



**Monterey Bay Air Resources District  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**FELIPE HERNANDEZ, CHAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 – 1:30 P.M.**

**24580 Silver Cloud Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Monterey, CA 93940**

**REMOTE LOCATIONS VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Any interested parties or community members may attend and participate in the meeting at the following address where Director LeBarre will attend the meeting from:

Office of Supervisor Chris Lopez, County of Monterey, District 3,  
1011 Broadway Avenue, Suite C, King City, CA 93930

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY**

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**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.7, please find Chapter 9, also known as the Ralph M. Brown Act:** [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5).

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER – **The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Carbone at 1:32 p.m.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL **Present:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Kimberly De Serpa, Felipe Hernandez, Chris Lopez. **Arrived Late:** Kimberly De Serpa arrived at 1:58 p.m. following Roll Call. Director Mike LeBarre participated remotely.
4. PRESENTATIONS
  - a. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Kollin Kosmicki, San Benito County Board of Supervisors – Served for 1 year in 2025.
  - b. RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS  
Teresa Sewell, Supervising Air Quality Compliance Inspector, 1992-2026, 34 years
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – **None.**
6. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRS ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS
  - a. Budget, Personnel, and Nominating Committee – The Budget, Personnel, and Nominating Committee met on April 15, 2026. The committee reviewed the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and recommended approval by the Board of Directors. The committee received a report and recommended approval by the Board of Directors of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Revisions per Schedule A.
  - b. Advisory Committee – The Advisory Committee met earlier this month, although we did not have enough members to show a quorum.
7. COMMENTS AND REFERRALS FROM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS – **None.**

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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**Motion:** Approve items on the Consent Agenda. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Luis Alejo, **Seconded by** Kollin Kosmicki. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 8). **Yes:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Kimberly De Serpa, Felipe Hernandez, Chris Lopez.

8. **Accepted** and **Filed** Summary of Actions for February 18, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting
9. **Received** and **Filed** Budget-to-Actual Report for the Seven Months Ended January 31, 2026
10. **Received** and **Filed** Budget-to-Actual Report for the Eight Months Ended February 28, 2026
11. **Accepted** and **Filed** Report of Summary of Mutual Settlement Program Actions for February and March 2026
12. **Approved** the Lease Extension between MBARD and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for Office Space at MBARD's Monterey Office for an additional five years
13. **Resolution 26-003: Adopted** a Resolution Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to Accept Funding and Administer the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program) State Reserve for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 (Year 28).
14. **Resolution 26-004: Adopted** a Resolution Approving Destruction of Records in Accordance with the Records Retention Schedule and Records Destruction Policies D.9 and D.10 in the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual.
15. **Resolution 26-005: Adopted** a Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Revisions, Per Attached Schedule A

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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16. **Received** report on Assembly Bill 2561 regarding Vacancy Reporting Obligations  
***Motion:** Receive the report. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Luis Alejo, **Seconded by** Wendy Askew. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. **(summary: Yes = 8). Yes:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Kimberly De Serpa, Felipe Hernandez, Chris Lopez.*
- Kimberly De Serpa arrived at 1:58 p.m. during Agenda Item #17.**
17. **Held** First Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and **Provided** Direction to Staff  
***Held public hearing and provided direction to staff; no action taken or required.***
18. **Held** First Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving Proposed Revisions to the Following Fee Rules and **Provided** Direction to Staff:

- 300 (Fees)
- 301 (Fee Schedules)
- 310 (Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Fees)

**Motion:** Hold public hearing and provide direction to staff. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Wendy Askew, **Seconded by** Kimberley De Serpa. **Vote:** Motion carried by roll call vote. **(summary: Yes = 8, No = 1, Abstain = 0).** **Yes:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Kimberly De Serpa, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **No:** Mike LeBarre. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Felipe Hernandez, Chris Lopez.

19. **Resolution 26-006: Adopted** a Resolution Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to Apply a Portion of the AB 2766 Annual Revenues Towards Funding and Implementing a Program for Motor Vehicle Emission-Reducing Grants Consistent with the FY 2026-27 AB 2766 Emission Reduction Grant Programs Guidelines
- Motion:** Adopt the resolution and provide directions to staff per Board discussion. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Wendy Askew, **Seconded by** Kimberly De Serpa. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. **(summary: Yes = 9).** **Yes:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Kimberly De Serpa, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Felipe Hernandez, Chris Lopez.

20. REPORT FROM AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER  
**Richard Stedman, APCO, reported on the following:**

Scott Norton

It is with sadness that I bring unfortunate news about one of MBARD's former employees. Scott Norton, an air monitoring specialist who worked at MBARD for over 31 years and retired a few years ago, passed away last week at the age of 68. He was involved in a fatal car accident on HWY 68. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle, and no other vehicles were involved. Scott is survived by his wife, Kathy, and two daughters.

Scott was a true Renaissance man and a wonderful human being. Not only was he a skilled air-monitoring specialist, but he was also a musician and a professional photographer. Many of the photos throughout the office were taken by him. Scott also volunteered at the SPCA off of HWY 68. Staff will be making a charitable contribution to the SPCA in Scott's name.

Engineering and Compliance

- On April 2, EPA issued the Federal Register approval of Rule 218 Title V Federal Operating Permits. This rule was approved by the Board of Directors on August 21, 2024.
- The Compliance Division is participating in a statewide feasibility study evaluating the use of Alt-152a virtual reality technology for Visible Emissions Evaluation (VEE)

certification. Traditionally, inspectors must travel to complete VEE training through viewing and grading the opacity of smoke plumes. The Alt-152a virtual reality technology uses a headset in the office to allow the inspectors to virtually complete the same training.

- On April 10, we attended a pre-filing meeting for the proposed Seahawk battery storage project. The proposed project would be located near the PG&E Green Valley Substation in an unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County north of the City of Watsonville. The applicant will apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) through the “Opt-In Certification Program”. This program was established by AB 205 to allow CEC to oversee the permitting of clean and renewable energy facilities. The CEC permit is instead of any permit that the local land use authority would normally require, and most, but not all, state permits. During the pre-filing meeting, we were able to ask questions about the air quality analysis. Once the proposed project is submitted, the CEC will prepare a CEQA document, which will allow for further comment on the project.
- We received 3 odor complaints from City of Marina residents since the February Board meeting. A specific source for the odors was not identified.

#### Planning and Air Monitoring

- The [Landscape Equipment Exchange Program](#) provides residents and commercial operations with incentives to replace old, internal combustion landscape equipment with new, cordless zero-emission equipment. So far, 87% of \$619,828 of project funds have been requested.
- The 2025-26 [Woodstove Change Out Program](#) offers incentives to replace non-EPA certified wood stoves, fireplace inserts, and open-hearth fireplaces with cleaner home heating devices launched in September. The program is open to residents living in disadvantaged communities and low-income areas, as well as low-income applicants outside of those areas. The program continues to be popular with 43 applications already received.
- Monterey Bay’s first hybrid-electric whale watching vessel project was sponsored by MBARD through a \$2.2 million Advanced Technology Pilot Project grant from CARB. The vessel’s hulls and deck have been fabricated. It is now being assembled at the boat yard in Moss Landing. The project is expected to be completed in Spring 2027.
- The Spare the Air Program was launched at the beginning of December. Staff observe weather conditions and air quality in the San Lorenzo Valley to forecast when a Spare the Air alert will be declared. During a Spare the Air alert, residents are asked to voluntarily choose devices which use fuels other than wood to heat their homes. The program will run through Spring when conditions for smoke dispersion improve. No

Spare the Air Alerts have been called this season due to favorable meteorological conditions.

- The [Zero Emission Utility Terrain Vehicles \(ZEUs\)](#) incentive program launched in February. Utility Terrain Vehicles are small, golf cart-sized vehicles with a maximum engine size of 1.0 liter. These vehicles are often used in agriculture, landscaping, and campus maintenance. Agricultural businesses, non-profit organizations, and public agencies in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties can apply for grant funding to replace gasoline- or diesel-powered UTVs with similar zero-emission equipment. Applicants may be awarded up to 75% of replacement costs, up to a maximum of \$13,500 per project. Program funding is provided by grants from the California Air Resources Board. So far six applications have been received.

<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>
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21. The Board will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54950, relating to the following:


- a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Board will provide direction to negotiators. Designated representatives: Richard Stedman, APCO, Rosa Rosales, MBARD Administrative Services Manager, and Lynn Kievlan, MBARD Administrative & Fiscal Specialist. Employee Organization: SEIU Local 521. **No public comments. No reportable action.**

22. Adjournment – **Close of Open Meeting at 3:11 p.m. - The Board adjourned out of Closed Session.**

*Sirie Thongchua*  
*Executive Assistant*

Monterey Bay Air Resources District  
 Draft Budget - Fiscal Year 2026-27  
 April 15, 2026


ROSA ROALES  
 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER



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### BUDGET OVERVIEW

- Budget Development
- Budget In Brief
- Revenue
- Expenses
- Organizational Structure
- Budget Fundamentals



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### Budget Development

- February 9, 2026 - Budget Meeting with Management
- February 27, 2026 - Division Budgets Due
- March 30, April 1, 2026 - Budget Workshops
- April 15, 2026 - First Public Hearing Draft Budget
- June 17, 2026 - Second Public Hearing Final Budget
- July 1, 2026 - MBARD Fiscal Year Begins


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### BUDGET IN BRIEF

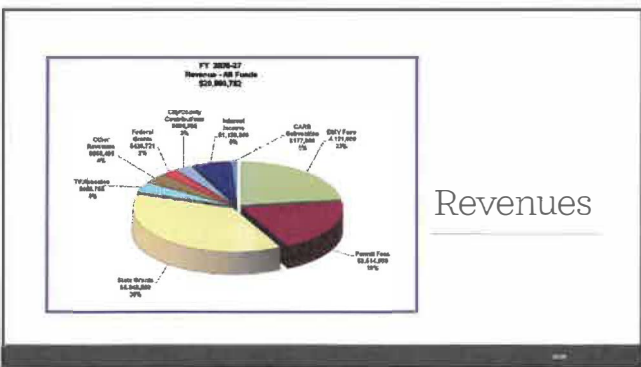
**HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Total Budget \$21 million:  
 Operating Budget \$ 9.6 million  
 Total Expenses \$11.4 million

**Proposed Fee Increases**  
 Permit Fee - 2.2%  
 Per Capita \$ 60 to \$ 61

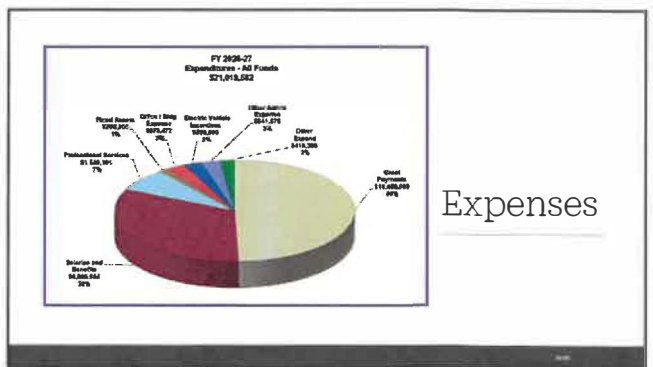
36 Full Time employees - Proposed salary increase of 2.2%  
 Fixed Assets - \$236,000  
 OPEB and Pension Trust Deposits - \$300,000  
 Emission Reduction Grants - \$10.6 million  
 Plug in Monterey Bay and Electric Vehicle Incentives - \$510,000  
 Woodatove Changeout Grants - \$50,000



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# Agenda Item No. 7

## Organizational Structure

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	REASON
Administration	8.0	8.0	No change
Air Monitoring	3.5	4.5	Remove vacant AM Specialist
Compliance	10.0	10.0	No Change
Engineering	8.5	8.5	New Engineer
Planning	0.1	0.1	New Planner approved for current budget
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	



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## BUDGET SCHEDULES



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## Operating Budget

- Total Operating Budget of \$9.8 million
- Proposed 2.2% increase to permit fees - estimated increase of \$61K
- Proposed increase to City and County per capita fees - from \$ 60 to \$ 65. Total estimated increase of \$38K
- Salaries and benefits increase of about \$211K over FY25-26 budget due to 2.2% pay increase, step increases, 1 additional FTE's, increase in retirement and health benefit rates
- Projected operating deficit of \$54K



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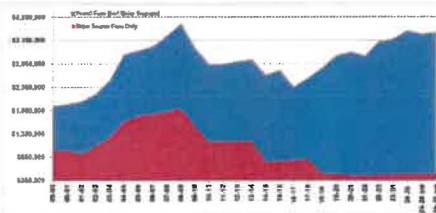
## Operating Revenue

State & Federal Grants	1,040,000
State & Subvention Grants	1,770,000
Grants & Subventions	2,810,000
Taxes and Fees	670,000
GHV fees - operating portion	1,160,000
City and County Charitable	500,000
Grant Administration Funds	738,000
State funded revenue - AMIIT, Prescribed Burn, Oil and Gas	278,000
Other Revenues	1,177,000
Penalties and Fines	201,500
Interest Income	300,000
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>6,220,000</b>



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## Historical Permit Fee Revenues (Non-TV Fees) FY 99-00 through FY 26-27



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## Fixed Assets

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
Air Monitoring Equipment	\$90,500
Information Systems Equipment - Server, Computer Equipment	\$95,000
Vehicle Replacements - Air Monitoring, Compliance	\$95,500
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$281,000</b>



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### Non-Operating Budget

\*Total Non-Operating Budget of \$11.3 million, which includes grant funding, electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and other non-operating expenditures. This is a 22% decrease from the prior year due to multi-year grants.

\*Major Grant Program Expenditures:

- AR276 Program: \$2.2 million for grants & \$300,000 for electric vehicle incentives
- AR233 Program: \$1 million in grants & \$10K for EV Infrastructure Project
- Cars 4ever Program: \$4 million for ag and marine vessel engines
- Office Mitigation Grants & Zero Emission Bus Program (ZEB): \$150,000 for signage and school buses
- Woodstone Cleanup Grants: \$50,000 funded with Clean Air Fund monies
- Waterways Air Pollution Program (WAPP): \$1 million to reduce air pollution in the drainage and land clearing areas

Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER): \$1 million for replacement of farm equipment, irrigation pumps and heavy-duty trucks

\*OPEB and Pension Trust deposits: \$300,000



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### Projected General Fund Balance June 30, 2026


Unreserved Balance	\$7,140,374
Designated for Economic Uncertainty	\$7,126,074
Designated for OPEB and Pension Benefits	\$640,000
Designated for Building and Facilities	\$190,000
<b>Total Projected Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$15,096,448</b>



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### Recommendation

Provide direction to staff.



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### Questions?



Rosa Rowles  
Administration Services Manager  
rrowles@mbard.org

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# Agenda Item No. 7

## Public Workshop

### Potential Fee Rule Changes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget


AMY CLYMO  
ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER  
APRIL 15, 2026



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## Outline


- Proposed fee rule revisions
  - 300 Fees
  - 301 Fee Schedules
  - 310 Agricultural Diesel Engine Registration Fees



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## Proposed Fee Rule Revisions


- Proposed fee increase of 2.2% (Annual Consumer Price Index for San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward area)
- Rule 300
  - Add a minimum fee to the Lime Processing source specific fee category
  - Identify July as the month when the annual emission reduction credit registry fee will be assessed
- Rule 301
  - Add Schedule 9 as Rule 200 fee
  - Add Schedule 12 Incident Response Fee
- Rule 310 clarification for expired registrations



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## Examples of Permit Fee Changes

Current Fee [FY 25-26]	Fee Increase [2.2%]	Proposed Fee (FY 26-27)
Filing Fee \$250	\$6	Filing Fee \$256
General Permit Fee \$1,117	\$25	General Permit Fee \$1,142
Annual Renewal Fee – Billable Tons < 0.1 \$249	\$5	Annual Renewal Fee – Billable Tons < 0.1 \$254
Emergency Diesel Engine \$431	\$9	Emergency Diesel Engine \$440
Hourly Staff Rate \$178	\$4	Hourly Staff Rate \$182



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## Language (Rule 300)

4.3 Annual Registry Fee; Source Specific Categories

MBARD will assess an Annual Registry Fee for each permit issued in the following source categories as set forth in Rule 301, Table 1 Annual Registry Fee Schedule Categories:

- Complete Combustion (Wastewater, Blower Pumps, Airflow Static Pumps, In-Vessel, or similar equipment)
  - Allowing Throughput < 20,000 tons per year
  - Allowing Throughput > 20,000 tons per year - < 100,000 tons per year
  - Allowing Throughput ≥ 100,000 tons per year
- Dry Cleaner
- Emergency (Diesel) Fuelled Internal Combustion Engine (except for rule 301)
- Emergency (Diesel) Fuelled Internal Combustion Engine (except for rule 301)
- Emergency (Non-Diesel) Fuelled Internal Combustion Engine
- Tannery (Hot)
- Tannery (Cold)
- Lime Processing (except Diesel or 3-year average production rate)
  - 3-year production rate < 100,000 short tons per year
  - 3-year production rate > 100,000 short tons per year
  - Minimum Fee schedule rule fee

Use the following fee schedule (3-year average 365-day annual production rates):

3-year production rate < 100,000 short tons per year	3-year production rate > 100,000 short tons per year
\$0.94 per short ton	\$0.95 per short ton
\$0.88 per short ton	\$0.89 per short ton

Minimum Fee schedule rule fee: \$1,793 (per 365-day permit)

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## Language (Rule 300)

6.1.2 Annual Registry Fee


Every person registered in the ERC Registry shall pay an annual banking fee as set forth in Rule 301, Table 1. Other Annual Registry Fee Determinations: The Annual Registry Fee shall be assessed each year on the month of July. However, MBARD may assess an additional annual registry fee based on the actual estimated costs incurred by MBARD in maintaining the subject ERC Registry website at the hourly staff rate. Annual registry fees assessed under this schedule may be applied to the Billing Board in accordance with Regulation VI provisions.

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# Agenda Item No. 7

## AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Program FY 2026-27

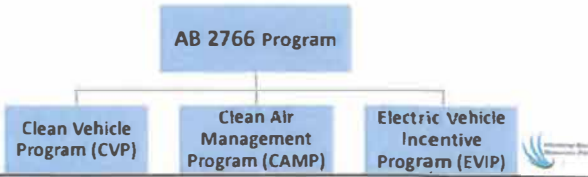


Board of Director's Presentation  
Eli Lessman, Air Quality Planner II  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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## California Assembly Bill 2766 (AB 2766)


- Signed into law in 1990.
- Projects have reduced air pollution from vehicles for 35 years.
- \$4.00 per DMV vehicle registration in tri-county area.
- Allocations based on county populations



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## Clean Vehicle Program (CVP)

- Public agencies.
- Electric only.
- Purchases only. No leases.
- Medium and heavy-duty ZE vehicles
- The max award is \$200,000
  - Medium-duty and heavy-duty means greater than 10,000 lbs




<b>Class 3</b> 10,001 lb to 14,000 lb	Large Panel Van	Heavy-Duty Pickup	Straight Truck
<b>Class 7</b> 26,001 lb to 33,000 lb	Class 7 School Bus	Transit Bus	Large Straight Truck
<b>Class 8</b> 33,001 lb or Over	Coach Bus	Large Transit Bus	Large Straight Truck

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## Clean Air Management Program (CAMP)

- Project types:
  - **Electrification:** car and bike charging stations
  - **Bike and Multiuse Paths:** lanes and more
- Public agencies only
- Max Grant for = \$200,000
- Ranked by:
  - cost-effectiveness
  - total emission reduction
  - Spreading benefits across 3 counties

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## Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP)

- Incentivizes purchase or lease of clean vehicles
- Vehicle must be less than \$60,000
- Low-income qualification = LIHEAP
- \$500,000 in project funds



Vehicle Type	New	Used
Public Agency and Non-profits	\$5,000	N/A
Hydrogen Fuel Cell	\$2,500	N/A
Battery Electric	\$1,500	\$1,000
Plug-In Hybrid	\$750	\$500
Electric Motorcycle	\$750	\$500

Low-income qualified award is \$500 more than the values above. Public Agencies limited to Battery Electric.

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## FY 2025-26: Total Budget 1.8 million

- Between CVP and CAMP the budget was \$1.3 million
  - 18 Applications total
- Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP) budget was \$500,000

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### City of Sand City - Street Sweeper Replacement Project

- Replacement of fossil fuel sweeper for an *Ravo R5e-eSeries EV Streetsweeper*
- Total Project Cost: \$701,809.70
- Award \$200,000
- In process



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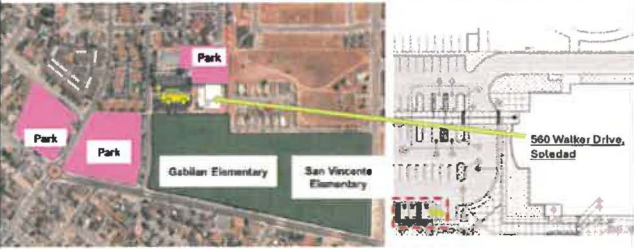
### County of Santa Cruz – General Services



- Thirty-two (32) dual-port Level 2 charging stations across three County of Santa Cruz owned sites.
- Total Project Cost: \$1,630,430
- In Process

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### City of Soledad (Community Center) – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure



- Level 2 chargers, 3 ports total
- Award \$167,219.33.
- In Process

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### Electric Vehicle Incentive Program

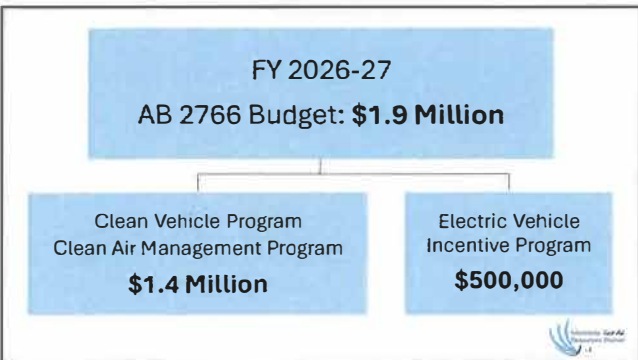


Total Starting Funds	\$500,000.00	100%
Total Funds Committed	\$500,250.00	100.05%
Remaining to Commit	\$0	

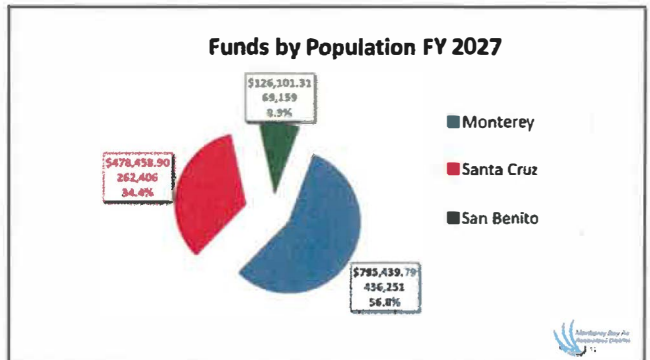
Number of applications	398
Incentives Committed	361
Number of low-income applications	27

- As of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 100% of EVIP funds have been committed.

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**Questions & Discussion**





**Scott Norton**

2026