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TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 11: VERBAL REPORT ON
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
ACTIVITIES**

Attached are the highlights of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) meeting held September 24, 2026 and a list of upcoming matters before the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Highlights from the CARB meeting held on September 24, 2026 (1 page)
- Attachment B: List of upcoming matters before CARB (1 page)

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Public Meeting to Consider Two Proposed New Members for the California Air Resources Board's Research Screening Committee - The CARB Board appointed Dr. Antonio Bento and Dr. Jonathan Wang as members to CARB's Research Screening Committee. State law requires that CARB establish the Research Screening Committee to review proposed and completed research projects and provide scientific peer review for projects presented to them. Dr. Bento is a Professor of Public Policy and Economics at the University of Southern California with experience in economics. Dr. Wang is an Assistant Professor at the University of Utah with experience in fire science, remote sensing, data science, and forestry.

Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on California's Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage (CCRUS) Program (Senate Bill 905) – The CARB Board heard an informational update on the status of California's CCRUS Program. In 2022, Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 905 (SB 905) (Caballero, Statutes of 2022, Ch. 359), which directed CARB to establish a statewide regulatory program for carbon management technologies. SB 905 directed additional public and environmental safety requirements above those in existing federal, state, and local regulations that support deployment of these technologies. This update provided the CARB Board with an overview of the authorizing statute, the role of several implementing state agencies, a summary of public engagement conducted, and the status of regulatory development planned for release later this fall for formal 45-day comment.

Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendments to the California Reformulated Gasoline Regulations – The CARB Board adopted amendments to the California Reformulated Gasoline Regulations to allow for the voluntary sale of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) in California and to remove obsolete regulatory text. On October 2, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 30 (Alvarez, Statutes of 2025, Chapter 247) as an urgency statute which, upon enactment, immediately allowed E15 to be sold in the State for use as a transportation fuel. CARB is responsible for adopting and enforcing motor vehicle fuel specifications, standards, and regulations. Therefore, after enactment of AB 30, CARB staff held a public workshop and participated in discussions with interested parties, including regulatory partners and industry groups, to inform the regulatory process.

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LIST OF UPCOMING MATTERS BEFORE CARB

Implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 905 (Caballero, 2022) – Requires the CARB Board to establish a statewide Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage (CCRUS) Program to evaluate and regulate carbon capture and carbon dioxide removal projects. CARB is currently advancing implementation through its rulemaking process and is planning on released preliminary regulatory concepts to address areas such as project monitoring and reporting, financial responsibility, and protocols supporting CCRUS and carbon dioxide removal.

Implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 253 (Wiener, 2023) – SB 253 (Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act), requires U.S.-based entities with annual revenues exceeding \$1 billion that do business in California to annually disclose their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. CARB is continuing implementation of SB 253 and recently deferred the first reporting deadline for Scope 1 (Direct Emissions) and Scope 2 (Purchased Energy Emissions) from August 10 to November 10, 2026, with additional reporting guidance expected by September 1, 2026. CARB has proposed approach to Scope 3 (Other Indirect Emissions) reporting beginning in 2027.

Drive Forward Light-duty Vehicle Program – CARB staff has initiated a new phase of regulatory development focused on further reducing criteria air pollutants, greenhouse gases, and toxic emissions from light-duty vehicles, consistent with state and federal law. Concepts under consideration include establishing new emission standards for model years beyond 2025, supporting the deployment of advanced vehicle technologies, enhancing consumer access to vehicle emissions information through updated window sticker requirements, and ensuring that zero-emission vehicles continue to deliver meaningful air quality benefits.