

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 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 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.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of the Mayor, 2nd Floor, Room 201, 835 E.14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577): Vice Chair González.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Santa Clara County, 10th Floor, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110): Director Otto Lee.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2025**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Haubert made a motion, seconded by Director Lee, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of October 15, 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

ACTION ITEM

4. **FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2025 CHARGE! PROGRAM PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Caylee Mercado, Staff Specialist, gave the staff presentation *Charge! Program*, including: recommended action; outline; existing Bay Area electric vehicle (EV) structure; program overview; Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2025 solicitation; application scoring; application summary; and recommended action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the Air District monitors the level of use of the chargers that were funded by the Air District; whether the presence EV chargers in a given area results in more EVs being driven in that area; the desire for more EV chargers made available to affordable housing multi-family units; whether the Air District monitors EV charger maintenance and malfunctions; how many of the 69 eligible project applications may be funded with the proposed allocation of \$23.3M; whether there is a nexus between funding levels for priority population areas and multi-family housing; and whether the Air District prefers to promote Level 1, Level 2, or DC fast EV chargers.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Lee, to recommend the Board of Directors **approve** the Charge! Program rank list, **authorize** \$23.3 million for the recommended projects, and **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5. **2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *Proposed 2026 Legislative Platform*, including: overview; State Budget; State legislation; and federal legislation and regulatory activity.

Public Comments

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

NOTED PRESENT: Director Mueller was noted present at 10:20 a.m.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the Air District should support Senate Bill (SB) 684 (Mejivar, 2025) - Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, and whether there would be any risk in doing so; whether the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the California Air Resources Board (CARB) imposes particulate requirements on motor vehicles; whether Air District regulations must be approved by CARB; whether the Air District has purview over highway dust from brake and tire wear (versus CARB); the status of the EPA's final endangerment finding in October 2023, regarding lead emissions from piston-engine

aircraft using leaded fuel, and contributing to air pollution that endangers public health; eligible uses for funds allocated for “Wildfire Smoke Mitigation/Prescribed Fire”; the request that the Air District supports Assembly Bill (AB) 306 (Schultz, 2025) - Building regulations: state building standards; whether the Air District is still tracking the issue of data centers’ energy usage reporting and efficiency standards; and appreciation for the Air District’s policy development reflecting its strategic priorities and mission statement.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 17, 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards