



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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HYBRID LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Advisory Group Members

Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez, LGSBA Chair (Board Member)
Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson (Board Member)
Supervisor Curt Hagman (Board Member)
Mayor José Luis Solache (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Rachelle Arizmendi
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
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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
Mayor Pro Tem Blair Stewart
Mayor Pro Tem James Breitling

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024 ♦ 11:30 a.m.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION(S)

**Riverside City Hall
7th Floor Conference Room
3900 Main St.
Riverside, 92522**

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024, through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in Conference Room GB at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks
(No Motion Required) *Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez
Advisory Group Chair*

ACTION ITEM:

2. Approval of June 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
(Motion Required)
[Attachment 1] *Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez*
3. Approval of August 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes
(Motion Required)
[Attachment 2] *Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez*
4. Approval of Local Government & Small Business Assistance
Advisory Group (LGSBA) 2024 Accomplishments and Seek
Items for 2025 Goals & Objectives
*Staff will seek input and approval on the 2024 Accomplishments
and 2025 Goals & Objectives.*
(Motion Required)
[Attachment 3] *Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez*

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5 through 9):

5. Review of Follow-Up and Action Items
*Staff will review follow-up/action items identified in the
previous meeting.*
(No Motion Required) *Lisa Tanaka
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media*
6. Overview on LGSBA Procedures to Adopt a Formal
Recommendation *Daphne Hsu
Principal Deputy District Counsel
Legal*

Staff will provide an overview on the procedures for LGSBA to adopt a formal recommendation to the Administrative Committee.

(No Motion Required)

7. Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Fund Budget

Staff will provide an overview of the General Fund Budget detailing staffing levels, expenditures, and revenues required to maintain current program commitments.

(No Motion Required)

[Attachment 4]

*Sujata Jain
Chief Financial Officer
Finance*

8. South Coast AQMD INVEST CLEAN

Staff will present on the recent EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant that South Coast AQMD recently was awarded.

(No Motion Required)

[Attachment 5]

*Aaron Katzenstein
Deputy Executive Officer
Technology Advancement Office*

9. Update on Permitting Enhancement Program

Staff will provide an update on the Permit Enhancement Program and other permit streamlining efforts.

(No Motion Required)

[Attachment 6]

*Jason Aspell
Deputy Executive Officer
Engineering & Permitting*

OTHER MATTERS:

10. Other Business

Any member of this body, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't Code Section 54954.2)

11. Public Comment Period

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12. **Next Meeting Date** – Friday, February 14, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

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- This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

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- This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

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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

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Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance

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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 Rodriquez 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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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
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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.

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group

Proposed 2025 Goals & Objectives

For 2025, the LGSBA Advisory Group will provide input about regulatory policies and practices and suggest enhancements to promote small business economic growth while furthering air quality and public health protection, consistent with the LGSBA Advisory Group mission statement.

The following items are proposed to be discussed in depth for 2025:

1. Significant South Coast AQMD rule amendments, proposals or initiatives as necessary.
2. Update on South Coast AQMD's state and federal legislative agenda at periodic intervals.
3. Update on Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Budget and Work Program.
4. Update on Technology Advancement projects.
5. Update on Greenhouse Gas-related activities.
6. Update on South Coast AQMD's incentive programs.
7. Update on South Coast AQMD's implementation of Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA's) updated methods for estimating cancer risks, on addressing unassessed chemicals and using provisional health values.
8. Update on Best Available Control Technology guidelines.
9. Update on permit backlog and streamlining efforts.
10. Implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 2766 requirements.
11. Update on Assembly Bill (AB) 617 progress.
12. Update on 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP).
13. Summary of Compliance & Enforcement Activities.
14. Update on Monitoring and Analysis projects.
15. Update on CARB's Environmental Justice Committee managing the AB 32 Scoping Plan.

