

Hearing Board Fact Sheet

This information will help you understand the Hearing Board process and how to participate at the upcoming meeting on March 15, 2022.

What is the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's independent Hearing Board?

The Hearing Board is established by state law and consists of five members and their alternates—an attorney, a professional engineer, a member from the medical profession, and two members of the public.

What authority does the Hearing Board have?

The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body that rules on particular cases that affect only individual facilities. It is authorized to hear the abatement order request the Air District has brought against Valero's Benicia facility.

Why is the Valero Hydrogen Vent Enforcement Case being brought before the Hearing Board?

Bringing the proposed abatement order before the Hearing Board allows for transparency as facts and evidence are presented in a public forum.

Can the public participate in the Hearing Board process?

Yes. The Hearing Board process provides an opportunity for public comment. Public comments are encouraged and welcomed as the agency works to hold polluters accountable.

How can you prepare yourself to comment at the Hearing Board?

Information about the Valero investigation and timeline, health risks and all documentation can be found at www.baaqmd.gov/news-and-events/page-resources/2022-news/012224-hb-valero

When is the Hearing Board meeting?

March 15, 2022 from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

How can I observe and comment?

As a member of the public, there are two ways for you to observe the Hearing Board meeting and provide comments:

Format	Connection information	How to make a comment
Zoom* (virtual) Webinar ID: 889 8057 1855	https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/88980571855	Use the "raise hand" function in Zoom
Phone	(669) 900-6833 or (408) 638-0968	Dial 9 to use the "raise hand" function

*In order to receive the full Zoom experience, please make sure your application is up to date.

Accessibility: If you require an interpreter or listening device, please contact Suma Peesapati, at (415) 982-9885 or by email at spesapati@baaqmd.gov at least three days in advance of the hearing so that arrangements can be made accordingly.



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