

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 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:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Lynda Hopkins, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson Lynda Hopkins; Vice Chairperson Vicki Veenker; and Directors Ken Carlson, Brian Colbert, Noelia Corzo, Juan González III, David Haubert, Tyrone Jue, Bilal Mahmood, Gabe Quinto, Mark Salinas, Shamann Walton, and Steve Young.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Conference Room, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Director John Gioia.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Crystal Conference Room, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Solano County Administration Building, 675 N. Texas St., Room A168, Fairfield, California, 94533): Director Monica Brown.

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: (Office of Supervisor Ray Mueller, 270 Capistrano Road, Suite 6, Half Moon Bay, California, 94019): Director Ray Mueller.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Pittsburg City Hall, City Manager's Office Mayor/Council Conference Room, 301A, 65 Civic Ave., 3rd Floor, Pittsburg, California 94565): Director Dionne Adams.

Absent: Directors Brian Barnacle and Sergio Lopez.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AIR DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026**

The Board of Directors conducted a public hearing to consider and receive testimony on the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. This was the first of two required public hearings on the Proposed Budget; the second public hearing, at which the Board will consider adoption of the Proposed Budget, is scheduled for June 4, 2025.

Hyacinth Hinojosa, Deputy Executive Officer of Finance and Administration and Stephanie Osaze, Director of Finance, gave the staff presentation *First Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget*, including: outline; background; Budget and fee regulation schedule; community Budget workshop; Budget highlights; financial forecast, cost recovery overview; Budget summary – ongoing and new investments; FY 2025-2026 all funds Budget by revenue and expense type; FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget by type; General Fund reserve policy overview; General Fund reserves trend; FY 2025-2026 General Fund reserve designations; medical retiree plan funding status/policy; pension plan funding status/policy; FY 2025-2026 Budget by service area; Air District staffing overview; Assembly Bill (AB) 617 grant funding and staffing requested; Community Benefit Fund; community benefit administrative funding (staffing); Community Air Protection (CAP) administrative funding; CAP admin overhead staffing; shifting from professional services to support staffing and efficiency; additional staffing request based on other cost savings; facility-funded pilot; accessing designated reserves for Limited-Term Contract Employees (LTCE) staffing; organizational efficiency add/delete positions; Air District 2024 sponsorship summary; and next steps.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Young was noted present at 9:09 a.m.; Directors Abe-Koga, Adams, Corzo, and Tam were noted present at 9:13 a.m.; and Director Jue was noted present at 9:26.

Chair Hopkins opened the public hearing.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Kathy Kerridge, Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program; Peter Okurowski, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB); Jacob Klein, Industrious Labs; Vanessa Rivas Villanueva, Earthjustice; and Mandeera Wijetunga.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the desire to resolve permitting backlog issues, and the status of implementing a Permitting Ombudsman; anticipated claw backs of State and Federal grants; the suggestion of significantly increasing the Pension Plan Funding Policy to reach 80% funded; risk tolerance and whether the Air District is losing money by keeping it in reserves; and concerns regarding potential economic impacts to Bay Area businesses, due to increased Air District fees.

Chair Hopkins closed the public hearing.

Board Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Mark Williams, Jr., Environmental Justice League (EJL); Mark Williams, Sr., EJL; Marilyn Bardet, Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program; and Maureen Brennan, Rodeo resident.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, no earlier than 10:00 a.m. (immediately following this meeting) at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Board of Directors members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards