

Bay Area Air District
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Board of Directors 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 11:06 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 AMENDMENTS TO AIR DISTRICT REGULATION 3: FEES

The Board of Directors conducted a public hearing to consider and receive testimony on Proposed Amendments to the Air District's fee regulation, Regulation 3, impacting fee schedules A, B, C, D, E, F, G-1 through G-5, H, I, K, P, R, S, V, and W, along with other related changes.

Fred Tanaka, Engineering Manager, and Mark Gage, Principal Air Quality Engineer, gave the staff presentation *Proposed Amendments to Air District Regulation 3: Fees*, including: recommended action; outline; cost recovery background: limitations, trends, trends example; cost recovery strategies; cost recovery background; fee reductions; fee removals; proposed fee regulation amendments; other proposed changes – general, new fee, reclassification; impact on large facilities – permit renewal; impact on small facilities – permit renewal; fee reduction summary; efficiencies and cost containment efforts; budget & fee regulation schedule; summary of public comments; and recommended action.

Chair Hopkins opened the Public Hearing.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Peter Okurowski, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed how the Air District's fees compare to those of other air districts in California; situations in which the Air District's permitting requirements differ from those of the South Coast Air Quality Management District; what drives the increased cost of regulated operations in overburdened communities; whether Slide 21 (Impact on Large Facilities – Annual Permit Renewal) capture anticipated changes to existing equipment or operations; the request for a historical overview of the Air District's costs and revenues over time; predicted versus actual fee increases; the suggestion of restructuring Schedule K (solid waste disposal sites) to achieve greater cost recovery on a progressive basis; which metrics the Air District uses to measure permitting times and where money is being spent; how the Air District calculated threshold increases for each fee schedule; the suggestion that two categories be added to Slide 21 (Annual Permit Fee Increase/Decrease): the number of permits processed that year and number of backlogged permits that year; whether the Air District predicts that the Valero refinery in Benicia would pay its Air District fees if the facility is shutting down its operations; whether Air District inspectors will continue to visit the aforementioned refinery as it shuts down; the rationale for raising fees without a corresponding increase in costs; the anticipated impacts of delaying fee increases until 2027; the request that "green projects be accelerated through the Air District's permitting process" be added to Slides 24 and 25 (efficiencies and cost containment efforts); whether enforcement costs recoverable in cases involving deceptive conduct by a permitted facility; and whether the Air District staff bills their time to specific permit numbers.

Chair Hopkins closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action

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

OTHER BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Rochele Henderson.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Young asked whether the \$3.25 million dollars that the Air District fined the Valero Benicia refinery (in April 2026) will be added to the available funds for Round 1 of the Local Community Benefits Fund allocated to Benicia and surrounding communities, versus for Round 2.

Director González encouraged Board members to report Air District posts on various social media platforms.

Director Salinas reported that on April 25, 2026, the City of Hayward held its Citywide Clean-Up and Community Fair, and he thanked the Air District for having a presence at the event.

Director Quinto reported that he attended SF Climate Week, which was held from April 18-26, 2026.

Director Sell thanked the Air District for sponsoring Stanford University's Sustainable Data Centers Symposium.

6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER / Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

Dr. Philip M. Fine, Executive Officer / APCO, waived this report.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Hopkins announced that on April 14, 2026, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors appointed Mountain View Vice Mayor, Chris Clark, to the Air District's Board of Directors for a four-year term, from April 20, 2026 to April 20, 2030. This appointment fills the seat formerly held by Margaret Abe-Koga, whose appointment to the Air District concluded on April 20, 2026, due to term limits.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards