

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO. 23

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee held a hybrid meeting on Friday, December 13, 2024. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Michael Cacciotti, Vice Chair  
Administrative Committee

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### **Committee Members**

Present: Vice Chair Michael Cacciotti  
Board Member Gideon Kracov  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Absent: Chair Vanessa Delgado, Committee Chair  
Councilmember Larry McCallon

### **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Cacciotti called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

For additional details of the Administrative Committee Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** There were no Board Members' concerns to report.
2. **Chair's Report of Approved Travel:** No travel was reported.
3. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** No out-of-country travel was reported.

4. **Review January 10, 2025 Governing Board Agenda:** Board Member Kracov and Vice Chair Cacciotti inquired about selection of contractors for GoZero Program and stated it is relevant to the discussion on Rules 1111 and 1121. Executive Officer Wayne Nastri indicated there will be multiple contractors and this will be discussed at the Stationary Source Committee. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 3:38](#).
5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** This item was moved to Action Items as approval from the Administrative Committee is needed. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 4:37](#).
6. **Update on South Coast AQMD Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts:** Anissa Heard-Johnson, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Officer, DEI with Community Air Programs, provided an update on agency efforts, seasonal events, cultural displays, Statewide DEI Working Group, and discussed Diane Judith Nash for Fabulous Female Friday.

Board Member Kracov appreciated the work and expressed curiosity in seeing how the conversations evolve in 2025.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, provided public comment on various discrimination issues.

For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 6:25](#).

7. **Report of RFQs/RFPs Scheduled for Release in January:** Sujata Jain, Chief Financial Officer, reported that there was an RFP to establish a list of pre-qualified outside legal counsel, a second to solicit proposals from licensed brokerage firms and a third for occupational health and medical service providers. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 17:19](#).
8. **Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management:** Ron Moskowitz, Information Technology Manager, Information Management, reported on the status of various projects. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 18:41](#).
9. **Receive and File Annual Report on South Coast AQMD's Deferred Compensation Plans:** John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human Resources, reported that this item is to receive and file the annual report on South Coast AQMD's Deferred Compensation Plan for fiscal year ending June 2024. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 20:13](#).

**ACTION ITEMS:**

5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** There was one proposal for the compensation for a Board Consultant, County of San Bernardino (Katherine Kolcheva) and two modifications for Board Consultants, County of San Bernardino (Michael Miller) and County of San Bernardino (Peter Rogers). The contracts will be effective from December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 4:37](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

10. **Establish Rule 2305 Penalty Special Revenue Fund:** Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, reported that this action is a result of Assembly Bill 98 that requires the South Coast AQMD to establish a process for receiving community input on how penalty funds collected on and after January 2025 from implementation of the warehouse indirect source rule (Rule 2305) are going to be spent. This action is to establish a special penalty fund for Rule 2305 to track and manage penalty funds moving forward.

Board Member Kracov expressed his observation regarding the requirements from the Assembly Bill and the challenges, and importance of communicating with industry and communities that we have the same goals. Supervisor Perez inquired if there have been discussions about use of these funds. Executive Officer Wayne Nastri responded that South Coast AQMD opposed the Bill and that the Board has the discretion with input from the public on use of the funds. Supervisor Perez wanted to ensure the agency has cost recovery with the extra administrative work. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 21:14](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

11. **Adopt Resolution per AB 2522 (Carillo) to Increase Governing Board Member Compensation, Appropriate Funds from Undesignated Fund Balance, and Transfer funds Between Major Objects:** Lisa Tanaka, Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, indicated that South Coast AQMD sponsored AB 2522 by Wendy Carillo to increase Board Member compensation from \$100 to up to \$200 for each day, not to exceed \$2000 per

month. The Bill also included an annual cost of living increase beginning on January 1, 2026, pending Board approval. This action is to adopt a resolution to increase Board Member compensation and to appropriate \$78,000 from the General Undesignated Fund to the Governing Board fiscal year 2024/25 budget and to transfer \$87,173 from Salaries and Employee Benefits to the Governing Board fiscal year 2024/25 budget for San Bernardino County Board Consultants/Assistants contracts.

Board Member Kracov and Supervisor Perez thanked staff for their leadership for this bill. Vice Chair Cacciotti inquired about the issue regarding the two CARB Board Members and Mr. Nastri confirmed that staff is working on pursuing legislation in the upcoming legislative session. Board Member Kracov asked and staff confirmed that the action will be retroactive for January 1, 2025. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 28:28](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

12. **Establish List of Prequalified Counsel to Represent and Advise South Coast AQMD on Legal Matters Related to Environmental Law and General Governmental Matters:** Bayron Gilchrist, General Counsel, reported that this action is to establish a list of pre-qualified counsel to represent us in environmental law and general governmental matters.

Board Member Kracov expressed support for this item and stated they are all excellent law firms. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 33:56](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

13. **Execute Contract for Biennial Audit of Motor Vehicle Registration Revenues for FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23:** Ms. Jain reported that this item is to award a contract to the audit firm of Simpson & Simpson, CPA to conduct the biannual audit for motor vehicle registration revenue for fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23. The cost of the audit is \$148,210 and the funding is available in the 2024/25 budget. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 36:17](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

14. **Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment and Execute Contract:** Dr. Jason Low, Deputy Executive Officer/Monitoring & Analysis Division, reported that this item is to recognize over \$1.2 million and appropriate these funds to the Monitoring & Analysis budget to be able to issue an RFP in the amount of \$600,000 and then execute a contract for air monitoring equipment testing and validation center. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 37:34](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

15. **Amend Contract for Janitorial Services at Diamond Bar Headquarters:** Mr. Olvera reported that this item is to extend a contract for janitorial services through December 2026 and requesting funding to cover the costs.

Vice Chair Cacciotti inquired about the use of the cleaning materials. Mr. Olvera indicated that cleaning materials are low VOC and are ordered by staff. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 39:01](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

16. **Amend FY 24-25 Budget by Adding and Deleting Positions Throughout the Agency to Address Operational Needs, Adopt a New Class Specification, Amend an Existing Class Specification and Appropriate Funds from Undesignated (Unassigned) Fund Balance:** Mr. Olvera reported that this item is to amend FY 2024-25 to add and delete positions throughout the agency to address operational needs for implementation of CPRG and other agency programs. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 40:33](#).

Moved by Kracov; seconded by Perez, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Kracov, Perez  
Noes: None  
Absent: Delgado, McCallon

**WRITTEN REPORT:**

17. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the June 14, 2024 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
18. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the August 9, 2024 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
19. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the February 23, 2024 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
20. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the May 24, 2024 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
21. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the August 30, 2024 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

22. **Other Business:** Board Member Kracov commented on the upcoming Stationary Source Committee. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 42:49](#).
23. **Public Comment:** Mr. Eder provided public comment on agenda comment time and purging people. For additional information, please refer to the [Webcast at 43:01](#).
24. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regular Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (LGSBA) ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

South Coast AQMD Board Members:

Supervisor Curt Hagman

Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson

Public Members:

Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates

Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California

LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN

John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.

Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance

Rita Loof, RadTech International

Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association

David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

South Coast AQMD Board Members:

Mayor José Luis Solache

Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez

Public Members:

Felipe Aguirre

Rachelle Arizmendi

Vice Mayor Ted Bui, City of Fountain Valley

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy

Mayor Pro Tem Blair Stewart, City of Brea

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Taylor

Warisa Niizawa

Mark Abramowitz

### SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer

Dr. Anissa Cessa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer

Dr. Jason Low, Deputy Executive Officer

Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer  
Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Dr. Jillian Wong, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Walter Shen, Planning and Rules Manager  
Denise Peralta Gailey, Public Affairs Manager  
Howard Lee, Information Technology Manager  
Pedro Piqueras, Program Supervisor  
De Groeneveld, Information Technology Supervisor  
Elaine-Joy Hills, Senior Staff Specialist  
Chhai Chorn, Air Quality Engineer  
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist  
Christian Fielding, Air Quality Specialist  
Debra Ashby, Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
Aisha Reyes, Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
Cindy Bustillos, Executive Secretary  
Ghislain Muberwa, Information Technology Specialist I  
Camila Castro, Student Intern  
Timothy (TJ) Chang, Student Intern



**Agenda Item #1 – Roll Call/Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Supervisor Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

For additional details of the LGSBA Advisory Group Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Supervisor Hagman called for approval of the February 9, 2024, meeting minutes.

There were no public comments.

Motion to approve minutes made by David Rothbart; seconded by LaVaughn Daniel; approved.

Ayes: Avila, Blake, Daniel, DeWitt, Hagman, LaMarr, Lock Dawson, Rothbart,

Noes: None

Abstained: Marquez

Absent: Aguirre, Arizmendi, Bui, Campbell, Loof, Rodriguez, Solache, Stewart,

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 5:00.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Draft Letter on CARB’s AB 617 Community Air Protection Blueprint**

Supervisor Hagman and the Advisory Group members discussed the letter drafted by the LGSBA members regarding CARB’s AB 617 Blueprint 2.0.

Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel, stated if a quorum of the Advisory Group does not vote in favor of the letter as required by the charter for forwarding a formal recommendation, the Advisory Group could still forward a communication to the Administrative Committee regarding this item. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 6:10.

Motion to approve the letter to be submitted as a communication to the Administrative Committee was made by John DeWitt; seconded by David Rothbart.

Ayes: Avila, Blake, Daniel, DeWitt, LaMarr, Marquez, Rothbart, Lock Dawson

Noes: None

Abstained: Hagman

Absent: Aguirre, Arizmendi, Bui, Campbell, Loof, Rodriguez, Solache, Stewart

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 7:00.

There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item #4 – Review of Follow-Up and Action Items**

There were no follow-up or action items.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Climate Change and Air Quality**

Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Implementation, provided a general introduction to climate change and how South Coast AQMD's efforts to address air quality issues can complement and achieve co-benefits and climate change goals.

Supervisor Hagman announced that Rita Loof arrived at 11:43 am. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 13:20.

Eddie Marquez asked if naturally occurring emissions are taken into consideration for warming effect. Dr. Rees replied yes. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 16:00.

Mr. Rothbart mentioned ozone standards and asked about regulatory authority. Dr. Rees replied that the focus is on reduction of criteria pollutants, including ozone and nitrogen oxides (NOx) by moving away from combustion, and at the same time, achieving the co-benefit of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 38:35.

Rita Loof asked about water vapor as a GHG, stationary source subject to fees in Proposed Rule 317.1 – Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hr Ozone Standards (PR 317.1) and operators that choose to change operations and reduce GHGs such as removing a combustion device from service. Dr. Rees replied that water vapor is naturally occurring, stated that our primary focus is to reduce criteria pollutants and evaluate available technologies to achieve those reductions, in addition to GHGs. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 41:15.

Paul Avila asked if Dr. Rees could present on the Cap-and-Trade Program. Mr. Alatorre stated that the discussion topics are selected from the list of approved goals and objectives and encouraged Mr. Avila to propose that topic for the next list. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 45:05.

Mr. Marquez commented that other states must also contribute to the effort to achieve clean air and asked what could be done. Dr. Rees replied that the focus is on health-based air quality standards and South Coast AQMD will do what it takes to achieve the standards as there is a health burden in our region. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 46:45.

John DeWitt asked if Dr. Rees could present to other groups. Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer, mentioned that the request could be submitted to Mr. Alatorre. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 50:30.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 10:30.

### **Agenda Item #6 – Update on South Coast AQMD Mobile Source Incentives Program**

Walter Shen, Planning and Rules Manager, Technology Advancement Office, provided an overview and highlights on South Coast AQMD mobile source incentives program.

Mr. Avila asked if old vehicles could be made salvageable or have to be scrapped and asked how much it costs to scrap a bus. Mr. Shen replied that the program guidelines include complete scrapping of the

old equipment and replied that the scrapping cost of a bus is not tracked. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 57:39.

Ms. Loof asked if the AB 617 Community Air Protection funding is strictly for mobile sources or could be applied to stationary sources. Ms. Nakamura stated that it is based on what the Community Steering Community prioritizes. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 01:04:31.

Mr. Alatorre mentioned that funding for Los Angeles and Orange Counties are comparable. Mr. Shen replied that the funding amount aligns with the county's population. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 01:04:31.

Mr. Rothbart asked which is more cost-effective between battery electric and low NOx technologies, in terms of emissions reductions. Mr. Shen replied that there is currently more incentive funding for zero emissions projects. Mr. Alatorre added that the funding is allocated for specific projects and there are requirements which must be adhered to. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 1:08:12

Mr. Avila asked for an approximate lifespan of a larger garden equipment. Mr. Shen replied at least 15 years. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 01:12:15

Ms. Loof asked if there are additional emissions reductions that are not presented on this slide. Mr. Shen replied that the emission reduction benefits portrayed is an overview. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 01:15:30.

Ms. Nakamura mentioned that some projects do not have associated emissions reductions. For example, air filtration projects do not result in emissions reductions; however, result in exposure reductions. Please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 01:17:42.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 52:30.

There were no public comments.

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Other Business**

Ms. Loof did not participate during voting of items #2-3 and wanted to express support for those items.

Mr. Rothbart asked if there is a plan to discuss advisory group by-laws. Mr. Alatorre replied that LGSBA Chair Carlos Rodriguez would decide.

Mr. DeWitt asked if a permitting update would be possible before December 2024. Mr. Alatorre replied this topic is on the list of 2024 Goals and Objectives and could be discussed.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date**

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

June 14, 2024

Governing Board  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Governing Board Members,

We are writing on behalf of the Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group to ask for your support, approval, and subsequent letter to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requesting that industry trade groups and associations be seated on AB 617 Community Steering Committees (CSCs).

When the CARB Board initially voted to approve the Community Air Protection Blueprint, they did so without explicitly prohibiting industry trade groups and associations from participating on these committees but rather left it up to the air districts to decide.

Typically, trade groups and associations are non-profit, non-partisan, 501(c) organizations that represent hundreds or thousands of businesses (mostly small businesses) spread throughout the jurisdiction of most air districts, and not just in disproportionately impacted communities. Moreover, any recommendations, decisions, plans, and rules emanating from the deliberations by these CSCs are certain to be of significance to all the members of these trade groups and associations because they will have the potential to impact all of them regardless of the neighborhoods in which they reside.

We believe the inclusion of these organizations would serve to enhance everyone's goal of successfully implementing a fair and equitable Clean Air Protection Program for all stakeholders.

Therefore, we are asking for your support of the concept to allow industry trade groups and associations to be enrolled and seated as members of these CSCs and request that you send a letter to ask the same of the CARB Board.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving air quality in our region.

Sincerely,

Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group  
South Coast Air Quality Management District



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (LGSBA) ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

South Coast AQMD Board Members:  
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez

Public Members:

Felipe Aguirre  
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates  
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California  
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN  
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance  
Rita Loof, RadTech International

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

South Coast AQMD Board Members:  
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Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson  
Mayor José Luis Solache

Public Members:

Rachelle Arizmendi  
Vice Mayor Ted Bui, City of Fountain Valley David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy  
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.  
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association  
Mayor Pro Tem Blair Stewart, City of Brea

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Abramowitz  
Harvey Eder  
Jerome Joaquin  
Olivia Martinez  
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rodriguez*)

**SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:**

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer  
Jason Aspell, Deputy Executive Officer  
Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer  
Dr. Anissa Cessa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer  
Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Lisa Tanaka, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Dr. Jillian Wong, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Dr. Kalam Cheung, Planning and Rules Manager  
Eugene Kang, Planning and Rules Manager  
Fortune Chen, Program Supervisor  
Howard Lee, Information Technology Manager  
De Groeneveld, Information Technology Supervisor  
Ghislain Muberwa, Information Technology Specialist I  
Elaine-Joy Hills, Senior Staff Specialist  
Chhai Chorn, Air Quality Engineer  
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist  
Debra Ashby, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist  
Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist  
Lara Brown, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Matthew Ceja, Legislative Analyst  
Erika Valle, Legislative Analyst  
Cindy Bustillos, Executive Secretary

**Agenda Item #1 – Roll Call/Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

LGSBA Chair Carlos Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum wasn't present.

For additional details of the LGSBA Advisory Group Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Rodriguez suggested to vote on June 14, 2024, meeting minutes at the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

There were no public comments.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 0:05:15.

**Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow-up and Action Items**

There were no follow-up or action items.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Overview of Rule 317.1 - Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for the 8-Hour Ozone Standards and Potential Fee Equivalency**

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented an overview of Rule 317.1 concerning Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for the 8-Hour Ozone Standards. Several members including Paul Avila, Bill LaMarr, Rita Loof, and LaVaughn Daniel discussed aspects of Rule 317.1 which focuses on fee payments, exclusion plans, baseline emissions, and the impact on small businesses. Key inquiries included how fees are determined, the timeline for payments starting in 2026, and the applicability of the rule to stationary sources rather than mobile sources.

Participants also discussed the use of funds for cleaner technologies, fee adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index, and compliance with federal standards. Several questions centered on facilities' obligations, potential technology upgrades, and confidentiality concerns regarding emissions data.

Harvey Eder made commented fees. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 1:03:10.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 0:06:05.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – 2025 Goals & Objectives**

LGSBA Chair Rodriguez mentioned the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant as a topic for a future meeting and requested input on the proposed 2025 goals and objectives.

Lisa Tanaka, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media, previewed topics for the next LGSBA meeting which were on the Goals & Objectives list, including legislative updates, budget discussions, and permitting streamlining efforts. Ms. Loof suggested presentations on rule amendments, the advisory group's role, and the Quantity and Emission Report requirement. There was discussion about the process for receiving and filing a letter related to CARB's AB 617 Blueprint 2.0, and the importance of quorum was emphasized, with nine members needed to proceed.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 1:31:00.

***Follow-up Item #1:** Staff shall provide clarification on quorum and the process to communicate recommendations by the advisory group.*

There were no public comments.



**Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment**

Mr. Eder expressed concerns about the cities of Richmond and Oakland and solar power. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 1:37:35.

**Agenda Item #8 – Next Meeting Date**

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

### **Board Members Present:**

Chair Vanessa Delgado  
Supervisor Curt Hagman  
Mayor José Luis Solache

### **Members Present:**

Pamela Atcitty  
Elizabeth Alcantar  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Paul Choe  
Kerry Doi  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan  
Mary Figueroa  
Angela Garcia  
Ana Gonzalez  
Lisa Hart  
Oscar Rodriguez  
Rafael Yanez

### **Members Absent:**

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair  
Manuel Arredondo  
Angelica Balderas  
Ada Briceño  
Suzanne Bilodeau  
Kareem Gongora  
Dr. Jill Johnston  
Humberto Lugo  
Edward Marquez  
Donald Smith

### **South Coast AQMD Staff:**

Lisa Tanaka, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel, Legal

Philip Crabbe III, Sr. Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media  
Alicia Lizarraga, Sr. Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media  
Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
Evangelina Barrera, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media  
Brandee Keith, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media  
Dan Garcia, Planning & Rules Manager/Technology Advancement Office  
Walter Shen, Planning & Rules Manager/Technology Advancement Office  
Frances Maes, Air Quality Specialist/Technology Advancement Office  
Kristina Voorhees, Assistant Air Quality Specialist/Technology Advancement Office

### **Call To Order/Opening Remarks**

Chair Vanessa Delgado called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. For additional details, please refer to the webcast at [8:00](#).

### **Agenda Item #1: Approval of the November 16, 2023 Meeting**

Supervisor Curt Hagman moved to approve Agenda Item 1. Dr. Lawrence Beeson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ayes: Delgado, Hagman, Solache, Atcitty, Alcantar, Beeson, Choe, Doi, El-Hasan, Figueroa, Gonzalez, Yanez

Absent: Padilla-Campos, Arredondo, Balderas, Briceño, Bilodeau, Gongora, Johnston, Lugo, Marquez, Smith

### **Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

There were no action items from prior meetings for review.

### **Agenda Item #3: 2023 Summary Report on State and Federal Legislation**

Philip Crabbe III, Sr. Public Affairs Manager, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, presented an overview of 2023 Summary Report on State and Federal Legislation.

Rafael Yanez asked for further information regarding the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) and what South Coast AQMD is currently pursuing. Ms. Tanaka provided information on South Coast AQMD's regional CPRG application focused on goods movement. Mr. Yanez asked whether AB 617 communities would be considered for projects and receive any of the CPRG grant funding. Ms. Tanaka responded that if South Coast AQMD received a CPRG grant, AB 617 communities would be eligible for potential projects.

Ana Gonzalez asked to discuss support of California Assembly Constitutional Amendment 16 (ACA 16) and recommended staff review it and send a letter of support in favor of the amendment. Chair Delgado requested the Amendment be revisited during member updates so it could be agendaized for a future meeting.

Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar asked for clarification regarding the Clean Ports Program and eligible communities. Ms. Tanaka reported that the South Coast AQMD CPRG proposal includes the entire region and that the Ports are developing their applications for the Clean Ports Program.

For more information, refer to webcast at [13:12](#).

**Agenda Item #4: Lower-Emission School Bus Program**

Kristina Voorhees, Assistant Air Quality Specialist, Technology Advancement Office, presented on the Lower-Emission School Bus Program.

Supervisor Hagman asked why school buses had not already been subject to transition requirements and deadlines. Walter Shen, Planning and Rules Manager, Technology Advancement Office explained school buses were subject to the truck and bus regulation but had been granted a compliance extension.

Dr. Beeson asked if the program was a scrap-and-replace program and what happened with the resulting scrap. Mr. Shen confirmed it is a scrap-and-replace program and the resulting materials become the responsibility of the dismantler.

Dr. Afif El-Hasan asked whether school districts receiving lower-emission buses were monitoring student attendance. Improved school attendance would provide a financial incentive for school districts to support the program. He followed up by asking whether any of the lower-emissions buses would be funded for vehicles specifically assigned for transporting children with health concerns and conditions. Mr. Shen replied that it would be taken into consideration and the main focus is currently on lower-income, environmental justice communities.

Bobbi Jo Chavarria with the Sierra Club commented in support of school bus transition and developed infrastructure to support the use of lower-emission buses.

Ms. Gonzalez asked whether the number of buses allocated to different regions was based on population or on the number of applications received. Mr. Shen responded that they are based on number of applications received, with consideration given to population and equity.

Oscar Rodriguez asked what struggles districts faced in the application process and approval. Mr. Shen said the current major obstacle is a lack of infrastructure support.

Mr. Yanez asked if the funding was available only to districts who managed their own school buses, or if districts working with outside parties to provide transportation services were also eligible. Ms. Vorhees responded that typically, South Coast AQMD works only with school districts.

Chair Delgado asked if there was any local match requirement for funding. Mr. Shen responded that there is none.

For more information, refer to webcast at [36:00](#).

**Agenda Item #5: AB617 Residential Air Filtration Program**

Frances Maes, Air Quality Specialist, Technology Advancement Office, presented on the AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program.

Dr. El-Hasan asked if the HEPA filters also included a carbon filter. Ms. Maes confirmed that they do.

Ms. Gonzalez asked why the San Bernardino/Muscoy AB 617 community had not been included in the program. Mr. Garcia, Planning and Rules Manager, Technology Advancement Office, stated that the San Bernardino/Muscoy Community Steering Committee (CSC) opted not to allocate funding toward air filtration, but the program could be pursued in the future if interest is expressed. There is a separate pilot program for air filters in place in San Bernardino currently.

Angela Garcia asked for information regarding the types of available air filtration units. There are multiple models of air filters available through the program, ranging in capacity to cover an average room to a small house. Ms. Garcia also asked how outreach was conducted to residents and communities. South Coast AQMD staff are working with community partners participating in AB 617 CSCs to conduct outreach.

Kerry Doi asked if staff have encountered reluctance from communities, and if so, how it could be overcome. Mr. Garcia stated that community events have helped to build confidence with the communities, as well as working closely with the AB 617 CSCs.

Dr. El-Hasan asked whether there were any plans to distribute follow-up questionnaires to assess the effectiveness and related health impacts of participation in the program. Mr. Garcia responded that there is an opportunity to collect follow-up responses and feedback.

Mr. Yanez asked if the program utilizes AB 617 Year 3 funds. Ms. Maes confirmed the program uses Year 3 funds. He highlighted the importance of the program and asked if the air filters would affect electricity costs for users. Dr. El-Hasan added that air filtration can assist with medical issues and that doctors can provide documentation to potentially receive a utility discount.

For more information, refer to webcast at [53:29](#).

#### **Agenda Item #6: Member Updates/Other Business**

Dr. El-Hasan shared the results of a recent report by the American Lung Association describing the health benefits for children if the State of California adopted all-electric vehicle policies. For more information, refer to webcast at [1:16:58](#).

**ACTION ITEM:** Ms. Gonzalez requested an update on the progress of the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule to be presented at a future meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Include discussion and possible action regarding ACA 16 as a future agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **Agenda Item #8: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting date is May 24, 2024.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.



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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

### **Board Members Present:**

Advisory Group Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos  
Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.), Chair  
Board Member Curt Hagman  
Board Member José Luis Solache

### **Members Present:**

Manuel Arredondo  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Suzanne Bilodeau  
Lisa Hart  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan  
Kareem Gongora  
Ana Gonzalez  
Rafael Yanez

### **Members Absent:**

Elizabeth Alcantar  
Pamela Atcitty  
Angelica Balderas  
Ada Briceño  
Paul Choe  
Kerry Doi  
Mary Figueroa  
Angela Garcia  
Dr. Jill Johnston  
Humberto Lugo  
Edward Marquez  
Oscar Rodriguez  
Donald Smith

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Ian MacMillian, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development, & Implementation,  
Vicki White, Planning & Rules Manager Transportation Programs/ Planning, Rule Development, & Implementation,  
Alejandra Vega/Senior Public Affairs Specialist/ Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

**Call To Order/Opening Remarks**

Mayor Solache called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m., and roll call was taken. Based on the number of members present, there was not a quorum.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of the February 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes:**

Due to lack of quorum, this item was continued to the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

For more information, refer to webcast at [11:30:00](#).

Ms. Tanaka reviewed the action items from the February 24, 2024, meeting:

1. Include discussion on ACA 16 (Bryan) - Environmental Rights.  
This item was included in the agenda.
2. Provide and update on Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (ISR).  
This item was included in the agenda.

**Agenda Item #3: California Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 16 (Bryan) – Environmental Rights**

For more information, refer to webcast at [12:20:00](#).

Mr. Crabbe III presented an update regarding California ACA 16 authored by Assemblymember Isaac Bryan.

Ms. Gonzalez clarified that New York overwhelmingly passed a similar piece of legislation in 2022.

**Agenda Item #4: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program Update**

For more information, refer to webcast at [16:46:00](#).

Ms. White provided an update on the WAIRE program.

Mr. Gongora asked if there are strategies being utilized in the region or partnerships with other agencies to bring the businesses into compliance and if staff were conducting warehouse visits. Ms. White responded that there are a lot of resources and staff designated to this rule, including short videos on the South Coast AQMD's website, providing regular updates to the AB 617 Community Steering Committees (CSC), and presentations to businesses. There are approximately 3,400 facilities subject to the rule, and about 70 site visits are conducted per week.

Dr. El-Hassan asked how long trucks are idling about agreements in place with warehouses. Ms. White responded that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is responsible for truck idling and that the South Coast AQMD has been working closely with CARB, especially through the AB 617 program, and have also helped install no idling signs.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that a warehouse is being built 100 feet from her house and would like South Coast AQMD to increase enforcement of the rule. Ms. White stated that the rule is for existing warehouses and South Coast AQMD works with cities to provide information on the rule.

Mr. Yanez asked if there was an increase in compliance staff. Mr. MacMillan responded that Ms. White oversees a new team that focuses on implementation, outreach and training.

Mr. Gongora asked where the data can be viewed. Ms. White responded that reporting data is available on the Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) web tool on [aqmd.gov](http://aqmd.gov).

Ms. Chavarria of the Sierra Club made a public comment that more guidance to local municipalities would be helpful.

**Agenda Item #5: Assembly Bill 617 Implementation Update**

For more information, refer to webcast at [1:11:33](#).

Dr. Heard-Johnson provided an update on the implementation of Assembly Bill 617, Community Emission Reductions Plans.

EJAG Chair Padilla-Campos offered to work with staff to take a deeper dive into the community programs that are not being utilized.

Mr. Gongora stated he could help with technical outreach in the Inland Empire.

Ms. Gonzalez stated she would like to see EJ Interagency Task Force come back and to include other agencies to create an open dialogue.

Mr. Arredondo stated that he has been involved in the AB 617 Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) CSC since the beginning and is happy with the progress that has been made.

Mr. Yanez stated he has been part of the AB 617 East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) CSC since the beginning and requested staff increase the number of meetings so that there can be meaningful dialogue.

Ms. Chavarria stated that the missing piece with the community program was the collaboration with local elected officials.

**Agenda Item #6: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference**

For more information, refer to webcast at [2:20:15](#).

Ms. Vega provided an update on the 10th Annual Environmental Justice Conference. Ms. Vega asked the advisory group for any ideas or speaker suggestions.



**Agenda Item #7- Member Updates/Other Business**

No other business discussed.

**Agenda Item #8- Public Comment**

Mr. Mark Abramowitz stated that 10 percent of all NOx emissions from electricity are generated from Edison's site in Catalina, and those emissions are regulated under South Coast AQMD's Rule 1135. He requested that EJAG look at the rule and provide a presentation on the status.

Ms. Chavarria stated that the in-person Railyard ISR meetings have been cancelled and moved to virtual meetings. Sierra Club in San Bernardino is working with local clean air advocates to host community led workshops to inform the community of the Railyard ISR.

**Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting date is Friday, August 23, 2024.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Solache adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.



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## MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

### **Board Members Present:**

Advisory Group Chair, Veronica Padilla-Campos

### **Members Present:**

Manuel Arredondo  
Angelica Balderas  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson  
Ada Briceño  
Kerry Doi  
Lisa Hart  
Angela Garcia  
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**Call To Order/Opening Remarks**

Advisory Group Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and roll call was taken.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of the February 23, 2024, and May 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Due to lack of quorum, these items were tabled until the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #2: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

There were no action items from the May 24, 2024, meeting

**Agenda Item #3: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area**

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, Southern California Association of Governments, presented an update on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Manuel Arredondo asked if the project's scope includes areas in the Coachella Valley and lower desert. Mr. Wolfe responded that the Coachella Valley is included in the Inland Empire MSA's CCAP.

Kerry Doi requested clarification on the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory which prompted a discussion on the topic. Rafael Yanez suggested additional reduction measures to assist in optimizing home ventilation and insulation to reduce home heating and cooling costs.

Advisory Group Chair Padilla-Campos inquired whether the plan included measures to reduce plastic waste. Mr. Wolfe confirmed there were measures that could affect the reduction of plastics. Mr. Yanez offered additional insights into the prevalent use of plastics.

For more information, refer to webcast at [00:04:34](#)

**Agenda Item #4: Go Zero Pilot Program for Residential and Commercial Building Appliances Program**

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rules, Development and Implementation, presented on the Go Zero Pilot Program for Residential and Commercial Building Appliances Program.

Angela Garcia asked if there would be an income requirement for participation and access to the program for low-income residents. Mr. Krause clarified that eligibility would focus on impacted communities designated by CalEnviroScreen, which considers multiple factors, including income

levels and that application assistance would be provided. For more information, please refer to the Webcast at [00.52:42](#).

Lisa Hart inquired if South Coast AQMD rebates could be combined with other incentive programs and emphasized the importance of outreach. Mr. Krause confirmed incentives from Go Zero can be combined with other incentives.

Kareem Gongora suggested prioritizing transparency in the application process, noting that incentives might not fully cover equipment upgrade costs.

Dr. Lawrence Beeson asked about funding for outreach. Mr. Krause mentioned no current plans for specific outreach funding but noted contractors' effectiveness in promoting savings.

Mr. Yanez discussed optimizing cost reductions and comparing upfront and long-term costs.

Ms. Hart suggested updating the program webpage with outreach information and future funding. Mr. Krause confirmed that a program webpage would be created and future funding will be depend on the program's success.

Chair Padilla-Campos asked about rebate processing, and Mr. Krause clarified that rebates would be issued after purchase and application processing. She also inquired about connecting participants with providers, and Mr. Krause mentioned past success in this area.

Harvey Eder provided public comment on solar heating and heat pumps.

For more information, refer to webcast at [00:33:32](#)

#### **Agenda Item #5: Member Updates/Other Business**

**ACTION ITEM:** Ana Gonzalez requested an update on Rule 1135 be agendized for the next meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ms. Gonzalez requested an update on Assembly Bill 98, regarding air monitoring, and requested an update on South Coast AQMD's position on the bill.

Mr. Yanez reported on the AB 617 Joint CSC event and provided a summary on lessons learned.

Derrick Alatorre announced his upcoming retirement.

For more information, refer to webcast at [01:36:14](#).

#### **Agenda Item #6: Public Comment**

Mr. Eder shared concerns about meeting scheduling and reporting.

For more information, refer to webcast at [01:47:05](#).

#### **Agenda Item #7: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting date is November 14, 2024.

**Adjournment**

Chair Padilla-Campos adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.