



# BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## **Air District to represent Bay Area at COP27**

*Public encouraged to engage with Air District representatives at live briefings*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air District is sending representatives to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference, or COP27, in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, from Sunday, November 13 through Friday, November 18.

Air District Board Chair John Bauters and Vice-Chair Davina Hurt will conduct a series of Twitter Live events throughout the conference. Bay Area residents are invited to join the discussion, ask questions and share their concerns by connecting with the Air District on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

“Climate change is increasingly impacting the Bay Area and the world, and disadvantaged communities that are already overburdened with air pollution are hit hardest,” said Sharon Landers, interim executive officer of the Air District. “COP27 is a crucial space to share knowledge and tactics globally to fast-track rapid greenhouse gas reductions. It is urgent that we act quickly to stem the crisis and the Air District will continue to play our part in this transformation to a zero-carbon world.”

“The climate crisis requires a collaborative effort globally and a sharing of knowledge and resources to allow everyone to achieve sustainable development,” said John Bauters, Air District Board chair. “As the world’s 19<sup>th</sup> largest economy, the Bay Area is a key player internationally. Our leadership on climate action will play an important role in the strategic discussions at COP27 on how to equitably address the crisis to best help the communities that are most impacted.

COP27 brings together the world’s leaders to accelerate the implementation of climate protection strategies. Participation in the climate conference will enable the Air District to learn about innovative technologies being deployed and policies being enacted around the world that can be replicated in the Bay Area. The Air District will also share agency knowledge, successes and strategies that have helped mitigate climate change at the local level. COP27 will build on the outcomes of COP26, from the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to building resilience and adaptation to the climate impacts we are already facing.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality and the global climate in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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