

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 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; 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): Director Ray Mueller.

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

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

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

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga and Otto Lee.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of September 17, 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEM

4. TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR POLICIES COMMENCING FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Dr. Minda Berbeco, Strategic Incentives Division Manager, gave the staff presentation *Transportation Fund for Clean Air Policies Commencing Fiscal Year 2026-2027*, including: recommended action; background; timeline for policy updates; summary of proposed updates; and recommended actions.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Patrick Messac, Air District Community Advisory Council Member; and Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the Air District's Community Advisory Council's input has driven any of the proposed policy changes; the proposed changes to *Policy #10: Expend Funds within Two Years*, how frequently awarded projects require schedule extensions, and whether an administering agency could appeal for an extension beyond the proposed extension limits; the amount of time that the Committee has to recommend changes to the proposed changes before the Board considers adoption; the suggestion that messaging regarding increasing cost-effectiveness limits be refined so that it does not result in the public

being confused or misinterpreting the guidelines; whether there has been a lack of projects at the current cost-effectiveness limits; the fact that county transit authorities already impose their own funding constraints that can limit potential projects; concern that the Air District will sometimes support things that are interesting but do not touch public health or air pollution reduction; and the impetus and anticipated future of the two new categories (implementation of rail-bus integration and regional transit information systems and demonstration of congestion pricing of highways, bridges, and public transit).

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair González, to recommend the Board of Directors **adopt** the proposed updates to the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Policies commencing in Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. **UPDATE OF INTERSTATE-580 TRUCK ACCESS STUDY**

John Xu of Caltrans District 4 gave the presentation *Interstate (I)-580 Truck Access Study*, including: agenda; study overview; study goals and objectives; study timeline; study area; existing conditions; Port of Oakland heavy truck trips; industrial land uses: freight-dependent industries; public and stakeholder engagement; public agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members; industry TAC members; community-based organizations TAC members; Phase 1: Public Engagement; next steps; traffic analysis approach; air quality analysis; and stay updated.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Teresa Galvin Lee, Oakland resident; Patrick Messac, Air District Community Advisory Council Member; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and James Breeden, Lakeshore Homes Association.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how Board members can assist with outreach to their constituents; how Caltrans determines which residents are on mailing lists for status updates; whether all community health clinics, homeowners associations, and constituent groups in the area are involved; the desire for this study to be completed quickly; exit routes for trucks as they leave West Oakland; why the City of Berkeley is included in the study area; cut-through traffic (concerns, evaluations, and modeling methods); air quality analysis methods and who is conducting this; concerns that the goals in today's presentation are different than those that

were presented to the City of San Leandro; and concerns regarding unintended equity consequences.

Committee Action

No action taken.

6. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *State and Federal Legislative Updates*, including: outline; co-sponsored bill: Assembly Bill (AB) 14 (Hart); Board-approved position bills: AB 339 (Ortega), AB 546 (Caloza), (SB) 34 (Richardson); additional bills of interest: AB 1207 (Irwin, et al.), Senate Bill (SB) 105 (Wiener), SB 840 (Límon, et al.); State Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 update; and Federal Legislative update.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Mueller was noted present at 11:20 a.m.

Committee Comments

The Committee congratulated the Air District staff who contributed to the success of AB 14 (Hart) – Coastal resources: Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program finally being signed into law; input that the Air District may have provided the bill author of SB 352 (Reyes) - Environmental justice: Department of Justice: Bureau of Environmental Justice: community air monitoring, had the Air District had more time; and appreciation for Air District staff who advocated for the following provisions within the FY 2025-2026 State Budget:

SB 105 (Wiener) – Budget Bill Jr.

Includes the following funding (totaling \$100 million), as it relates to the Community Air Protection Program for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 State Budget:

- Incentives: \$50 million
- Implementation: \$45 million
- Community Grants: \$5 million

SB 840 (Limón, et al.) – Greenhouse gases: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: studies.

Includes language for a continuous appropriation for community air protection programs in the amount of \$250 million beginning Fiscal Year 2026-27 State Budget, subject to available funding in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Patrick Messac, Air District Community Advisory Council Member.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Veenker said that she appreciated the Community Advisory Council's desire to interact with the Board and acknowledged that that needs to happen.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center and at satellite locations as may be specified on the meeting agenda using a remote teleconferencing link. Members of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards