Bay Area Air District
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Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air District at
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CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Lynda Hopkins, called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 Chair Vicki Veenker; and Directors Dionne Adams, Monica Brown, Ken Carlson, Chris Clark, Brian Colbert, Juan González III, Tyrone Jue, Bilal Mahmood, Gabe Quinto, Linda Sell, Lena Tam, Shamann Walton, and Steve Young.

   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 Santa Clara County, 70 W. Hedding St, 1st Floor Conference Room, San Jose, CA 95110): Director 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: (Office of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Scott Haggerty House, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566): Directors David Haubert and Mark Salinas.

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

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

Absent: Director Brian Barnacle.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CLOSED SESSION (10:06 a.m.)

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Rochele Henderson.

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

Agency Designated Representatives:
Laura A. Izon, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Hyacinth Hinojosa, Deputy Executive Officer of Finance and Administration
Lisa Baker, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organization: Bay Area Air Quality Management District Employees Association

Reportable Action: Alexander Crockett, General Counsel, announced that there was no reportable action.

OPEN SESSION (10:30 a.m.)

4. **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chair Hopkins welcomed the following new Air District employees: Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, Health Officer; Rachel Bennett, Manager II in Community Investments Office; Letitia Carpenter, Senior Staff Specialist in Community Investments Office; and Shannon King, Assistant Staff Specialist in Community Investments Office.

Chair Hopkins also congratulated Mausam Jamwal on her recent promotion to Senior Environmental Planner in the Planning & Climate Protection Division.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Public comments were given by Colleen Fitzgerall, Earthjustice; Katrina Tomas, Earthjustice; Pooja Agarwal; Rochele Henderson; Fernandeo Gaytan, Earthjustice; Jack Fleck, No Coal East Bay Coalition; Mars Keith, Sierra Club; Ashia Ajani, Sierra Club; Trevor Justice; Arieann Harrison; and Patrick Messac.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 6 – 20)

6. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of July 1, 2026

7. Notices of Violations Issued and Settlements in Excess of $10,000 in the Months of June and July 2026
8. Personnel Out-of-State Business Travel Report for June and July 2026
9. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sponsorship Annual Report
10. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Air District and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Employees' Association and Related Actions
    Click here to view Board Resolution 2026-07

11. Authorization to Amend Represented Classifications
12. Authorization to Amend Contract with the Marie Harrison Community Foundation for the Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco Assembly Bill 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan
13. Authorization to Amend Contract with Environmental Audit, Inc. for California Environmental Quality Act Support Services
14. Authorization to Execute Contract with SHI International Corp. for Microsoft Software Licensing and Cloud Services
15. Authorization to Execute Contract with InterEthnica for Community Engagement, Communications and Related Services in Support of the Clean Air Plan
16. Authorization to Execute Contract with Fuel for Society to Provide Financial Consultant Support to the Climate Tech Finance Program
17. Authorization to Purchase Equipment to Support the Bay Area Regional Evaluation of Air Toxics and Health Effects Program
18. Report of the Stationary Source Committee Meeting of July 8, 2026
19. Report of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of July 8, 2026
20. Report of the Community Advisory Council Meeting of July 16, 2026

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Young, to **approve** Consent Calendar Items 6 through 20, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:	Adams, Brown, Carlson, Clark, Colbert, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Haubert, Hopkins, Jue, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Walton, Young.
ABSTAIN:	None.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	Barnacle.

ACTION ITEMS

21. POLICY FOR SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS IN REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT

Leonid Bak, Economist, gave the staff presentation *Policy for Socioeconomic Impact Analysis in Regulatory Development,* including: recommended action; what is a socioeconomic impact analysis; key policy elements; required socioeconomic analysis contents; enhanced socioeconomic analysis; Stationary Source Committee discussion; and recommended action.

