

Bay Area Air District
375 Beale Steet, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105

Stationary Source Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 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:** Stationary Source Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Ken Carlson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 1st Floor Yerba Buena Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105): Chairperson Ken Carlson; and Director Tyrone Jue.

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): Directors Gabe Quinto and Steve Young.

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

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Santa Rosa Junior College Campus, Doyle Library, Room 148, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401): Director Lynda Hopkins.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Best Western Plus Hacienda Hotel Old Town, Prado Room, 4041 Harney Street, San Diego, CA 92110): Vice Chairperson John Gioia.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Office of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Scott Haggerty House, 4501, Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566): Director David Haubert.

Absent: Directors Dionne Adams and Otto Lee.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STATIONARY SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Jue made a motion, seconded by Director Haubert, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Stationary Source Committee meeting of February 11, 2026; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Carlson, Gioia, Haubert, Jue, Medina, Mueller, Quinto, Young.
NOES:None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Adams, Hopkins, Lee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

NOTED PRESENT: Director Hopkins was noted present at 10:03 a.m.

4. CHANGE APPROACH TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: NEW CLEAN AIR PLAN

Dr. Philip M. Fine, Executive Officer, and Alesia Lau, Principal Environmental Planner, gave the staff presentation *Change Approach to Air Quality Management: New Clean Air Plan*, including: abbreviations; what is a Clean Air Plan; traditional State Implementation Plan (SIP); SIP versus Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP); new approach to regional clean air planning; 2017 Clean Air Plan; Air District Strategic Plan commitment – new Clean Air Plan; overview of the new Clean Air Plan; current air quality (ambient monitoring): air quality summary, annual average Particulate Matter (PM)_{2.5} trends, disparities in annual average PM_{2.5}, 8-hour ozone trends, and annual average benzene trends; regional emissions overview (emissions overview): regional emissions summary, regional emission sources of PM_{2.5}, regional emission sources of NO_x (nitrogen oxides), and regional emission source of reactive organic gases; toxic air contaminants (TAC) overview: TACs, characterizing exposure to TACs, and localized benzene impacts; federal PM planning: status of the Primary Annual PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), Federal Administration actions; and new Clean Air Plan next steps and milestones.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Kevin Buchan, Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA); and Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and Air District staff discussed how to reduce measured concentrations (PM_{2.5} and NO_x) with limited control over contributing factors; whether the Air District has modeled localized impacts for the four designated Bay Area Assembly Bill (AB) 617 communities; a Board member's desire for the banning of residential wood burning, and other Board members' concerns for their constituents who live on unreliable grids and may need to burn wood during emergencies; individual site trends within the annual average PM_{2.5} trends chart; potential repercussions, if the Air District enforces standards that exceed federal or state standards; whether the highest design values within the annual average PM_{2.5} trends chart are due to an absence of wildfires; mobile off-road sources (ships) activity, as a source of NO_x, and whether docked ships emit more emissions than moving ships; the importance of analyzing local impacts of PM_{2.5}, besides regional impacts; the desire for the Air District to engage in maritime emissions regulation and work with impacted ships and manufacturers, even though mobile sources are outside of the Air District's authority; current localized monitoring technology and how it will be improved; long-term attainment goal next steps; and whether the Air District may set its own attainment levels, beyond federal requirements and standards.

Committee Action

No action taken.

5. OVERVIEW OF REFINERY FLARING, FLARING MINIMIZATION EFFORTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF "FLARING 101"

Katie Gong, Senior Air Quality Engineer, gave the staff presentation *Overview of Refinery Flaring, Flaring Minimization Efforts and the Development of "Flaring 101"*, including: abbreviations; outline; what is a flare system; when does flaring occur; flare types; visual cues of properly operated non-hydrogen flare; current rule requirements; other regulations; Bay Area flaring trends; impetus of rule development efforts; current status of rule development efforts; Refinery Technical Working Group (RTWG); Flaring 101: what is Flaring 101, and next steps; potential rule amendment concepts: goals for potential amendment concepts, Goal #1 - Flare Minimization Plans (FMPs) and Reporting and Monitoring Requirements, 1.1. Strengthen FMP Updates, 1.2. Standardize Reporting Requirements, 1.3. Expand Definitions and Categories for Reporting Causes of Flaring, 1.4. Strengthen Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, Goal #2 - Reduce Flaring Emissions and Frequency, 2.1. Incorporate Key Requirements from United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Refinery Sector Rule for Flares, 2.2. Establish New Annual Flare Limits, 2.3. Require Mitigation Measures for Violations, 2.4. Require Submittal of Causal Reports based on Additional Triggers, and 2.5. Require Third-Party Audits for Facilities; and Concept Paper next steps.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Morgan Zellers, Phillips 66; Kevin Buchan, WSPA; Kaitlin Alcontin, Communities for a Better Environment; Todd Osterberg, Chevron; and Brandon Sutter, Chevron.

Committee Comments

The Committee and Air District staff discussed concerns about planned flaring events, and the desire for notification well beforehand; how utility power outages may affect flaring events; whether petroleum refineries are investing in backup power systems for emergencies; how often flaring events occur at refineries; how often the RTWG meets and the desire for that body to discuss flaring at every meeting; the desire that the Board would have more collaborative relationships with the refineries about flaring; concerns about putting controls on safety-related flaring events; how often flaring events are beyond the refineries' control; the suggestion of implementing a fast-track process for permitting backup generators during power outages; the difference between mitigation fees and enforcement fees; what emissions are released during flaring events; third party audits; the suggestion of analyzing planned flaring events, versus emergency flaring events, to see how both type of events can be/have been reduced; concerns about mitigation fees, training costs, and data acquisition costs; and health and emotional impacts on the public from flaring events.

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, May 13, 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 Stationary Source 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 12:42 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Board