

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 3, 2024

AGENDA NO. 21

REPORT: Climate Change Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Climate Change Committee held a meeting on Friday, March 29, 2024. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

V. Manuel Perez, Chair
Climate Change Committee

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Committee Members

Present: Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Committee Chair
Councilmember Michael Cacciotti
Supervisor Andrew Do
Councilmember Curt Hagman

Absent: Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos, Committee Vice-Chair
Councilmember José Luis Solache

Call to Order

Committee Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. For additional details of the Climate Change Committee Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 1. Summary of the Fifth National Climate Assessment and Air Quality Chapter**
Allison Crimmins, Director, National Climate Assessment (NCA) and Chris Nolte, Federal Coordinating Lead Author on Air Quality Chapter of NCA provided an overview of the Fifth National Climate Assessment.

Chair Perez inquired about the assessment of economics and social justice and how industry and communities can thrive. Ms. Crimmins replied that the report describes how the benefits of taking action often heavily outweigh the costs of those actions.

Chair Perez requested a one-page summary for legislators to understand the big picture to advocate for these issues. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning 26:20.

Supervisor Hagman commented on the vastly differing regional air quality issues and regulations in the United States and inquired how the burden of investment costs associated with air quality improvements in individual climate regions might be spread out at a national level to help those in highly impacted areas. The presenters stated that the document is not policy prescriptive and does not give policy recommendations but shows examples of what works and what does not work in communities. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning 47:30.

2. What Happens at United Nations Climate Change Conferences – A Local Regulators Perspective

Dr. Alberto Ayala, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD gave a presentation on his experience attending the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28).

Committee Chair Perez commented that South Coast AQMD should also be participating in national and international air quality issues and commented that air quality effects and economic impacts need to be balanced and that no regional policy should be mandated at the federal level without funding and policy actions at the federal level, and the need for affordable technologies, especially for those that are resource constrained. For additional details, please refer to the Webcast beginning 1:13:26.

Mayor Cacciotti stated that the Pope had issued statements regarding climate change and inquired if Dr. Ayala noticed if faith-based groups had any impact at COP 28. Dr. Ayala responded that he was not aware of participation levels or impacts.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented with concerns about climate change.

OTHER MATTERS:

3. Other Business

Executive Officer Wayne Nastri indicated that staff would be developing a draft charter based on the committee's feedback for discussion for a future meeting.

Supervisor Hagman stated that he has difficulty reconciling competing needs for different entities for which he is a Board Member and commented that staff should work towards aligning goals. Mr. Nastri replied that staff coordinates closely with many agencies and organizations and welcomes additional coordination.

Supervisor Perez stated that the Climate Change Committee should be a standing committee and that South Coast AQMD should consider eventually establishing an annual air quality conference with agencies and groups participating in workshops contributing to air quality solutions. Councilmember Cacciotti commented that the annual air quality conference should include faith-based groups.

4. Public Comment Period

Mr. Eder commented on the difficulty in accessing meetings. Chairman Perez inquired if staff could investigate. Mr. Nastri replied that staff would explore options.

5. Next Meeting Date

TBD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Attachments

Attendance Record

ATTACHMENT 1

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING
Attendance – March 29, 2024**

Supervisor J. Manuel Perez	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Councilmember Michael Cacciotti	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Andrew Do	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Curt Hagman	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Andrew Silva	Board Consultant (Dawson)
Chris Wangsaporn	Board Consultant (Do)
Mark Abramowitz	Public Member
Albert Ayala	Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD
Chelsea Ceballos	Public Member
Allison Crimmer	National Climate Association
Harvey Eder	Public Solar Power Coalition
Izzy Fuller	National Climate Association
Moses Huerta	Public Member
Victor Ibarra	Public Member
MK	Public Member
Gillian Kass	Public Member
Bill LaMarr	Public Member
Chris Nolte	U.S. EPA
David Rothbart	Public Member
Scott Weaver	Public Member
Barbara Baird	South Coast AQMD Staff
Rachel Ballon	South Coast AQMD Staff
Cindy Bustillos	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sam Cao	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sheri Hanizavareh	South Coast AQMD Staff
Anissa Heard-Johnson	South Coast AQMD Staff
Angela Kim	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ricky Lai	South Coast AQMD Staff
Howard Lee	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jason Low	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ian MacMillan	South Coast AQMD Staff
Terrence Mann	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ghislain Muberwa	South Coast AQMD Staff
Susan Nakamura	South Coast AQMD Staff
Wayne Nastri	South Coast AQMD Staff
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley	South Coast AQMD Staff
Vasileios Papapostolou	South Coast AQMD Staff
Dan Penoyer	South Coast AQMD Staff
Henry Pourzand	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sarah Rees	South Coast AQMD Staff
Valerie Rivera	South Coast AQMD Staff
Brian Tomasovic	South Coast AQMD Staff
Mei Wang	South Coast AQMD Staff
Paul Wright	South Coast AQMD Staff
Fan Xu	South Coast AQMD Staff
Chris Yu	South Coast AQMD Staff