The Stationary Source Committee recommended adoption of this policy at its meeting on July 8, 2026.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; Tim Sbranti, Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council; Mark Williams, Jr., Environmental Justice League (EJL); Charmaine Robinson, Oakland resident; Tina Flores, Concord resident; Chaha Parker, Oakland resident; Camika Robinson; Yvonne Eashman, Richmond resident; Matt Regan, Bay Area Council; Patrick Messac; Mark Orcutt, East Bay Leadership Council; and Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the manner in which a socioeconomic analysis changes the design of an Air District rule; whether the Board will see the cumulative costs of implemented rules on the regulated community; clarification on what cost is projected to be above $10M in direct annual costs; additional evaluation metrics; whether the new socioeconomic impact analysis policy will be applied to the development of Rule 9-6 or upon future permit applicants; perceived weaknesses on industry regarding cumulative impacts; baseline assumptions; whether the new socioeconomic impact analysis policy would include a retrospective downstream incremental expenditure cost to live in the Bay Area, whether it would delay health benefits, or result in unintended consequences; the difficulty of quantifying health benefits; how upfront costs will be handled; and the fact that actual costs may differ from preliminary industry estimates and could ultimately be lower than forecasted.

Board Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director González, to **adopt** a policy for how the Air District will conduct socioeconomic impact analyses for Air District regulatory actions; the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:	Adams, Brown, Carlson, Clark, Colbert, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Haubert, Hopkins, Jue, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Walton, Young.
ABSTAIN:	None.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	Barnacle.

22. **LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND – AWARD OF ROUND 1 BENICIA CATALYST GRANT FUNDS**

Emi Wang, Community Investments Officer, gave the staff presentation, *Local Community Benefits Fund: Award of Round 1 Benicia Catalyst Grant Funds,* including: recommended action; outline; Benicia and surrounding communities: available funding; Catalyst Grant; applications received; community and technical reviewers; application scoring; scoring rubric; detailed scoring rubric; Benicia Unified School District (BUSD); City of Benicia; application submissions: strengths and weaknesses; resubmissions process; considerations for award; BUSD Projects 1 and 2; City of Benicia Projects 1, 2, 3, and 4; award recommendations; and recommended actions.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Vallejo resident; and Stephen Golub, Benicia resident.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the manner in which the additional available funding (for Benicia and surrounding communities) collected since October 2024 will be allocated; whether the Air District has considered whether interest accrued on awarded project funds could be leveraged to establish an endowment or similar long-term funding mechanism to support community benefits, such as youth sports or food recovery programs, or other local initiatives; grant advance guidelines; whether project application modifications are allowed; concerns that smaller non-profit organizations often have limited capacity and resources to prepare competitive applications, which can create barriers to participation in the program; BUSD's Measure C, a $122.5 million local school bond approved by voters in March 2024, which was to modernize Career Technical Education classrooms and labs; whether the City of Martinez (and surrounding communities) will eventually have its own available funding; whether the BUSD schools have high-efficiency air filtration systems designed to protect students from heavy wildfire smoke and unhealthy pollution air conditioning during emergencies; whether BUSD has experienced average daily attendance loss; the anticipated health benefits and impacts associated with implementation of the recommended projects and the process for reporting those outcomes to the Board; how planning-related activities like zoning and General Plan updates might align with the purpose of the Local Community Benefits Fund; to what extent grantees have flexibility in determining how awarded funds are used, and what expenditure requirements or limitations are established by the Air District; grant agreement requirements and indicators; appreciation for executive leadership adopting a revised approach that emphasizes reinvesting penalty revenues in impacted communities, with funding directed toward local benefits rather than being retained for agency purposes; the public perception that the City of Benicia or the Air District was responsible for the closure of the Valero refinery, and the fact that regulatory investigations and enforcement matters are conducted independently of the Board of Directors, whose members are elected officials, in part to maintain appropriate separation between enforcement activities and policymaking responsibilities; and appreciation for the Air District/Valero settlement, rather than a drawn out court process that would have impacted available funding for the Local Communities Benefits Fund.

Board Action

Director Young made a motion, seconded by Director Brown, to do the following:

1) Award $40,000,000 in Local Community Benefits Fund awards for the Catalyst Grant in Benicia:
    a. $10,000,000 in recommended funding to Benicia Unified School District
    b. $30,000,000 in recommended funding to the City of Benicia

2) Authorize the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to execute grant agreements for the recommended projects.

The motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:	Adams, Brown, Carlson, Clark, Colbert, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Hopkins, Jue, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
ABSTAIN:	None.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	Barnacle, Haubert, Mueller, Walton.

OTHER BUSINESS

23. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Veenker thanked Air District executives for attending a workshop for elected officials, co-hosted by the Cities Association of Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley Clean Energy on August 31, 2026. This workshop was held for elected officials to learn about upcoming changes to the Bay Area Air District's appliance rules, proposed exemptions, and other key details, along with insights from contractors on the realities of heat pump installation.

24. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO

Dr. Philip M. Fine, Executive Officer/APCO, reported the following:

- The Board's next Stationary Source Committee meeting will occur on September 9 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Topics will include: State and Regional Efforts to Advance the Equitable Transition to Clean Appliances and Permitting Research & Development: Unlocking Innovation.
- The Board's next Community Equity, Health, & Justice Committee meeting will occur on September 9, 2026, no earlier than 1:00 p.m. Topics will include: Local Community Benefits Fund – Award of Round 1 Funds.
- The Board's next Policy, Grants, & Technology Committee meeting will occur on September 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Topics will include: State and Federal Legislative Updates.
- Engineering and Permit Backlog Staffing Update – To address the backlog staffing plan the Board approved, along with annual attrition, we have internally promoted or hired 36 staff in the Engineering Division in the past year. Further, we have another 13

permanent positions, 8 limited term contract positions, and lateral transfers for the backlog team currently in active recruitment.

A few key positions I want to call to your attention are:

- 1 Backlog Manager, who is starting in about two weeks
- 1 Consistency/BACT senior Engineer
- 1 Communications senior Engineer, who serves as the liaison to the Board ad hoc on permitting and the Permitting Efficiency Taskforce
- 2 Engineering Program Managers

Speaking of the Engineering Program Managers, the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies recently approved a 3-year funding agreement with the Air District. In addition, one of our participant facilities recently received a permit for a new technology in just over four months. This was accomplished without sacrificing any permitting rigor or jumping ahead of other facilities.

Our pending permit application numbers are going down. In March 2025 we had 1130 NSR permit applications in review; in August that number was down to 930. That's an 18% reduction less than 18 months. Remember the final goal is 50% reduction with no delays, given there will always be 500-600 applications in working inventory.

Lastly, our database and tracking systems have advanced significantly, allowing us to track permit applications in near real time as they move through each stage of the process and giving us greater confidence in our improving performance. We have also greatly improved transparency based on feedback from industry groups. Applicants can now log in to see where their permits are in the process and find contact information for the engineer assigned to their application, and continue to enhance the system, with new communication and tracking features anticipated soon.

25. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Hopkins announced the following:

- On September 21, 2026, the Air District will host a public meeting in Richmond on the Chevron Health Risk Assessment, at the Richmond Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Deputy Executive Officer Viet Tran for more information.
- On September 16 and 24, 2026, the Air District will host a public workshop on potential amendments to Flare Monitoring rules 12-11 and 12-12 in Martinez and Richmond, respectively, both at 6:00 p.m., virtually and in person. Please contact Deputy Executive Officer Greg Nudd for more information.
- The November 4, 2026 Board meeting may need to start at 9:00 a.m., as a high volume of public speakers are anticipated. Vanessa Johnson, Manager of Executive Operations, will poll the Board members' availability to begin the meeting at 9:00 a.m. that day.

26. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 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.

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards