

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2025

AGENDA NO. 24

REPORT: Climate Change Committee

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
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V. Manuel Perez, Chair
Climate Change Committee

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Committee Members

Present: Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Committee Chair
Councilmember Michael Cacciotti
Supervisor Donald Wagner

Absent: Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos, Committee Vice-Chair
Supervisor Curt Hagman

Call to Order

Committee Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m.

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

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Discussion of Climate Change Committee Charter

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri presented elements of a Climate Change Committee Draft Charter. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 15:31.

Board Member Cacciotti commented on the importance of engaging with faith-based communities as staff works with stakeholders to educate them on climate change concerns. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 27:47.

Committee Chair Perez noted that climate change encompasses many topics, and it would be good to start tackling a few topics before branching out to work with international partners. For future committee meetings, he recommended presentations from climate change experts on select topics. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 30:30.

Supervisor Wagner noted that climate change is not limited by jurisdictional boundaries and is a problem greater than what can be addressed by South Coast AQMD and should be shared with other partners. He further noted the importance of solutions do not disadvantage South Coast AQMD. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 34:34.

Committee Chair Perez asked that committee members provide ideas for future Climate Change Committee meetings. Mr. Nastri suggested that staff follow up with committee members individually to get their ideas. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 36:34.

2. Overview of COP 29

Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation provided an overview of the recent Conference of the Parties (COP) held in Baku, Azerbaijan. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 40:30.

Committee Chair Perez asked South Coast AQMD's role at COP. Dr. Rees responded that South Coast AQMD has not previously attended nor participated in COP. Committee Chair Perez further asked how South Coast AQMD could participate in future COP meetings and if there could be opportunities to exchange information with similar entities. Dr. Rees noted that climate negotiations for COP occur at the national level, but state and regional entities can attend, and also hold side events at COP for sharing information. Mr. Nastri commented that staff can work with groups like The Climate Registry and C40 Cities regarding future participation at COP and added that funding and staffing would need to be addressed. Committee Chair Perez suggested potentially engaging with entities closer to the region first on climate matters, such as Tijuana or Mexico City, before branching out to broader international partners. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 57:24.

Cacciotti suggested that work on climate could be included in the Environmental Justice conference that South Coast AQMD holds annually. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 01:05:52.

Committee Chair Perez inquired whether South Coast AQMD plans to attend COP next year. Mr. Nastri responded that staff considered attending the past COP meeting but ultimately decided not to attend. Mr. Nastri noted that there would also be challenges in attending COP next year in Brazil. Committee Chair Perez suggested that staff consider what South Coast AQMD's message would be at COP, and that a potential topic could be air quality co-benefits associated with actions to address climate change. He further suggested that South Coast AQMD partner with other cities that are facing similar air quality challenges, starting with cities within the United States and Mexico. Committee Chair Perez noted that there are similar air quality challenges in cities like Tijuana and suggested a presentation on air pollution at the border for the next Committee meeting. Mr. Nastri responded that staff will reach out to U.S. EPA to learn about their program on cross-boundary pollution with Mexico. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 01:06:45.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented that COP 28 was held in the Middle East and that impacted the ability to phase out fossil fuels. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 01:17:25.

OTHER MATTERS:

3. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

4. Public Comment Period

Mr. Eder commented on a study he conducted on a low-income solar hot water heater program. For additional details please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 01:21:44.

5. Next Meeting Date

To be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Attachments

Attendance Record

ATTACHMENT 1

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING
Attendance – December 13, 2024**

Councilmember Michael Cacciotti	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Curt Hagman	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor J. Manuel Perez	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Donald Wagner	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Guillermo Gonzalez	Board Consultant (Perez)
Andrew Silva	Board Consultant (Dawson)
K. Dixon	Public Member
Harvey Eder	Public Solar Power Coalition
Peter Okurowski	CCEEB
Ramine Ross	WSPA
David Rothbart	Clean Water SoCal
Cesar Ayala	South Coast AQMD Staff
Barbara Baird	South Coast AQMD Staff
Rachel Ballon	South Coast AQMD Staff
Cindy Bustillos	South Coast AQMD Staff
Matthew Ceja	South Coast AQMD Staff
Javier Enriquez	South Coast AQMD Staff
Scott Gallegos	South Coast AQMD Staff
De Groeneveld	South Coast AQMD Staff
Roupen Karakouzian	South Coast AQMD Staff
Angela Kim	South Coast AQMD Staff
Howard Lee	South Coast AQMD Staff
Terrence Mann	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ron Moskowitz	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ghislain Muberwa	South Coast AQMD Staff
Pami Mukherjee	South Coast AQMD Staff
Susan Nakamura	South Coast AQMD Staff
Wayne Nastri	South Coast AQMD Staff
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sarah Rees	South Coast AQMD Staff
Paul Rodriguez	South Coast AQMD Staff
Alberto Silva	South Coast AQMD Staff
Brian Tomasovic	South Coast AQMD Staff
Mei Wang	South Coast AQMD Staff
Victor Yip	South Coast AQMD Staff