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DATE: August 20, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 14: VERBAL REPORT ON
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
ACTIVITIES**

Attached are the highlights of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) meetings held June 25 and July 23, 2026 and a list of upcoming matters before CARB.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Highlights from the CARB meeting held on June 25 and July 23, 2026 (2 pages)

Attachment B: List of upcoming matters before CARB (1 page)

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Attachment A:

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2026

Public Meeting to Consider Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funding Plan for the Air Quality Improvement Program: The CARB Board approved the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Funding Plan. AQIP provides funding for incentives supporting early commercial zero emission technologies while balancing the need for near-term oxides of nitrogen NO_x reductions. The AQIP Funding Plan supports CARB's Drive Forward effort that is focused on providing incentive investments toward technologies that expand access, accelerate deployment, and help fill the near-term NO_x emissions reduction shortfall. The Funding Plan will provide about \$70 million for medium- and heavy-duty off-road equipment incentives.

Public Meeting to Consider the Community Air Protection (AB 617) Consultation Group Charter and Appointment of Members to the Consultation Group: The CARB Board approved the Community Air Protection Consultation Group Charter and staff recommendations for new primary and alternate Consultation Group member appointments. In 2017, in response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), CARB established the Community Air Protection Program to reduce criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminant emissions in communities highly impacted by air pollution. The law requires CARB to develop a statewide strategy, known as the Blueprint, to achieve this goal and to do so in consultation with a Consultation Group comprised of local government, academia and community science, air districts, business and industry, tribal government, community-based and/or environmental justice organizations, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants. On March 25, 2026, the Consultation Group unanimously approved the draft Charter. The Board approved the Community Air Protection Consultation Group's draft Charter and appointed one new primary and five new alternate members to the Consultation Group.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
MEETING HELD ON JULY 23, 2026

Public Meeting to Consider the Appointment of New Members to Assembly Bill 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee: The CARB Board appointed 11 members and 2 alternates to the Assembly Bill (AB) 32 (California Global Warming Solutions Act) Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (Committee). AB 32 directed CARB, through Health and Safety Code section 38591, to convene a Committee of at least three members to advise the Board in developing the Scoping Plan and any other pertinent matter in implementing AB 32. Per statute, the Committee shall be comprised of representatives from communities in the state with the most significant exposure to air pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with minority populations or low-income populations, or both. The appointed candidates were selected through a public solicitation issued on February 20, 2026. The newly appointed members will serve for a 36- month term, beginning on the date of their appointment.

Public Meeting to Consider the 2026 State Implementation Plan Revisions for the California Extreme Ozone Nonattainment Areas: The CARB Board adopted the 2026 State Implementation Plan Revisions for the California Extreme Ozone Nonattainment Areas (2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision). The 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision revises the 2022 State SIP Strategy measure commitments, aggregate emissions reduction commitments, and other elements as needed for the San Joaquin Valley, South Coast Air Basin, and Coachella Valley nonattainment areas. The 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision addressed recent federal actions, including the disapproval of three previous federal actions waiving preemption for some of the State's major vehicle and engines emissions control programs for mobile sources. Adoption of the 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision to revise the 2022 State SIP Strategy measure commitments and other elements of the San Joaquin Valley, South Coast Air Basin, and Coachella Valley nonattainment areas will support the approval of the attainment plans currently awaiting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency action.

Public Meeting to Hear Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Update: The CARB Board heard an informational update on the progress of the state's Community Air Protection Program (CAPP), including related updates on newly adopted or approved Community Emissions Reduction Programs (CERPs), monitoring, enforcement, and community air grants activities. AB 617 requires air districts to submit annual implementation report to CARB for each CERP in their respective districts. CARB staff presented highlights of the CAPP's progress over the past year, including the status of CERP communities, key actions taken to implement CERPs, progress on CAPP Incentives, and collaborative efforts with community members, air districts, and CARB. In addition, staff provided updates on air quality monitoring, efforts to support consistently nominated communities through grants and other funding, and commitments for the upcoming year.

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Implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 905 (Caballero, 2022) – Requires the CARB Board to establish a statewide Carbon Capture, Removal, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) 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 CCUS 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.