

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 17, 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](http://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 10:02 a.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

*Note: Effective September 16, 2025, one date prior to this meeting, Sergio Lopez resigned from the Air District's Board of Directors and subsequently, any Board committees on which he served, including the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee.*

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center (375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson Vicki Veenker; Vice Chair Juan González; and Director Ken Carlson.

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): Directors Rico E. Medina and 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 (Palo Alto Courthouse, 1st Floor, 270 Grant Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306): Director Margaret Abe-Koga.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Everline Resort and Spa, Lake Tahoe, Pyramid Peak Conference Room, 400 Resort Road, Olympic Valley, CA, 96146): Director David Haubert.

Absent: None.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### Public Comments

No requests received.

### Committee Comments

None.

### Committee Action

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEM

## 4. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Viet Tran, Deputy Executive Officer of Public Affairs, and Greg Nudd, Deputy Executive Officer of Science and Policy, gave the staff presentation *State and Federal Legislative Updates*, including: outline; State Legislative update; Co-sponsored bill: Assembly Bill (AB) 14 (Hart); Board-approved position bills: AB 339 (Ortega), AB 546 (Caloza), AB 907 (Chen), AB 914 (Garcia), Senate Bill (SB) 34 (Richardson), SB 712 (Grove); additional bills if interest: AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry), SB 280 (Cervantes), Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) No. 8 (Rivas); State Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 update; and Federal Legislative update.

## Public Comments

No requests received.

## Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the following:

Regarding AB 14 (Hart) – Coastal resources: Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program: congratulations to the Air District Legislative staff members whose efforts, over the years, contributed to the passing of this bill, hopefully to be signed by the Governor.

Regarding SB 34 (Richardson) – Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles: whether the Governor would sign this bill.

Regarding the FY 2025-2026 State Budget: recent updates on potential funding for AB 617 (2017), the Community Air Protection Program, whether the funding would be contingent upon future Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund auction revenues, and whether the Air District has a contingency plan if funding is not restored to the program; the level of the Air District's concern regarding some of its partner organizations losing State funding; and whether the removal of the impact of fuel efficiency standards would result in an increase of sales of dirtier, heavier, less-efficient vehicles, and how the Air District can we continue to advance just transition despite the protection of the market for fossil fuels.

Regarding federal updates: whether waivers that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had already been granted to California for its stricter vehicle emissions standards may be disapproved by Congress via the Congressional Review Act; and concern regarding the termination of satellite programs and cut research funding related to climate change, as well as Trump administration's attempts to dismantle climate regulations, standards, programs, and Clean Air Act.

## Committee Action

No action taken.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

No requests received.

### **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Veenker announced that the City of Palo Alto's Climate Action and Sustainability Committee recently discussed the City's role in facilitating compliance with Air District Zero nitrogen oxides (NOx) requirements for water heaters. She also said that she recently gave a

report to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, the agency which appointed her to the Air District's Board, on the Air District's recent activities.

**7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, October 15, 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 11:00 a.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
Marcy Hiratzka  
Clerk of the Boards