The approved minutes, reflecting the discussions, will be forwarded to the Administrative Committee and the Governing Board. Not all items may be covered due to time constraints. The LGSBA Chair may also make further changes to accommodate requests received or cover issues not anticipated at the beginning of the year.



FY 2024-25 South Coast AQMD Adopted Budget and Regulation III

LGSBA
November 8, 2024

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Topics

- Revenue & Expenditure Uncertainties
- General Fund Budget Summary
- Five-year Projection
- Regulation III – Fees

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Revenue & Expenditure Uncertainties

- Retirement Cost Increases
- AB 617 Ongoing Funding
- Federal/State Funding
- Penalties/Settlements
- Inflation Impact on the Economy

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General Fund Budget Summary

(\$ in Millions)	FY 2023-24			FY 2024-25
	Budget	Amended	Actual (Unaudited)	Adopted
Staffing	1,010	1,010		1,008
Revenue	\$196.3	\$204.3	\$204.5	\$209.5
Program Cost	<u>\$196.3</u>	<u>\$211.5</u>	<u>\$201.8</u>	<u>\$211.4</u>
Change to Fund Balance	<u>\$0.0</u>	<u>(\$7.2)</u>	<u>\$2.7</u>	<u>(\$1.9)</u>

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Revenue & Expenditure Uncertainties

- Retirement Cost Increases
- AB 617 Ongoing Funding
- Federal/State Funding
- Penalties/Settlements
- Inflation Impact on the Economy

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FY 2024-25 Actuals and Five-Year Projection

(\$ in millions)	FY 23-24 Unaudited	FY 24-25 Adopted	FY 25-26 Projected	FY 26-27 Projected	FY 27-28 Projected	FY 28-29 Projected
Authorized Staffing	1,010	1,008	1,008	1,008	1,008	1,008
Vacancy Rate	11%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%
Funded Staffing	899	877	877	877	877	877
Revenues **	\$204.5	\$209.5	\$211.7	\$214.4	\$215.9	\$218.5
Program Costs	\$201.8	\$211.4	\$224.3	\$230.6	\$235.2	\$235.2
Changes in Fund Balance	\$2.7	\$(1.9)	\$(12.6)	\$(16.2)	\$(19.3)	\$(16.7)
Unreserved Fund Balance (at Year-End)	\$91.0	\$89.1	\$76.5	\$60.3	\$41.0	\$24.3
% of Revenue	44%	43%	36%	28%	19%	11%

** CPI fee increases are projected as follows: FY 2025-26 – 3.0% and 1.5% on Annual Operating and Permit Fees, FY 2026-27 – 2.4%, FY 2027-28 – 2.6%, and FY 2028-29 - 2.7%

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Regulation III - Fees

- FY 2024-25 CPI Fee Increase – 3.5%
- Plus, an additional 2.0% approved in Fiscal Year 2023/24 (2% in FY 2023-24 and 2% in FY 2024-25) to permit processing and annual renewal fees.
- Plus, an additional 3.0% fee increase to permit processing fees and annual renewal fees to be phased in over two fiscal years (1.5% in FY 2024-25 and 1.5% in FY 2025-26).


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Questions?

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South Coast AQMD INVEST CLEAN




Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

November 8, 2024

Aaron Katzenstein, PhD
*Deputy Executive Officer
Technology Advancement Office*

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Background

- Inflation reduction act (IRA) created \$4.6 B U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG)
- The goals to develop climate action plans and implement projects:
 - Reduce GHG emissions
 - Support jobs
 - Leverage funding, maximize emission reductions and community benefits
 - Address environmental justice
- South Coast AQMD worked with two Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and played an active role
- \$500 million award, the largest in the nation

