



2026 Legislative Activities and State Legislative Update

Board of Directors

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AGENDA: 20

Recommended Action #1

1. Approve the Legislative Activities for the 2026 Legislative Session, as recommended by the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee at its meeting on December 17, 2025

Recommended Action #2 and #2a

2. Approve sponsorship of a proposed bill idea that would make changes to the structure of the Advisory Council, as well as clarifying the use of population estimates for determining representation on the Air District Board
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Recommended Action #3

3. Confirm co-sponsorship of Senate Bill 222 (Wiener) – Heat Pump Access Act

Abbreviations

- Assembly Bill (AB)
- Senate Bill (SB)
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)
- Building Decarbonization Coalition (BDC)
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Key Dates and Deadlines

2026 Legislative Session

Date/Deadline	Description
February 20, 2026	Last day for bills to be introduced
May 29, 2026	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
August 31, 2026	Last day for each house to pass bills
September 30, 2026	Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after September 1
November 3, 2026	General Election
November 30, 2026	Adjournment <i>sine die</i> at midnight
December 7, 2026	12 Noon convening of the 2027-28 Regular Session
January 1, 2027	Statutes take effect

Proposed Legislative Activities for 2026

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The following nine (9) Legislative Activities for the 2026 Legislative Session have been recommended for Board approval by the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee at its meeting on December 17, 2025.

CARB Air District Board Members Compensation

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AB 907 (Chen) would provide that CARB board members representing air districts receive the same level of compensation as other Governor-appointed voting CARB board members.

AB 907 was introduced in the 2025 Legislative Session, sponsored by South Coast AQMD, and supported by the Air District. AB 907 is a 2-Year bill and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

CEQA Streamlining

CEQA Streamlining for Clean Air Plans and Rulemaking

Look for opportunities to limit CEQA requirements for clean air plans and rulemaking, either as a standalone sponsored bill, or as an amendment to an introduced bill in the same topic area.

Air District Advisory Council

Recommended Action #2

Air District Advisory Council

Various changes that could include a reduction in the number of required meetings, allow for a Board Chair designee as ex officio member, expand council by one (1), add other background areas for members, etc.

Air District Board Representation

Recommended Action #2 and #2a

Clarification of Existing Statute Regarding Representation on Board

Clarifying the use of population estimates for determining representation on the Air District Board.

- Determine which of the Department of Finance's population estimates (preliminary or revised) will be used when determining representation on the Air District Board

Heat Pump Permit Streamlining

Recommended Action #3

Reintroduction of SB 282 (Wiener) Heat Pump Permit Streamlining

Staff Note: The bill for the 2026 Legislative Session is SB 222 (Wiener) – Heat Pump Access Act. The bill passed both of the referred Senate Committees – Housing and Local Government – and passed the Senate Floor on January 26, 2026. The bill has been ordered to the Assembly.

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Explore changes that could be made to existing statute related to permitting or toxics reporting that would streamline air district permit activities.

Heat Pump Mitigation Fee

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Explore ways to create a funding source for heat pump changeouts.

Housing/CEQA

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Explore changes to CEQA related to zero lot line district permit issues with regards to particulate.

Indirect Source Regulation

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Monitor AB 914 (Garcia) and participate/support, as necessary.

AB 914 is a 2-year bill that is currently awaiting action on the Assembly Floor.

Update: Air District staff have been informed that AB 914 is not planned to make it off the Assembly Floor by the January 31, 2026, deadline for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. Air District staff will monitor for additional proposed legislation in the same topic area.

State Budget

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- On January 9, 2026, Governor Newsom released his initial proposal for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 State Budget
 - [AB 1563 \(Gabriel\)](#) and [SB 879 \(Laird\)](#) are identical bills reflecting the Governor's proposed budget
- Budget hearings will continue for several months
- In May, the Governor will release a budget revision (the “May Revise”)
- The remainder of May and most of June will be spent reconciling priorities and funding of the Administration, Senate, and Assembly
- The budget must be signed by the Governor by July 1, 2026

Recap of Recommended Actions

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Questions & Discussion

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