

Board and Committee Meeting Highlights

July 2025

To create greater transparency on the operations of the Air District, Board of Directors and Committee meeting highlights are included in the monthly newsletter. A link to all meeting agendas and materials is also included.



Lynda Hopkins
Chair



Vicki Veenker
Vice Chair

The Air District's Board of Directors is made up of 24 locally elected or appointed representatives from nine Bay Area counties.

Finance and Administration Committee, July 16

Permitting Strategies – The committee discussed an update on permitting strategies that were developed in response to recommendations from the Engineering Performance Audit and were transformed into the permitting actions for the Air District's Strategic Plan. The permitting strategies address the Strategic Plan Goal 4: Be Effective, Accountable and Customer-Oriented, which focuses on timely, transparent and consistent permits. For more information, contact Pamela Leong, Engineering Division director.

Stationary Source Committee Special Meeting, July 9

Green Empowerment Zone – The committee discussed the Green Empowerment Zone, which was formed by Assembly Bill 844 and includes 13 cities and portions of the unincorporated area of Contra Costa County. The Green Empowerment Zone "builds upon the comparative advantage provided by the regional concentration of highly skilled energy industry workers by prioritizing access to tax incentives, grants, loan programs, workforce training programs and private sector investment in the renewable energy sector (Governing Board of the Green Empowerment Zone)." For more information, contact Greg Nudd, deputy executive officer of science and policy.

Refinery Community Air Monitoring Program Overview – The committee discussed the Air District's Refinery Community Air Monitoring Program, including the fenceline air monitoring requirements and our community-scale ambient air monitoring stations in refinery communities. For more information, contact Kate Hoag, Ph.D., assistant manager, Meteorology and Measurements Division.

Incident Response: Feb. 1 - MRC:

- **Incident Response Program Overview** – The committee discussed the Air District's incident response program. For more information, contact Meredith Bauer, Ph.D., deputy executive officer of engineering and compliance.
- **After Incident Review: Feb. 1 MRC Fire** – The committee discussed the Air District's response to the Feb. 1 fire at MRC. For more information, contact Ed Giacometti, manager, Compliance and Enforcement Division.
- **Contra Costa Health Department MRC Fire Incident Update** – The Contra Costa Health Department presented on their response to the MRC fire, including a description of the event, health impacts, risk assessment and next steps. For more information, contact Greg Nudd, deputy executive officer of science and policy.

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