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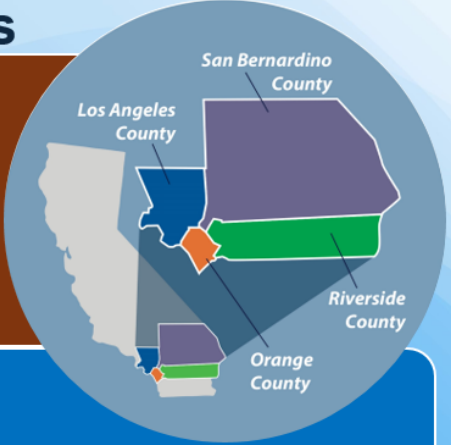


CPRG Development Process

Planning Grant

January/February 2023 – April 2024

- Created Steering Committees
 - LA-OC MSA: Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim
 - Inland Empire MSA: Riverside – San Bernardino, Ontario
- Developed Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)– foundation for implementation grants
- Worked to prioritize Goods Movement application
- Coordinated regionally and with State



Implementation Grant

February 2024 – April 2024

- South Coast AQMD took lead for CPRG Southern California Goods Movement Working Group
- PCAP submitted in March 2024
- Built consensus on goods movement proposal framework
- Developed proposal and submitted in April 2024

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INVEST CLEAN: Four Incentive Measures

Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate, Equity, Air Quality, and National Competitiveness



Heavy-duty Charging Infrastructure

(Approx. 1,020 chargers)



Battery Electric Class 8 Heavy-Duty Trucks and Last Mile Freight for Class 4 & 5 Vehicles

(Approx. 70 Class 8 & 750 Class 4/5 trucks)



Battery Electric Cargo Handling Equipment

(Approx. 60 CHE)



Battery Electric Switcher Locomotive Pilot Project

(Approx. 18 locomotives)

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Jobs, Workforce Training & Community Benefits

Jobs

- Near-term over 470 jobs created in California and 4,700 nationwide



Workforce Training

- Partnership with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – National Electrical Contractors Association, workforce non-governmental organizations, community colleges, and universities/colleges

Community Benefits

- Steering Committee to conduct outreach and education on climate, air quality and zero-emission technologies
- Community priorities incorporated as voluntary measures that infrastructure project can elect to implement
- Emissions reductions and workforce training

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Climate & Air Quality

Benefits Over 25 Years (2025-2050):



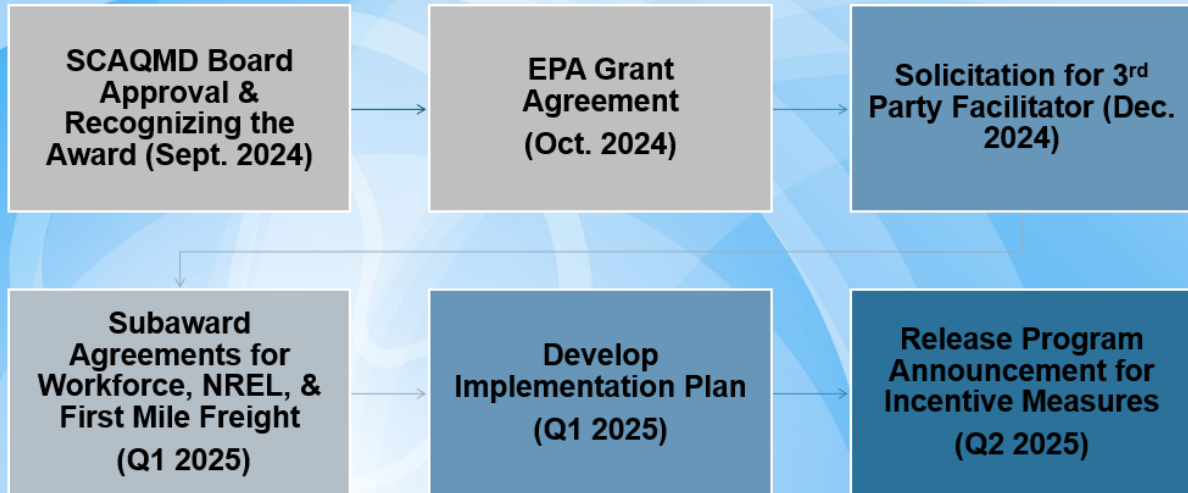
Excellent cost effectiveness at **\$42/metric ton** CO₂e over the **25-year** period.

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Next Steps



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Permitting Enhancement Program (PEP)

- April 2023 - Chair introduced PEP
Objective is to reduce the permit backlog and modernize permitting to improve processing and issuance timelines
- August 2023 - Comprehensive PEP Workplan
- Periodic Board updates
 - Monthly Committee reports
- Five PEP Elements
 - 21 Short- and Long-Term Enhancements

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PEP Workplan Outline

Presented at August 2023 Board Meeting

Highlights

-  Staffing and Resources
-  Staff Development and Training
-  Modernization of Permitting System
-  Enhance Public Interface and Transparency
-  Streamlining and Efficiency Improvements

- Organizational Updates
- Online Filing
- Web Page Update
- Risk Assessment Tool

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PEP Progress Report

Improvements under PEP Year One



Increased Production

Average annual production up 15% since PEP and climbing

New goals for continual improvement



Increased Staffing Levels

Vacancy rate 10% or less since October 2023

Staff retention rates stable



Actions on Aged Applications

Over 500 completed during PEP

Increased efforts to resolve complex permitting matters



Increased Public Engagement

New feedback from stakeholders

Added Working Group format



Modernizations Developed

Permitting modules and tools to increase efficiencies



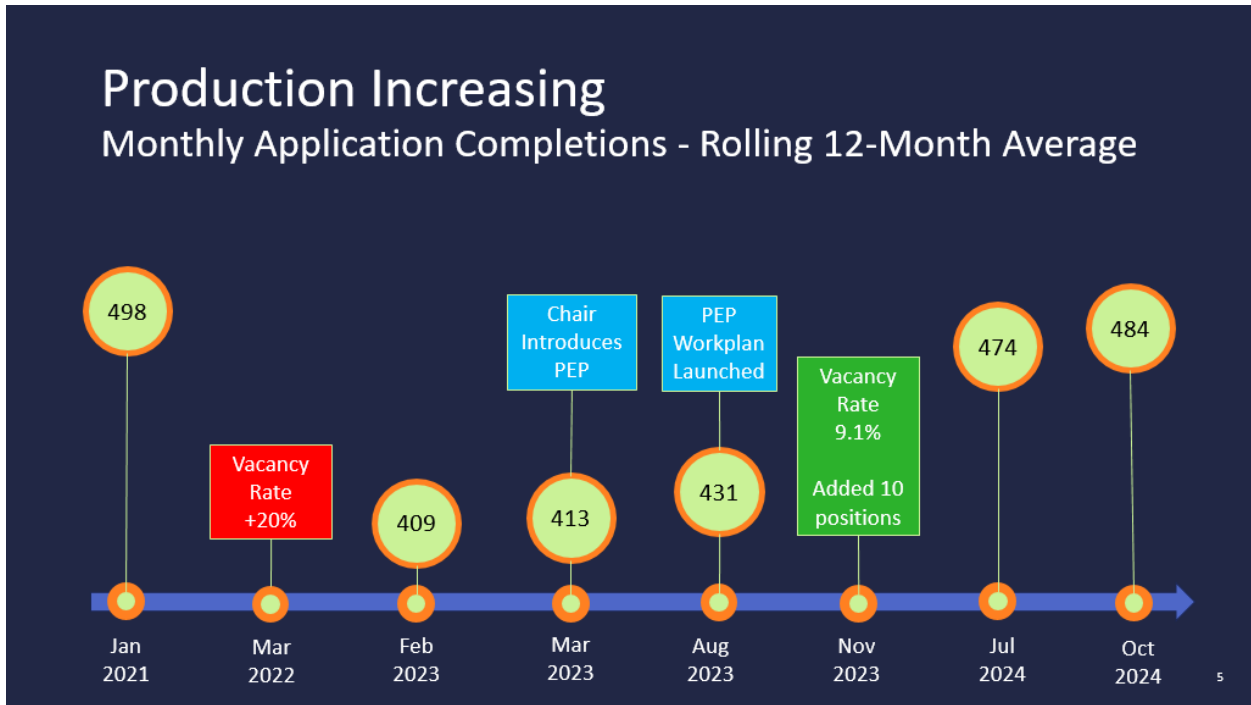
Other Efficiencies in Progress

Longer term PEP items under development

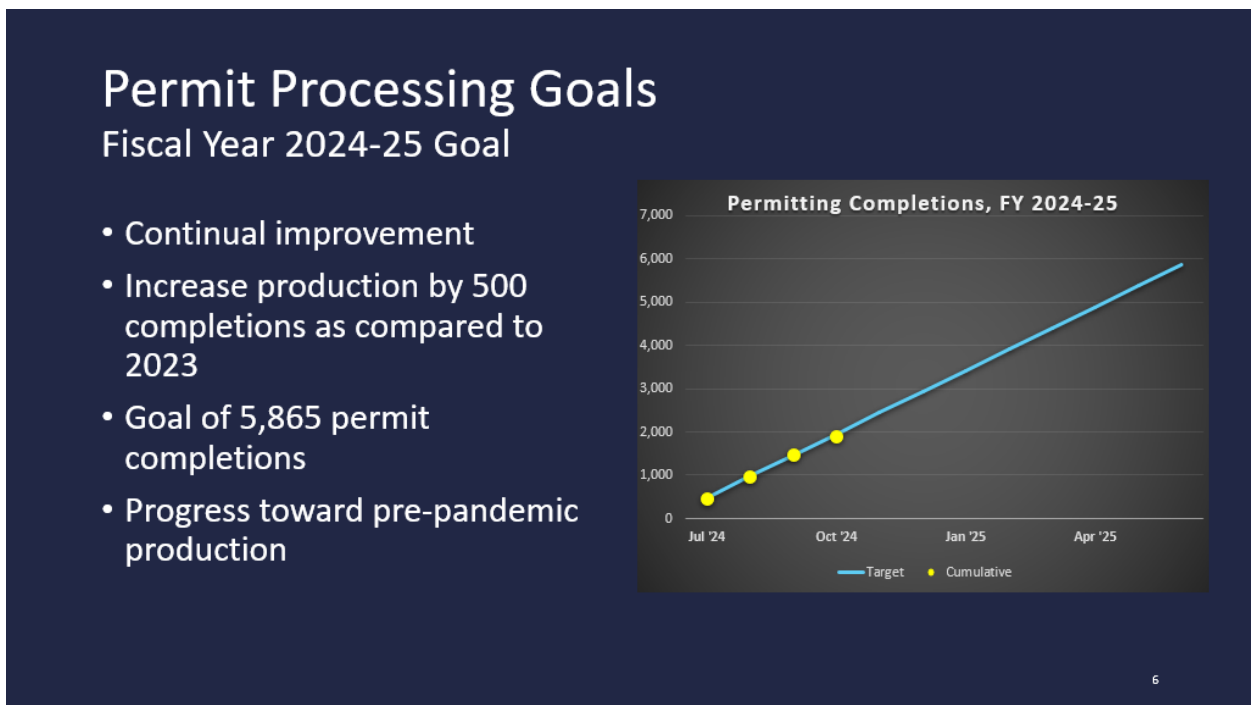
Stakeholder feedback for additional actions

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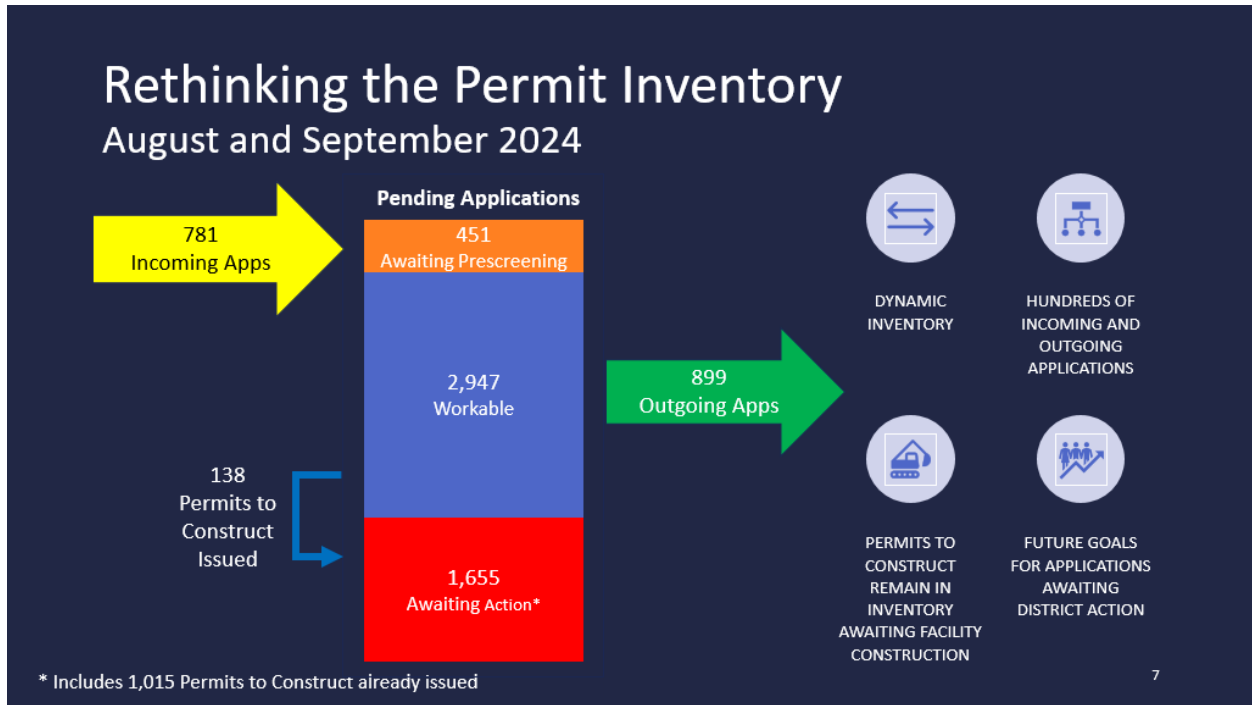
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Modernizations

- Progress presented at September 2024 Board meeting
- Recently Launched
 - Automated IC Engine Permitting Module
 - Small Certified IC Engines
 - Health Risk Assessment Tool
- In Progress – Efficiency Upgrades
 - Electronic Forms (Development and Testing)
 - Electronic Permitting Portal
 - Software Upgrades
 - Pending Permit Application Dashboard Upgrades



September 6, 2024
Board Meeting
PEP Enhancements

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Public Engagement and Feedback

- Permit Streamlining Task Force
 - Focuses on engineering practices and policy discussions
 - Incorporating feedback for PEP initiative and streamlining measures
 - Notable discussions
 - Certified Permit Professionals (CPP)
 - Sample permit conditions
 - Revisiting older rules
- Permitting Working Group
 - Focuses on technical permitting issues
 - Initiated Working Group in June 2024
 - October 25 meeting
 - Rule 317.1 Exclusion Plans
 - New Health Risk Assessment Tool

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Next Steps

- Next PEP Board Update: Q1 2025
- Ongoing public engagement
 - Task Force meeting in December
- Air Quality Engineer recruitment
- Process Streamlining
 - Permit Public Noticing
 - Document Management System
- Continue development of staff and efficiencies to increase production
- Examining workloads and process to create efficiencies

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