



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

FELIPE HERNANDEZ, CHAIR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 – 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:

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

ZOOM MEETING OPTION FOR PUBLIC

Link to meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85652578996>

Webinar ID: 856 5257 8996 By Phone (audio only; Webinar ID required): 1-669-900-6833

Members of the public that wish to participate in the meeting may do so by joining the Zoom Webinar ID, attending in-person at 24580 Silver Cloud Ct. Monterey, or attending in-person at remote teleconference locations when listed above. Should you have any questions, please contact Sirie Thongchua, Executive Assistant, at (831) 718-8028 or by email at sirie@mbard.org.

To Provide Public Comment via Zoom teleconference/video conference: During the live meeting verbal public comments may be made by members of the public joining the meeting via Zoom. Use the “raise hand” feature (for those joining by phone, press *9 to “raise hand”) during the public comment period for the agenda item you wish to address. Members of the public participating via Zoom will be muted during the meeting and may be unmuted to speak during public comment after requesting and receiving recognition by the Chair. Please clearly state your full name for the record at the start of your public comment.

To Submit Public Comment Before the Meeting: Persons who wish to address the Board for public comment of an item not on the agenda are encouraged to submit comments in writing to Sirie Thongchua, Executive Assistant, at sirie@mbard.org by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Comments received will be distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.7, please find Chapter 9, also known as the Ralph M. Brown Act: https://leginfo.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 Chair Hernandez at 1:34 p.m.**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
 - a. Remote Participation
 - Director LeBarre participated remotely.
 - Director Alejo participated remotely in accordance with AB 2449, "Just Cause" reason – official government business.
 - b. **Present:** Luis Alejo, Wendy Askew, Mary Ann Carbone, Felipe Hernandez, Gerry Jensen, Kollin Kosmicki, Mike LeBarre, Andrew Sandoval. **Absent:** Kimberly De Serpa, Chris Lopez, Eduardo Montesino.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alix Angelis, Chairperson, Families Alliance for Children's Environmental Safety, Monterey County, CA – commented on Lead Emissions & School Safety and submitted written comments.
5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRS ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - a. Budget, Personnel, and Nominating Committee – The Budget, Personnel, and Nominating Committee did not meet in August.
 - b. Advisory Committee – The Advisory Committee did not meet in August.
6. COMMENTS AND REFERRALS FROM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS – **None.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7. **Accepted** and **Filed** Summary of Actions for June 17, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting

8. **Received** and **Filed** Budget-to-Actual Report for the Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2026
9. **Received** and **Filed** Preliminary Budget to Actual Report for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2026
10. **Accepted** and **Filed** Report of Summary of Mutual Settlement Program Actions for June and July 2026
11. **Adopted** the Proposed Updates to the Monterey Bay Air Resources District's (MBARD) California Air Resources Board (CARB) Grant Programs Policies and Procedures Manual.
12. **Resolution No. 26-011: Adopted** a Resolution Ratifying the Memorandum of Understanding Between MBARD and the Service Employees International Union Local 521 for the Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, and Authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to Execute the Memorandum

REGULAR AGENDA

13. REPORT FROM AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

Richard Stedman, APCO, reported on the following:

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee did not meet this month.

Timber Fire

- MBARD continues to aid Monterey County's Emergency Operations Center for the Timber Fire. I have been participating in the Timber Fire Operational Area Coordination Calls.
- Air quality has been generally good. A combination of weather patterns and types of fuel has helped to reduce air quality impacts.
- MBARD has near real-time smoke monitoring data available on our website.

Engineering and Compliance

- We received over 20 applications for the two open engineer positions. We are reviewing the applications and will begin interviews soon.
- Engineering submitted the calendar year 2025 emission inventory to the California Air Resources Board on August 13th.
- Engineering issued 159 permits to date this year.
- The Compliance inspectors have completed 1,099 permit inspections to date this year.

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- We received two odor complaints from residents of Marina. The responding inspector was unable to detect an odor or identify an odor source. On July 6th, Bronwyn Nielson and I participated in a Marina Odor Town Hall meeting.

Building Management

- We have been experiencing a significant water leak. It turned out to be an underground leak, which has been recently repaired. Of course, we detected additional leaks, and numerous plumbing items have been repaired or replaced.
- Garage door has been repaired.
- Front doors have been repaired.
- The audio-visual system needed troubleshooting and repair.
- Great News: Our insurance provider has recognized MBARD with a President's Special Acknowledgment Award. MBARD received this award because we have not had any paid claims in our Workers' Compensation program for the past 5 consecutive years. Although the award is gratifying, MBARD will also receive substantial discounts on premium costs as a result. I would like to thank all employees for helping keep MBARD a safe place to work.

14. Adjournment – **The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.**

Sirie Thongchua
Executive Assistant

AGENDA ITEM #4 - PUBLIC COMMENT

From: [Alix Angelis](#)
To: [Sirie Thongchua](#); info@mbard.org
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: Item 4 - General Public Comment / Lead Emissions & School Safety
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 1:21:33 PM

CAUTION: This email is from outside the District. Do NOT click LINKS or open ATTACHMENTS unless you are sure it is safe.

Dear Board Chair Hernandez, Members of the Board, and District Staff,

Please accept these written comments for the General Public Comment period for today's Board of Directors meeting.

Following the EPA's formal Endangerment Finding regarding leaded aviation gasoline (100LL), I am writing to express urgent concern regarding localized airborne lead emissions affecting children at schools adjacent to regional general aviation airports in Monterey County. Specifically:

1. **Los Padres Elementary School (Salinas):** Situated approximately 450 meters downwind of Salinas Municipal Airport (SNS) in the primary prevailing wind corridor.
2. **2400 Garden Road (Monterey):** An approved school facility located approximately 425 meters from the runway threshold at Monterey Regional Airport (MRY).

Because young children absorb lead at significantly higher rates than adults, and because regional air monitoring stations (such as E. Laurel Drive) do not capture localized lead fallout plumes directly downwind of airport run-up pads, I respectfully request that MBARD take the following three concrete actions:

1. **Deploy Targeted Air Monitoring:** Place localized Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) lead or micro-sensor air monitors near the perimeters of Los Padres Elementary and 2400 Garden Road to establish real-time baseline exposure data.
2. **Prioritize Avgas Transition Incentives:** Allocate district grant funds (such as Carl Moyer or AB 617 Community Air Protection funds) to assist SNS and MRY in installing dedicated unleaded aviation fuel (G100UL/UL94) storage and dispensing infrastructure.
3. **Formal CEQA Intervention Protocols:** Establish a standard district policy to submit formal commenting letters and air quality mitigation recommendations during CEQA and land-use permit reviews for any proposed child-occupied facility located within one mile of a general aviation airport.

Past temporary screening under higher regulatory thresholds does not replace the need for current baseline monitoring. Under the EPA's 2023 Endangerment Finding which establishes that no safe lead exposure level exists for developing children,

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locating a school less than half a mile from the runway threshold presents an unmonitored risk that warrants localized TSP-lead sampling today.

Thank you for your leadership in protecting public health and safeguarding our region's schoolyards.

Sincerely,

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President's Special Acknowledgement Award

The President of the Special District Risk Management Authority

Hereby gives special recognition to

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

The President's Special Acknowledgement Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior five consecutive program years in the Workers' Compensation Program. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during that same period. Congratulations on your excellent claims record!

Robert J. Swan, SDRMA Board President

7/14/2026

Date