlson and David Haubert.

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 (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, 500 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063): Director Ray Mueller.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Santa Clara County, 1st Floor Conference Room, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110): Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Otto Lee, and Sergio Lopez.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Tampa Marriott Water Street, 505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602): Vice Chairperson Juan González III.

Absent: Director Joelle Gallagher.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2025

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Medina, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Special Committee Meeting of April 16, 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEM

4. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *State and Federal Legislative Updates*, including: recommended action; outline; State Legislative update; Air District co-sponsored bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 14 (Hart) and Senate Bill (SB) 282 (Wiener); Board-approved position bills: AB 339 (Ortega), AB 546 (Caloza), AB 674 (Connolly), AB 907 (Chen), AB 914 (Garcia), AB 1106 (Rodriguez), AB 1352 (Solache), AB 1368 (Wallis), SB 69 (McNerney), SB 318 (Becker), 712 (Grove); bills for Committee consideration: SB 34 (Richardson); State Budget update Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26: dates and deadlines; Federal Legislative update; and recap of action requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the following:

Regarding SB 34 (Richardson) – Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports: the Air District's current authority on indirect sources of emissions; funding sources that the Air District has used to support the Port of Oakland's electrification projects; and whether the co-sponsors of this bill represent various ports in California, and if so, whether they authored this bill to address current or future regulations.

Regarding the FY 2025-2026 State Budget: ways in which Board members can support the California Legislature regarding State Budget negotiations.

Regarding federal updates: the recent revocation of California's Clean Air Act waivers for vehicle emissions, and why the Congressional Review Act is considered novel, in these circumstances; the REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act); and how federal claw backs may affect future Air District staffing levels and potential revenue loss.

Committee Action

Chair Veenker made a motion, seconded by Director Haubert, to recommend the Board **adopt** a position of OPPOSE regarding SB 34 (Richardson) – Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Public comments were given by Tim Sbranti, Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council; Mark Williams, Jr., Environmental Justice League (EJL); Camika Robinson, EJL; Mark Williams, Sr., EJL; Yvonne Eashman, EJL; Michael, Richmond resident; Michael Randall, EJL; Elise Evans, EJL; Dr. Robert Parham, Economic Justice League; Sheryl Mullins, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation; Rich Peterson, EJL; Earl Johnson, Jr.; and Cassidy Ochoa, Richmond resident.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Mueller requested the following:

- A future agendized item at an upcoming Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee meeting regarding the Air District's status on the development of a socioeconomic impact analysis policy that stakeholders representing industry and building trades requested in 2023;
- Involvement of the public (all stakeholders);

- If the Stationary Source Committee (which staff believes is the appropriate body to address this, prior to the full Board) does not wish to agendize this issue, it must be agendized at a future upcoming Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee meeting; and
- A report at the July 16, 2025, Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee meeting, indicating which committee will agendize this issue.

Regarding the same issue, Director Haubert requested the following:

- A side-by-side comparison of the provisions within Section 40728.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (which requires an assessment of the socioeconomic impacts of proposed air quality rules) and socioeconomic impact analysis policy actions that industry has asked the Air District to take.
- The creation of a working group or ad hoc committee composed of Air District staff representatives of industry that focuses on economic impacts, specifically, pending and potentially future refinery downsizing and/or closures.
- The request to accelerate the streamlining of the Air District's permitting process and reduce the application backlog.

Regarding the same issue, Director González asked staff to explain how proposed changes to existing practices would be impactful.

7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 16, 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards