
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 25, 2025 Meeting Commenced at 10:02 a.m.

Present Council

Members:

Kate Secrest, Pedro Chavez, Paula Perrotte

Staff:

Aeron Arlin Genet, Karl Tupper, Ali Ghasemi, Andy Mutziger, Dora Drexler

2. Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2025 Special Meeting.

A motion was made by BCC member Perotte, seconded by BCC member Secrest that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 2 - Perotte, Secrest.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - Chavez.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Multi-Agency DC Fast Charger Project. (Tupper)

Item received.

Andy Mutziger provided the council with an update on the Multi-Agency DC Fast Charger Project. Highlights included: five charging sites funded, totaling twenty 100 kW chargers; completion of the Quality Suites, SLO project; Idlers, Paso Robles, Sea Pines, Los Osos, House of Bread, Broad Street SLO, and Lamplighter Inn, SLO projects are estimated to be completed by year end; Next-Gen Charger locations include the San Paso Truck Stop, Cambria CSD, and Oceano CSD, but the Port San Luis Harbor District application for the CFI was not approved; summary of funding for the fast charger project; next steps for the project include finalizing an MOU with SLOCOG & 3CE, finalizing and releasing RFP to install, operate, and maintain chargers; establishing agreements with site hosts to take on some of the project costs, and establishing 10-year contracts in FY25/26; detailed specifics for the San Luis Obispo APCD projects located at 1000 Main Street in Cambria, 1655 Front Street in Oceano, Avila Beach Parking on 1st Street in Avila Beach, and 81 Wellsona Road in Paso Robles.

5. Gasoline Dispensing Facility Compliance Program. (Tupper)

Item received.

Dora Drexler discussed the gasoline dispensing Facility Compliance Program. Highlights included: 122 Permitted GDFs in SLO County that dispense gasoline directly into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles and includes all necessary equipment for the exclusive use of the facility (nozzles, dispenser, pumps, vapor return lines, plumbing, and storage containers); SLOAPCD oversight includes annual inspection, verification of testing, and permit evaluations/modification review; recent changes in SLOAPCD's approach to move the responsibility from one individual inspector for all GDF compliance activities to four designated regions with assigned inspectors to ensure continuity of service, provide flexibility for staff, create opportunities for cross training and sharing of knowledge, improved ability to effectively verify compliance for these sources, create collaboration within the group, develop a refined GDF inspection policy and procedures with more robust internal tools to assist in training and defining policy, and to improve consistency in the enforcement approach; challenges that have come to light regarding the role of third party testing companies and communication with station owners/operators; and continued development of resources and outreach materials to improve compliance and understanding of requirements like asbestos outreach efforts.

6. Simi Valley Landfill – Temporary PM Monitors. (Ghasemi)

Item received.

Ali Ghasemi discussed the temporary PM monitors at the Simi Valley Landfill located at 2801 Madera Road in Simi Valley. Highlights included: debris from the Los Angeles fires transferred to the Simi Valley landfill; heightened concern surrounding Simi Valley landfill and haul route from wildfire debris disposal; 265 million BTU per hour flares that can handle up to 11,000 CFM gases; VCAPCD's rapid installation of temporary air monitoring devices near the landfill; air quality data trends and analysis; per the direction of the APCB chair and collaboration with the County's Executive office, temporary monitors installed at the Simi Valley Unified School District (located at 101 W. Cochran Street) and at the Ventura County Human Services Agency building (located at 2900 Madera Road); AirNow Fire and Smoke map and AirNow Interactive map; continuous hourly measured levels of PM 2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less); Environmental Beta Attenuation Mass Monitors (portable, real-time beta gauge instruments comparable to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methods); temporary PM10 and PM2.5 data graphs; comparison of Simi Valley daily PM10 and PM2.5 values from March – August 2024 versus 2025 showed comparable data; and comparison of Simi Valley

daily maximum hourly NOx values from March – August 2024 versus 2025 showed comparable data with the exception of a couple of spikes.

7. 2025 Legislative Update. (Arlin Genet)

Item received.

Aeron Arlin Genet shared the 2025 legislative updates. Highlights included: 2025 Legislative session extended due to highly debated and negotiated efforts, largely focused on CAP and Trade, now known and rebranded as CAP and Investment; success in extending the CAP and Investment to 2045; AB617 Community Air Protection program earmarked with continuous appropriations going forward; total amount of CAP funds available came in at \$100 million versus the \$200 million that was appropriated last year; total amount of implementation funds came in at \$45 million versus the \$50 million that was appropriated last year; total amount of incentive grants came in at \$50 million (shared across the state with all 35 air districts); total amount of Community Air Grants came in a \$5 million to support nonprofit organizations that focus on bringing the air quality message to their communities; AB14 Blue Whales, Blue Skies (authored by Assemblymember Hart) is on the governor's desk and requires one more vote of support in order to create a statewide program; CAPCOA-sponsored bill AB 471 (authored Assembly Member Hart) for board compensation to provide air districts the ability to compensate members to participate in meetings successfully made it through the Senate and the Assembly, and is now with the governor for one more vote as well; CAPCOA actively worked on twenty-two other bills that challenged regulatory authority of the air districts and also reduced emission benefits of programs, such as the smog check bill, in order to hold off the majority of those bills from passing; the CARB board chair, Liane Randolph, is retiring over a year before the expiration of her term, and Lauren Sanchez, who still needs to be confirmed by the Senate, was appointed as her replacement to serve the remainder of Ms. Randolph's term; Dawn Ortiz-Legg, Board of Supervisor for San Luis Obispo, was selected to serve on the CARB Board representing air districts and still needs to be confirmed; FARMER program has not receive continuous appropriations and has not been funded.

8. Clean Air Fund – Lompoc & Buellton. (Arlin Genet)

Item received.

Aeron Arlin Genet discussed Lompoc and Buellton's Clean Air Fund. Highlights included: Background on Clean Air Fund; a program established and approved on March 21, 2019 and funded by extra revenue received from Notice of Violations to support air quality and health projects; funds can be used flexibly for projects outside standard state grant programs, such as emission reduction programs, air quality research, monitoring tools, and community outreach; The Board approves all projects and reviews results; important milestones include the approval of \$100,000 in funds for the Landscape Electrification Fund (LEEF) in October 2020, \$300,000 for the CALeVIP EV Charging program in May 2021, and \$100,000 for the Clean Air Room Pilot program for the city of Guadalupe and the community of Casmalia; settlement agreement in the amount of \$1.3 million with Central Coast Agriculture (Lompoc) was reached in June 2024 for operating without a permit or emission controls; Central Coast Agriculture's permit was issued in November 2023 and potential to emit was cut by 90%; new Best Available Control Technology (BACT) (to be established soon by CARB) will result in a 97% solvent emission reduction; \$325,000 of the settlement to be used for Clean Air Fund projects; Projects were identified in the environmental justice area that is the focus of concern for the City of Lompoc to benefit

those individuals most in need; sensitive receptor locations include Lompoc Unified School District (Ruth School and Fillmore School), Boys & Girls Club; Dick DeWees Senior Center, Lompoc Family YMCA,; Dick DeWees Center was awarded a \$40,000 grant to pay for 5-year HVAC maintenance of 10 units and 320 MERV-13 filter changes; Boys & Girls Club was awarded \$50,000 to install two new heat pump systems and pay for five-year HVAC maintenance and 90 MERV-13 filter changes to improve efficiency needs; Lompoc YMCA was awarded a \$20,000 grant to maintain three heat pumps, two HVAC systems, and pay for a five-year plan to change 300 MERV-13 filters; Lompoc USD was awarded a \$200,000 grant to replace 60-year old K-2 furniture at the Clarence Ruth and Leonora Fillmore schools with ultra-low formaldehyde units to provide an immediate benefit to 367 students and teachers; \$15,000 was set aside for community outreach and engagement to partner with external organizations on air quality and wildfire smoke education and provide bilingual (English/Spanish) as feasible; City of Buellton reached a \$620,000 settlement with CCA for illegal diesel generators (16 units, 100-500kW); SBCAPCD was awarded \$260,000, with \$60,000 reserved for Buellton projects that are under review; projects include HVAC upgrades at Oak Valley Elementary and a new outdoor museum for the SYV Children's museum; ribbon-cutting ceremonies will provide another opportunity for community engagement.

9. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Date.

Per the revised schedule, the next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:38 a.m.