

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 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, David Haubert, and Rico E. Medina.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 3, 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 (Office of Santa Clara County, 1st Floor Conference Room, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110): Director Otto Lee.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Napa County Administration Building, County Executive's Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga and Sergio Lopez.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 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 Committee Meeting of June 18, 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. UPDATE ON BAY AREA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN INITIATIVES

NOTE: Two presentations on regional climate action planning efforts were presented; an update on the Air District-led Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan (BARCAP) Initiative, and an update on the Santa Clara County-led Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for Santa Clara and San Benito counties. The Air District and Santa Clara County each received \$1 million grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to lead these multi-agency climate planning efforts.

Jamesine Rogers Gibson, Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, gave the staff presentation *Update on the BARCAP Initiative*, including: outline; BARCAP initiative; Draft Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory - BARCAP Region; BARCAP engagement overview; Advisory Work Group for BARCAP; local government engagement; other engagement; approach to measure development; sample measures (transportation, buildings, natural and working lands); and public comments on Draft Measures.

Janani Chandrasekar, Management Analyst at the Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability and Resilience, gave the presentation *Overview of Santa Clara and San Benito County's CCAP*, including: overview of Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project; timeline; building on existing work; priority Climate Action Plan development; CPRG Work Group; priority Climate Action Plan key actions; CCAP; Draft GHG Inventory for region; and CCAP measures – examples.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the suggestion of assessing which climate planning efforts are working especially well in other parts of the state and country and implementing those methods in the Bay Area; which community-based organizations are working with the Air District on BARCAP, and the suggestion that Air District staff collaborates with the Board members who have connections with additional organizations; the difficulties associated with food recovery (whether the benefits are really cost-effective); the desire to see percentages added to the “Regional GHG Emissions Million Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MMTCO₂e)” chart used throughout the *BARCAP Measures for Public Review*; whether jurisdictions have implemented food recovery from applicable hotels and health facilities, per Tier 2 requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara) 2016: short-lived climate pollutants: methane emissions: dairy and livestock: organic waste: landfills; whether United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) grant funds allocated for regional climate planning efforts are expected to be clawed back, and whether any unspent funds can be expedited before they are clawed back; whether methane has been included in the Bay Area regional GHG inventories; whether the *Draft Public Review BARCAP Measures* will be submitted to the Board for review before it is officially submitted to the US EPA; whether the term “Climate Action Plan” includes metrics, actions, and commitments (what does “plan” mean); whether research is being conducted that analyzes the “sources” (locations or entities that provide something) and “sinks” (locations or entities that receive or consume something) pertaining to nature’s response to the built environment/human activity; differences between the two presentations’ data and timelines; how the jurisdictions that are part of the CPRG Work Group were selected over others; the percentage of Bay Area jurisdictions that have approved their own climate action plans; and whether youth are specifically being targeted for their review of the Draft BARCAP Measures.

Committee Action

No action taken.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *State Legislative Update*, including: outline; State Legislative upcoming dates and deadlines; co-sponsored bill: Assembly Bill (AB) 14 (Hart); Board-approved position bills: AB 339 (Ortega), AB 546 (Caloza); AB 907 (Chen), AB 914 (Garcia), SB 69 (McNerney); SB 712 (Grove), SB 34 (Richardson); additional bills of interest: SB 237 (Grayson et. Al), AB 306 (Schultz), AB 130 (Committee on Budget); and State Budget update: Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed what impacts AB 306 (Schultz): building regulations: state building standards may have on Air District's (appliance) Rules 9-4 and 9-6, as well as jurisdictions' building codes, specifically regarding the bill's language that says, "A temporary pause on additional changes to state building standards affecting residential construction for six years, with limited exceptions, would support this statewide approach by bringing more certainty to the home construction industry, including both affordable and market-rate developers, and helping stem further construction cost increases"; whether the Air District has been monitoring SB 787 (McNerney): equitable clean energy supply chains and industrial policy in California, and whether the Air District should adopt a support position; concerns regarding AB 130 (Governor): Committee on Budget. Housing; whether bills, including those with appropriations, can die in either the Assembly or the Senate; and amendments to SB 712 (Grove): Smog check: motor vehicles: exemption.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Veenker reported that at the July 2, 2025, Board meeting, one of the Board members requested that potential socioeconomic policy recommendations (to strengthen the Air District's current socioeconomic impact policy and address the impact on those working in industry) be considered. As a result, this item will be agendized at a future Stationary Source Committee meeting.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 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 11:42 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards