

Bay Area Air District
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Board of Directors Budget Hearing Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air 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 10:00 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; and Directors Monica Brown, Ken Carlson, Chris Clark, Brian Colbert, Joelle Gallagher, Juan González III, David Haubert, Tyrone Jue, Bilal Mahmood, Gabe Quinto, Mark Salinas, Linda Sell, Lena Tam, and Steve Young.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Office, 5th Floor, 500 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063): Director Ray Mueller.

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, CA 94066): Director Rico E. Medina.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Vicki Veenker; and Directors Dionne Adams, Brian Barnacle, Noelia Corzo, and Shamann Walton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PUBLIC HEARING

3. PROPOSED AIR DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027

The Board of Directors conducted a public hearing to review and receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.

Hyacinth Hinojosa, Deputy Executive Officer of Finance and Administration, and Stephanie Osaze, Director of Finance, gave the staff presentation Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, including: outline; background; budget and fee regulation schedule; budget highlights; FY 2026-2027 All Funds Budget by revenue and expense type; grant distributions; FY 2026-2027 General Fund Budget by type; financial forecast; Budget summary – ongoing and new investments, other considerations, and sources and uses; General Fund reserves trend; General Fund reserve proposed designations and uses; medical retiree plan funding status/policy; pension plan funding status/policy; FY 2026-2027 Budget by service area; staffing overview; organizational efficiency add/delete positions; and recommended action.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Mahmood was noted present at 10:05 a.m. and Director Jue was noted present at 10:14 a.m.

Chair Hopkins opened the Public Hearing.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed status of the Air District's efforts to reduce its permit backlog; the request for year-on-year trends; whether the Air District's Engineering Division currently has sufficient staffing capacity to support its workload; the desire to see the Air District reach 100% funding for pension/Other Post Employment Benefits; why the Air District's reserves decreased in 2026, and whether that trend will stabilize; what sources the Air District's projected revenue predominantly comes from; how refinery shutdowns may affect projected Air District revenues, and whether the Air District should evaluate the need for a contingency plan to address potential revenue losses resulting from refinery closures; the status on Valero's Benicia refinery closure and the facility's current Air District permit as they shut down, and whether the facility will become a marine terminal; whether Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund reductions may impact the Air District's budget; and the suggestion that, by 2027, the Air District calculates the projected annual permit revenue attributable to its ten highest revenue-generating permitted facilities and use that estimate as part of its risk management and budget planning process (if actual revenues trend below the projected amount, the Air District should adjust its budget accordingly to mitigate fiscal risk).

Chair Hopkins closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action

The Board of Directors did not take action on the Proposed Budget at this hearing. The Board of Directors will consider adopting the Proposed Budget at the second public hearing, which is scheduled for June 3, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held immediately following this one, on April 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the meeting is able to begin. 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 Board of Directors and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

The following meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026, 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 Board of Directors and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

The next Budget Hearing will be held on June 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the Board of Directors must attend in person at the Bay Area Metro Center; members of the public will be able to attend in person or virtually via webcast.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards