

Bay Area Air District
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Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 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:** Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Vicki Veenker, 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 Vicki Veenker; and Directors Ken Carlson and Brian Colbert.

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: (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Offices, 500 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063): Director Ray Mueller.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisor's Office, 70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110): Director Margaret Abe-Koga.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 3, 101 Callan Ave., Suite 103, San Leandro, CA 94577): Director Lena Tam.

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 Juan González III; and Directors Noelia Corzo, Mark Salinas.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY, GRANTS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Colbet, to approve the Draft Minutes of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of February 18, 2026; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, Colbert, Gallagher, Medina, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Corzo, González, Mueller, Salinas.

ACTION ITEMS

4. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *State Legislative Updates*, including: abbreviations; recommended action; 2026 Legislative Session; Board-approved-position bills – Senate Bill (SB) 222 (Wiener), Assembly Bill (AB) 907 (Chen), and AB 1777 (Garcia); Ai District staff recommendations - AB 1791 (Sanchez), AB 2313 (Berman), AB 2752 (Avila Farias), SB 299 (Cabaldon), SB 954 (Blakespear), and SB 1392 (Cortese); additional bills for discussion – AB 2046 (Ransom), AB 2102 (DeMaio), AB 2635 (C. Rodriguez), SB 875 (Wiener), SB 1075 (Reyes), SB 1097 (Wiener), and SB 1259 (Blakespear); and recap of recommended action.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Mueller was noted present at 10:20 a.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed comments on supporting SB 299 (Cabaldon) to avoid incentivizing daycare and childcare facilities into industrial zones with high air pollution; supporting AB 2313 (Berman) and clarifying the consequences if a customer opts into the

program and electrifies instead; SB 875 (Wiener), noting that while it is outside the Air District's jurisdiction, the implications for utility ownership that could influence air quality efforts and regulations; the contradictory logic of SB 1392 (Cortese) noting that if a vehicle is truly a restored classic or collector car, it should generally be able to meet existing smog-check standards; whether to change the AB 2752 (Ávila Farías) position from oppose to watch and whether the language shift focus from the core public health mission of the Air District; why AB 2752 applies only to Bay Area and South Coast Air Districts, given the broader implications of refinery regulation; supporting staff's recommendation to oppose AB 1791 (Sanchez) and added that tying Air District rules to a fixed gasoline cost cap is impractical in a highly volatile fuel market; and that since the Air District already conducts socioeconomic and cost-effectiveness analyses under the Health and Safety Code, AB 1791 bill appears redundant.

Committee Action

Director Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Director Colbert, to recommend the Board adopt positions on the following pending state legislative bills:

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 2313 (Berman)
Senate Bill 299 (Cabaldon)
Senate Bill 954 (Blakespear)

OPPOSE

Assembly Bill 1791 (Sanchez)
Assembly Bill 2752 (Ávila Farías)
Senate Bill 1392 (Cortese)

After motion was made, Director Carlson offered the friendly amendment of holding two separate votes for this item; one vote that would recommend the Board adopt the aforementioned positions on the aforementioned pending state legislative bills, **except for Assembly Bill 2752 (Ávila Farías)**, and a second vote that would consider Assembly Bill 2752 (Ávila Farías) on its own. The motioner and seconder agreed to this change.

Therefore, Director Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Director Colbert, to recommend the Board adopt positions on the following pending state legislative bills:

SUPPORT

Assembly Bill 2313 (Berman)
Senate Bill 299 (Cabaldon)
Senate Bill 954 (Blakespear)

OPPOSE

Assembly Bill 1791 (Sanchez)
Senate Bill 1392 (Cortese)

The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, Colbert, Gallagher, Medina, Mueller, Tam, Veenker.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Corzo, González, Salinas.

Director Carlson made a motion, seconded by Director Mueller, to recommend the Board **adopt** a "WATCH" position regarding Assembly Bill 2752 (Ávila Farías); and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Carlson, Colbert, Medina, Mueller, Tam.
NOES: Gallagher, Veenker.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Corzo, González, Salinas.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5. UPDATE ON BAY AREA REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Jamesine Rogers Gibson, Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, gave the staff presentation *Update on Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan*, including: Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan (BARCAP) overview; goals of the BARCAP; BARCAP greenhouse gas and carbon stock inventories; BARCAP snapshot; transportation; buildings; power; waste an materials management; natural and working lands; Advisory Work Group for BARCAP; BARCAP engagement highlights; BARCAP deliverables benefit the region; sample funding roadmap; Air District role in implementation; next steps; and Santa Clara County.

Prior to the conclusion of the presentation, Janani Chandrasekar, Management Analyst with the Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability and Resilience, gave comments on her partnership with Air District staff on this.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the status of Napa County's approval of its Regional Climate Action Plan, and questions on how to coordinate and align that work with the Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan; questions about metrics to track anticipated impacts of the plan, and whether there are lessons learned from other regions in the world that could inform how the Bay Area measures and improves its results; the importance of the waste and clean composting measures; and whether all counties have similar recycling and waste reduction commissions, and if so, how their data and activities are incorporated into the Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan and other related county climate plans.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 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 Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee 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 1:28 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards