

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO. 1

MINUTES: Governing Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: Attached are the Minutes of the December 6, 2024
Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the December 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

Notice having been duly given, the regular meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board was conducted in a hybrid format (in person and remotely via videoconferencing and telephone). Members present:

Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), Chair
Senate Rules Committee Appointee

Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti, Vice Chair
Cities of Los Angeles County – Eastern Region

Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson
Cities of Riverside County

Supervisor Curt Hagman
County of San Bernardino

Gideon Kracov
Governor's Appointee

Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon
Cities of San Bernardino County

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
County of Los Angeles

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
County of Riverside

Councilmember Nithya Raman
City of Los Angeles

Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez
Cities of Orange County

Assemblymember José Luis Solache (Left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.)
Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region

Supervisor Donald P. Wagner
County of Orange

Absent: Board Member Veronica Padila-Campos
Speaker of the Assembly Appointee

For additional details of the Governing Board Meeting, please refer to the recording of the [Webcast](#) at: [Live Webcast \(aqmd.gov\)](#)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Cacciotti called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Pro Tem McCallon
- Roll Call

Chair Delgado was not present for roll call; she arrived at 9:08 a.m.

- Opening Comments

Vice Chair Cacciotti commented on and shared photos of an NFI Industries all-battery electric truck that was part of the Volvo LIGHTS (Low Impact Green Heavy Transport Solutions) program; and the National League of Cities Centennial Cities Summit in Tampa Bay, Florida that he attended as a speaker to share information about the electrification of the City of South Pasadena's police fleet.

Executive Officer Wayne Natri commented on and shared photos of South Coast AQMD staff volunteers working on a Habitat for Humanity project in Southeast Los Angeles in November. He announced that the January 2025 Board Meeting will be held on January 10 to accommodate the New Years Day holiday; and that the 2025 Board Retreat and April Board Meeting will be held on April 3 and April 4, respectively, in Rancho Mirage, California.

Mayor Lock Dawson announced that the City of Riverside signed an agreement with Voltu Motor Inc, an Argentinian developer of medium-duty, all-electric trucks, to locate its headquarters and manufacturing facility in Riverside.

Supervisor Perez congratulated Board Member Solache on being elected to the California State Assembly. He commented on having Assemblymember Solache and others in the legislature as allies to work with on issues.

Chair Delgado highlighted Assemblymember Solache's leadership and service to the community and tenure on the South Coast AQMD Board. She presented him with a crystal award in honor of his service on the South Coast AQMD Board.

Assemblymember Solache expressed appreciation for the honor to have served the residents of the Western Cities of Los Angeles County and his community, and gave his final farewell remarks.

Board Members Kracov, Rodriguez, and Lock Dawson congratulated Assemblymember Solache and commended his consensus-building approach in working with fellow Board Members.

- Recognize Employees with 25 and 35 Years of Service

Chair Delgado expressed appreciation to the honorees for their many years of service and dedication to the South Coast AQMD. A video presentation was shown that recognized those employees who reached the following employment service milestones.

25 years: Jason Aspell, Evett Bradford, Keith Brown, Fortune Chen, Marjorie Eaton, Monica Fernandez-Neild, Mary Leonard, Bradley McClung, Ricardo Morales, Walter Shen, Brian Vlasich, Mei Wang, and Victor Yip

35 years: Barbara Baird, Rene Bermudez, Brian Choe, John Eckert, Laura Garrett, Maryann Gomez, Mitchell Haimov, Derek Hollinshead, Todd Iwata, Peter Ko, Henry Pourzand, Deborah Rutledge, Susan Tsai, and Gilbert Vita

Vice Chair Cacciotti announced the passing of former Governing Board Member Dennis Yates, who was also the former Mayor of Chino, and highlighted his public and community service. A moment of silence was held in memory of former Board Member Yates.

(Assemblymember Solache left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – (Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3)

The Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items was opened. The following individuals addressed the Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 33:09.

MaCarmen Gonzalez, San Bernardino resident and People's Collective for Environmental Justice (via Spanish interpreter)
José Avalo, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Luis Carratero, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
Candace Youngblood, Earthjustice
Michael Rochmes, Los Angeles Climate Reality Project
Kim Orbe
Jason Vang, a Clean Air Advocate
Aura Vasques, Sierra Club
Theral Golden, West Long Beach Neighborhood Association
Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council
Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment and Long Beach resident
Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice
Taylor Thomas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) and Long Beach resident
Andrea Vidaurre, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
Kyler Chin, Sunrise Movement and UCI student
Steve Dunwoody, Sierra Club
Ana Solarzan, San Bernardino resident (via Spanish interpreter)
Tania Gonzalez, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
Brenda Soto, People's Collective for Environmental Justice
Maria Reyes (via Spanish interpreter)

Ceshia Rojas, EYCEJ and Southeast Los Angeles resident
Emmanuel Carrera, EYCEJ and Southeast Los Angeles resident
Nathan Nunez, EYCEJ
Jocelyn Del Real, EYCEJ and Southeast Los Angeles resident
Marven Norman, CCAEJ and San Bernardino resident
Garza, Santos Group
Al Sattler, a member of the public
Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air
Jed Holtzman, RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute)
Maya Nitschke-Alonso, Sierra Club and Los Angeles resident

Themes from the above public commenters included:

- Commented on the detrimental health risks and lower life expectancy for communities impacted by pollution from the ports and industrial sources;
- Support for a strong Port ISR that will reduce emissions, develop plans and benchmarks for zero-emission infrastructure, and require monitoring and recordkeeping to provide oversight and transparency;
- Disappointed that the Port ISR process has stalled and focus shifted towards an infrastructure agreement;
- Supports PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 and urges that there be no further delays to their adoption;
- Amending PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 is essential to fulfilling commitments made in the 2022 AQMP and AB 617 CERPs, and improving public health;
- Zero emission transition is needed across all sectors; and
- Cautioned about the use of hydrogen as a zero emission option.

Monica Embrey, Industrious Labs
Mandeera Wijetunga, Sierra Club and Los Angeles resident
David Martinez, Climate Action Campaign and Orange County resident
Ayn Craciun Climate Reality Orange County

Themes from the above public commenters included:

- Expressed concerns with air pollutants and toxic air contaminants from industrial sources;
- Commended the South Coast AQMD for its leadership on industrial electrification and passing Rule 1146.2 in June 2024;
- Urge moving forward to pass PARs 1146 and 1146.1 in 2025; and
- Zero-emission solutions are available to drive cleaner industrial practices.

David Libatique, Port of Los Angeles
Renee Moilanen, Port of Long Beach
Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Themes from the above public commenters included:

- Commented on how the Ports' Clean Air Action Plan has resulted in significant emission reductions;
- Continue to build on cooperative efforts with all stakeholders to ensure infrastructure and human operated equipment needed to facilitate the transition to zero emissions operations;
- An infrastructure development approach for the deployment of zero-emission equipment at the Ports;
- Commended South Coast AQMD staff for holding the Port Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Working Group Meeting on November 15 to discuss the need for port charging and fueling infrastructure planning.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, expressed concerns with natural gas, deaths caused by PM2.5 emissions, and the Supreme Court. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:39:10

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Non-Agenda Items.

Written Comment Submitted Regarding Ports Indirect Source Rule

- One letter signed on behalf of the following organizations: Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; Marven E. Norman, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; Peter Warren, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Association; Jennifer Maria Cardenas, Sierra Club; Cristhian Tapia-Delgado, Pacific Environment; Jesse N. Marquez, Coalition For A Safe Environment; and Laura Cortez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

Written Comments Submitted Opposing Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121

- Marsha Golden, Running Springs resident
- Deborah Knowlton, Twin Peaks resident
- Terry Schulz
- Whitney Squire, Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors of California
- Lawrence Yoo

Eleven (11) Greeting Cards – Sentiments in Support of Clean Air



CONSENT AND BOARD CALENDAR

Items 1 and 2 – Action Items/No Fiscal Impact

1. Approve Minutes of November 1, 2024 Board Meeting
2. Set Public Hearings January 10, 2025 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations
 - A. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1179.1 – Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment at Publicly Owned

Treatment Works Facilities, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1179.1

B. Determine That Proposed Amended Regulation XXX – Title V Permits Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Regulation XXX

Items 3 through 10 – Budget/Fiscal Impact

3. Execute Contracts to Develop and Demonstrate Class 2B/3 and Class 4/5 Medium-Duty Battery Electric Trucks
4. Execute Contracts to Implement Zero-Emission Infrastructure Projects Under Carl Moyer and Community Air Protection Programs
5. Execute Sponsorship Agreement to Support Workforce Training and Professional Development of Electric Vehicle and Battery Engineers
6. Transfer and Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for MATES VI
7. Execute Contract(s) for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.
8. Amend Contracts for Legislative Representation in Sacramento, California
9. Amend Contract to Provide Short- and Long-Term Systems Development, Maintenance and Support Services
10. Issue RFP, and Approve Contract Awards, Contract Modification, and Allocation of Funds as Approved by MSRC

Items 11 through 18 – Information Only/Receive and File

11. Legislative, Public Affairs and Media Report
12. Hearing Board Report
13. Civil Filings and Civil Penalties Report
14. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects
15. Rule and Control Measure Forecast
16. Annual Audited Financial Statements for FY Ended June 30, 2024
17. Report to Legislature and CARB on South Coast AQMD's Regulatory Activities for Calendar Year 2023
18. Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management

Items 19 through 24 – Reports for Committees, MSRC, and CARB

The November 15, 2024 Mobile Source Committee meeting was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mobile Source Committee is January 24, 2025.

19. Administrative Committee
20. Legislative Committee
21. Stationary Source Committee
22. Technology Committee

23. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee
24. California Air Resources Board Monthly Report
25. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar

Disclosures

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 10 but is required to identify for the record that he is the Chair of the MSRC, which is involved in those items.

Supervisor Wagner reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 4 but is required to identify for the record that he is a Supervisor for the County of Orange, which is involved in this item.

Supervisor Hagman reported that he had no financial interest in Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 10 but is required to identify for the record that he a Member of the MSRC, which is involved in those items.

Mayor Lock Dawson reported that she had no financial interest in Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 10 but is required to identify for the record that she is the Mayor of Riverside, which is involved in those items.

Supervisor Mitchell reported that she had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 10 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Board Member for LA Metro, which is involved in this item.

Councilmember Raman reported that she had no financial interest in Agenda Item No. 10 but is required to identify for the record that she is a Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles, which is involved in this item.

General Counsel Bayron Gilchrist reported that Board Member Kracov is recusing himself from Agenda Item No. 2B because of a financial interest in Disney, which is materially affected by this item.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 24. There being no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 24.

Board Action (Items 1–24)

MOVED BY HAGMAN AND SECONDED BY CACCIOTTI TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 1 THROUGH 24 AS RECOMMENDED AND:

RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR THE BOARD COMMITTEES, MSRC, AND CARB;

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Lock Dawson,
Hagman, McCallon, Mitchell, Perez,

Raman, Rodriguez, and Wagner

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kracov, Padilla-Campos, and Solache

*Board Member Kracov was not in the room at the time of the vote.



25. Items Deferred from Consent and Board Calendar
There were no items deferred.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

26. Determine that Proposed Rule 1159.1 – Control of NOx Emissions from Nitric Acid Tanks, Is Exempt from CEQA and Adopt Rule 1159.1

Kalam Cheung, Planning and Rules Manager, gave the staff presentation on Agenda Item No. 26. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:50:06.

The public comment period was opened for Agenda item No. 26. The following individual addressed the Board.

Harvey Eder [*Mr. Eder was interrupted as his comments were off topic.*] For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:56:03

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment period was closed for Agenda item No. 26.

Board Action (Item 26)

MOVED BY MCCALLON AND SECONDED BY PEREZ TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM NO 26 AS RECOMMENDED AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-30:

- 1) DETERMINING THAT PROPOSED RULE 1159.1 – CONTROL OF NOX EMISSIONS FROM NITRIC ACID TANKS, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND
- 2) ADOPTING RULE 1159.1 – CONTROL OF NOX EMISSIONS FROM NITRIC ACID TANKS.

THE MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Cacciotti, Delgado, Lock Dawson,
Hagman, Kracov, McCallon, Mitchell,
Perez, Raman, Rodriguez, and Wagner

NOES: None

ABSENT: Padilla-Campos and Solache



CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Delgado wished everyone a happy holiday season and adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

The foregoing is a true statement of the proceedings held by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board on December 6, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye Thomas
Clerk of the Boards

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Vanessa Delgado, Chair

ACRONYMS

AQMP = Air Quality Management Plan

CARB = California Air Resources Board

CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act

FY = Fiscal Year

ISR = Indirect Source Rule

MSRC = Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee