



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

KOLLIN KOSMICKI, CHAIR

WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.

24580 Silver Cloud Court, 3rd Floor, Monterey, CA 93940

REMOTE LOCATION 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:

City Hall Council Chambers
212 S. Vanderhurst Ave., King City, CA 93930

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY

Director LeBarre will attend the meeting remotely from:

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ZOOM MEETING OPTION FOR PUBLIC

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER – **The meeting was called to order by Chair Kosmicki at 1:30 p.m.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
 - a. Remote Participation
 - Director Mike LeBarre participated remotely. Chair Kosmicki asked Director LeBarre to address questions regarding teleconferencing participation.
 - Director Eduardo Montesino participated remotely in accordance with AB 2449 using the Just Cause provision. Chair Kosmicki asked Director Montesino to address questions regarding teleconference participation.
 - b. **Present:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Felipe Hernandez, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Chris Lopez. **Arrived late:** Kimberly De Serpa arrived at 1:41 p.m. after Roll Call.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – **None.**
5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRS ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - a. Budget, Personnel, and Nominating Committee – **Chair Kosmicki reported** on the October 15, 2025 meeting of the Budget, Personnel and Nominating Committee. The committee received an investment report from Rosa Rosales, Administrative Services Manager, and recommended Board approval of the fiscal year 2025-26 budget revisions per Schedule A.
 - b. Advisory Committee – **Richard Stedman, APCO**, reported that the Advisory Committee met earlier this month. The Committee heard staff reports regarding the AB 2766 grant program and our annual update on MBARD’s Air Toxics “Hot Spots” program.

Allen Stroh was elected Chair, and Janet Brennan will serve as Vice Chair.

6. COMMENTS AND REFERRALS FROM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

Director Sandoval – He attended the September 12 Community Outreach Events Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He recommended scheduling another meeting to continue the discussion with all committee members. **Present:** Andrew Sandoval, Richard Stedman.
Absent: Wendy Askew, Kimberly De Serpa, Kollin Kosmicki.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve items on the Consent Agenda. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Luis Alejo, **Seconded by** Wendy Askew. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. **(summary: Yes = 9).** **Yes:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Felipe Hernandez, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Kimberly De Serpa, Chris Lopez.

7. **Accepted** and **Filed** Summary of Actions for August 20, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting
8. **Received** and **Filed** Preliminary Budget to Actual Report for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2025
9. **Received** and **Filed** Budget to Actual Report for the One Month Ended July 31, 2025
10. **Accepted** and **Filed** Report of Summary of Mutual Settlement Program Actions for August 2025 and September 2025
11. **Authorized** the Air Pollution Control Officer to Execute a Lease with the City of Watsonville for Office Space at Watsonville Civic Center Effective November 1, 2025
12. **Resolution 25-010: Adopted** a Resolution Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to Enter into a Two-Year Agreement for Janitorial Services effective November 1, 2025
13. **Resolution 25-011: Adopted** a Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Revisions, Per Attached Schedule A

REGULAR AGENDA

Director De Serpa arrived at 1:41 p.m. during Agenda Item #14.

14. **Received** an Update on the Air Toxics Program
Received the presentation only; no action required.

15. **Resolution 25-012: Adopted** a Resolution Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to Grant up to \$1,300,000 to the List of FY 2025-26 AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program Staff Recommended Projects

Public Comment: Nick McIlroy, Planning Manager, Sand City, supports staff's recommended projects list. (Zoom Attendee)

Motion: Approve the resolution. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Luis Alejo, **Seconded by** Andrew Sandoval. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. **(summary: Yes = 10).**
Yes: Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Kimberly De Serpa, Felipe Hernandez, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval.
Absent: Chris Lopez.

16. **Approved** an Amendment to the Employment Agreement for MBARD's Air Pollution Control Officer

Motion: Approve the amendment. **Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Luis Alejo, **Seconded by** Mary Ann Carbone. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. **(summary: Yes = 10).** **Yes:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Kimberly De Serpa, Felipe Hernandez, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Eduardo Montesino, Andrew Sandoval.
Absent: Chris Lopez.

17. REPORT FROM AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

Richard Stedman, APCO, reported on the following:

Engineering and Compliance

- To ensure the documents on our website meet accessibility requirements, we have implemented a tool called DocAccess from our website provider. Doc Access can automatically switch to an accessible view of a document and translate the document into many languages. This tool efficiently converts documents to the required accessibility standard, saving our staff time from manually converting them.
- Engineering issued an Authority to Construct to Verdagy Inc. for a pilot project, a hydrogen-fueled linear generator. This is the first hydrogen-fueled linear generator research and development project; other linear generators permitted by MBARD have been fueled with natural gas. A linear generator uses a low-temperature air reaction of air and fuel to drive magnets through copper coils, producing electricity with near-zero NOx emissions.
- Odor complaints - Our inspectors have been busy responding to complaints for the past few weeks. We received 61 odor complaints between September 16th and October 8th from residents located in Marina, East Garrison, South Salinas, and along River Road in Salinas. MBARD inspectors investigated the odor complaints and verified odors

emanating from the City of Salinas Industrial Wastewater Treatment facility on David Road. MBARD has a permit for the plant, which processes wastewater from 22 industrial sources via connections that discharge water to the treatment plant. It is believed the pond water odors were caused by low oxygen levels in the water, from sources such as algae growth or anaerobic bacteria breaking down organic matter, which produce foul-smelling gases such as hydrogen sulfide. To address the issue, the City acquired additional aerators to increase oxygen in the water and drove a boat in the pond to help mix the water. MBARD issued a violation to the City on September 29 and, by October 8th, confirmed the odors had substantially decreased and were no longer a nuisance. We have not received any additional odor complaints since October 8th.

- MBARD inspectors also found minor odors from Tanimura and Antle ponds along River Road in Spreckels. The largest pond was drained, and the smaller ponds were chemically treated. The inspector also observed Brussel sprouts and broccoli being harvested, which added to the odors in the area.

Air Monitoring and Planning

Air Monitoring

- CARB conducted a Technical Systems Audit of the air monitoring program in September. This audit is required by the EPA every five years. It covers compliance with established regulations and guidance governing the collection, analysis, validation, and reporting of ambient air quality data. These audits identify program innovation and improvement opportunities, strengthen programs, and provide feedback.

Planning

- Planning staff have been working with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Army on the planned 287-acre prescribed burn at the former Fort Ord. The burn window is now open; however, the burn will not take place during the government shutdown. MBARD has received a \$198,012 grant from DTSC to cover administrative costs for smoke management activities and public response.
- The MBARD [Electric Vehicle Incentive Program](#), which offers residents an incentive to purchase new and used all-electric or plug-in electric vehicles, is continuing. \$500,000 has been budgeted for the program using funds from local DMV fees. So far, 253 applications have been received, and \$333,000 has been obligated. Tesla Model Y is the most common vehicle for all applications.
- The [2025-26 Woodstove Change Out Program](#), which 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 of disadvantaged communities and low-income areas, as well as low-income applicants outside those areas. Eight applications have been received so far.

Outreach

- Planning Staff attended an electric vehicle ride-and-drive event organized by Ecology Action at Watsonville High School on October 4th to promote the [Electric Vehicle Incentive Program](#).
- Planning Staff set up an outreach table at the Good Fire Faire at Henry Cowell Redwoods on October 11. The event provided an opportunity to educate the community on effective smoke management strategies for open burning.
- Yesterday, I attended a press conference in Santa Barbara celebrating the signing of AB 14, the Protecting Blue Skies and Blue Whales program. The voluntary program encourages container ship speed reductions along California's coast, helping reduce whale strikes and air pollution.

Lastly, MBARD held its annual staff training day on September 30 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds meeting facility. The keynote speaker was Matthew Lakin, Ph.D., former Region 9 EPA Air Director. Staff participated in air quality training and exercises while having fun.

18. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Sirie Thongchua
Executive Assistant

Air Toxics Program Update

AMY CLYMO
ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER
OCTOBER 15, 2025



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What is an Air Toxic?



Benzene

- Federal HAP (Hazardous Air Pollutant)
 - An air pollutant listed under section 112 (b) of the Federal Clean Air Act as particularly hazardous to health.
- State TAC (Toxic Air Contaminant)
 - An air pollutant, identified in regulation by the California Air Resources Board, which may cause or contribute to an increase in deaths or in serious illness, or which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health.



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Air Toxics “Hot Spots”

- In 1987, the California legislature adopted the Air Toxic “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act (AB 2588).
- Health and Safety Code Section 44363 requires annual report.
- Goals of the act:
 - Calculate toxic emissions;
 - Identify facilities having localized impacts;
 - Determine health risks; and
 - Notify affected individuals when applicable.



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Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Process



Facilities with Intermediate or Low Risk: Intermediate review in 4 years

Facilities with High Risk after Health Risk Assessment(HRA) progress to Step 4



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Steps 1-3: Emission Inventory and Assess Risk

Calculate toxics emissions from all emitting sources at a facility and assess risk using Prioritization Score methodology.

Prioritization	Acute/Chronic Risk Score	Cancer Risk Score
Low	<1	< 1 in one million
Intermediate	≥1	≥ 1 in one million
High	≥10	≥ 10 in one million

HIGH = facility must prepare and submit HRA

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Steps 4-5 (high risk) Public Notification and Risk Reduction

Public Notification and Risk Reduction Plan required when HRA results meet values below.

Significant Risk Threshold	
Cancer Risk	> 10 in one million
Acute/Chronic Risk Index	> 1

Risk Reduction: Plan to reduce emissions below significance levels within 5 years.

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Recent Activities

- Conservative, screening level review of 287 emergency engines
 - Low: 117
 - Intermediate: 134
 - High: 36 – will further evaluate using refined assumptions
- Facilities began reporting engine annual emissions.



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Future Activities

- Complete remaining facilities in source categories: Aggregate operations, military installations, and smaller gas stations.
- Begin next industrywide source: Autobody shops (waiting for completion of guidance document)
- Additional program support
 - Completed interviews for engineer position added to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget



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Recommendation

Receive the update.



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Questions?



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AB 2766
Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Program

FY 25-26 - Staff Recommendations for Project Funding



Board of Director's Presentation
 October 15, 2025
 Eli Lessman, Air Quality Planner I



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California Assembly Bill 2766 (AB 2766)

- Signed into law in 1990.
- **\$4.00** per DMV vehicle registration.
- For **35** years, projects have reduced air pollution from motor vehicles



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Clean Vehicle Program



- Only for public agencies
- Medium- and heavy-duty electric vehicles
- Maximum award = \$200,000




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Clean Air Management Program

- Project Types:
 - Electric vehicle infrastructure, battery charging stations
 - Active transportation infrastructure, more biking
- Maximum award = \$200,000
- Ranked according to quantifiable cost-effectiveness and total annual emission reductions




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• Budget: \$1.3 Million
 • Requested: \$3.5 Million

County	Population	Population-based Funding Allocation	Total Request	Recommended Funding	Population-based Allocation v. Recommended Funding
Monterey	436,251	\$738,622.66	\$1,484,794.33	\$738,622.66	100%
San Benito	69,159	\$117,094.07	\$600,000.00	\$117,094.07	100%
Santa Cruz	262,406	\$444,283.27	\$1,400,000.00	\$444,283.27	100%



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Recommended Project Funding




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Agenda Item No. 8

City of Salinas (Public Services Yard) – EV Infrastructure



- Project Cost: \$616,400
- Request: \$200,000
- Recommend: \$200,000
- With CAPP allocation, more funds may be available for this project.
- 8 Level 2 chargers – make ready
- 8 DC Fast Chargers
- 8 Level 2 chargers

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City of Marina – EV Infrastructure



- Project supports publicly accessible EV charging stations at City of Marina's Glorja Jean Tate Park.
- 1 dual-port Level 2 charger
- 1 single-port Level 2 charger
- Request: \$84,794.33
- Recommend: \$84,794.33

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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
- Request: \$200,000
- Recommend: \$200,000



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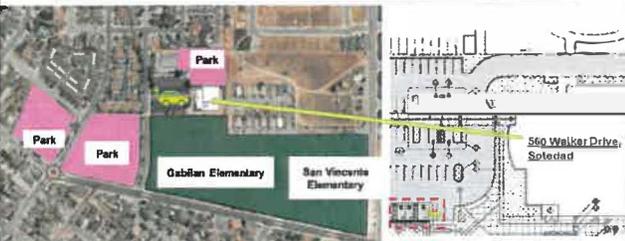
Marina Coast Water District (headquarters) – EV Infrastructure



- 2 dual-port Level 2 chargers
- Eligible request is \$86,609
- Recommend \$86,609

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City of Soledad (Community Center) – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure



- 1 dual-port Level 2 charger
- 1 single-port Level 2 charger
- Request was \$200,000. Recommend \$167,219.33.

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MST – Paratransit Buses Replacement Project



- Replace 2 old gasoline buses in the MST RIDES ADA PARATRANSIT PROGRAM
- Annual Miles Traveled:
 - Vehicle #1: 29,773 mi/yr
 - Vehicle #2: 36,125 mi/yr
- Total Project Cost: \$245,536.74
- Request: \$200,000
- There are no remaining AB 2766 funds to allocate to this project.
- With CAPP allocation, funds may be available for this project.

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County of Monterey Roundabout - Prunedale



**TRAVEL ACTIVITY DATA SUMMARY
PRUNEDALE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT**

- Request was \$200,000.
- This was not an eligible project application under the current program.

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**City of Sand City:
Multiuse Trail**



- Connects Monterey Recreational Trail to MST Surf Line
- Past funding: \$305k
- Recommend: \$0.
- Large, long project. More funding (for battery charging stations and construction) will be needed.

 City Limit
 Potential Parking Locations
 Improved Bike Lanes
 Proposed Bike Trail Route

★ Connection to Monterey Recreational Trail
★ MST SURF Line Station

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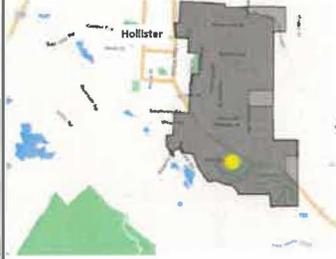
San Benito High School District – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure




- 20 Level 2 charging ports, publicly accessible
- Total Project Cost: \$437,990.00
- Request: \$200,000
- Recommend \$100,000

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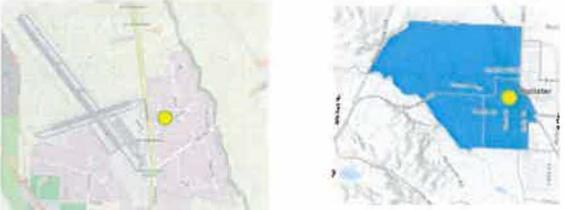
Sunny Slope Water District – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure




- Supports two dual-port Level 2 chargers
- Request was for total project costs: ~\$104,000
- Apply to future MBARD programs for EV Charging Station incentive funding.

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County of San Benito – Battery Charging Station



- Total Project Cost: \$30,086.82
- Recommend \$17,094.07

Two (2) Level 2 Charge Stations at:
 San Benito County of Emergency Services (471 4th Street)
 San Benito County Resources Management Office (2301 Technology Parkway)

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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
- Request: \$200,000
- Recommend: \$200,000

• With CAPP allocation, more funds may be available for this project.

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University of California Santa Cruz




Supports six (6) publicly accessible Level 3 at a convenient south campus location.

- Total Project Cost: \$1.4 Million
- Request \$200,000
- Recommend \$100,000

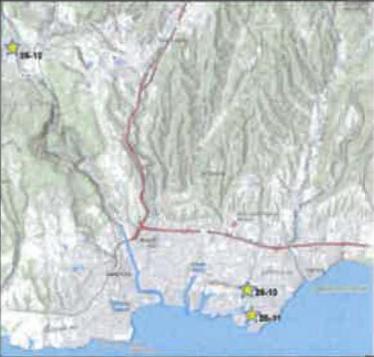


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County of Santa Cruz – Public Works

- **26-10 Brommer Street Yard:**
 - 6 dual port level 2 chargers
 - 1 single port level 3 charger.
- **26-10 County Office Building:**
 - 2 dual port level 2 chargers
 - 1 single port level 3 charger.
- **26-10 Santa Cruz County Office:**
 - 2 dual port level 2 chargers
 - 1 single port level 3 charger.

• Request: \$200,000
• Recommend \$144,283.27




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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Committee – Bike Vouchers for Public Bike Program



- Request was \$200,000 for bikes for a public bike program.
- Reapply in a future application cycle.
- There are no remaining AB 2766 funds to allocate to this project.



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City of Watsonville – Multi-use Path Improvements



- Request was \$200,000 for funds for 0.6 miles of improvements and repairs to the 7-mile Slough Trail Network, which is open to the public for walking, biking, and more.
- No remaining AB 2766 funds to allocate to this project.
- With CAPP allocation, funds may be available for this project.



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Other Funding Source: Community Air Protection Program (CAPP)

- If some projects are funded under CAPP, AB 2766 funds could be directed to other projects.
- Recommended amounts for other AB 2766 project applications could be increased.
- Project applications not already recommended for funding may be considered.



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Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (as of 10/14/25)

Total Starting Funds (2020)	\$500,000.00	100%
Total Funds Committed	\$333,000	67%
Remaining to Commit	\$167,000	33%

Number of applications	=253
Incentives Committed	=243
Number of low-income applications	=19

- As of October 14th, 2025, at 105 days in, we are 29% through the year, with 67% of EVIP funds committed.
- Commitment rate is approximately \$3,171.43 per day.



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Thank you!

Questions & Discussion

