



State Legislative Updates

Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee

April 16, 2025

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Action Requested (1 of 2)

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Presentation Outline

State Legislation

- Air District Co-Sponsored Bills
- Board-Approved-Position Bills
- Bills for Committee Consideration
- Additional Bills of Interest – Discussion Only

Abbreviations: California Air Resources Board (CARB) | Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) | High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) | Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR)



Air District Co-Sponsored Bills

AB 14 (Hart)

Coastal resources: Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program

This bill will expand the existing Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies vessel speed reduction (VSR) program to include ocean territories that are not covered by any VSR program – the San Diego region and the North Coast. The expansion of the Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies program to other areas of the California coast yields additional public health and ecosystem benefits.

Status: Introduced on December 2, 2024, and was double-referred to the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The bill passed the both the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on consent. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee – hearing date pending.

Position: Co-Sponsor (approved by the Board on February 5, 2025)

SB 282 (Wiener)

The Heat Pump Access Act

This bill will make cost-saving, energy efficient heat pump water heater and HVAC installations faster, simpler and more affordable by streamlining the permitting process.

Status: Introduced on February 5, 2025, and has been double-referred to the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee and the Senate Local Government Committee. The bill passed the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee on April 7, 2025, and will next be heard in the Senate Local Government Committee on April 23, 2025.

Position: Co-Sponsor (approved by the Board on February 5, 2025)



Board-Approved-Position Bills

AB 546 (Caloza)

Health care coverage: portable HEPA purifiers and filters

This bill would require a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, to include coverage for portable HEPA purifiers and filters for enrollees or insureds who are pregnant or diagnosed with asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The bill would prohibit a portable HEPA purifier and filter covered pursuant to these provisions from being subject to a deductible, coinsurance, or copayment requirement.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 2025, and has been referred to the Assembly Health Committee – hearing date pending.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on March 5, 2025)

AB 339 (Ortega)

Local public employee organizations: notice requirements

This bill would require the governing body of a public agency, and boards and commissions designated by law or by the governing body of a public agency, to give the recognized employee organization no less than 120 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization. The bill would require the notice to include specified information, including the anticipated duration of the contract.

Status: AB 339 was introduced on January 28, 2025, and was referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee. The bill passed the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee favorably on March 19, 2025, and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is set to be heard on April 9, 2025.

Position: Oppose (approved by the Board on April 2, 2025)

AB 907 (Chen)

State Air Resources Board: board members: compensation

The bill proposal would provide that CARB board members representing air districts receive the same level of compensation as other Governor-appointed voting CARB board members. Per current statute, Health and Safety Code Section 39512.5, air district CARB Board members only receive \$100 per meeting plus actual and necessary expenses

Status: AB 907 was introduced on February 19, 2025, and was referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The bill passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 7, 2025, on consent and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee – hearing date pending.

Position: Support (approved by the Board on February 5, 2025)

AB 1368 (Wallis)

Smog check: exemption

This bill would create a 30-year rolling exemption from smog check for all motor vehicles.

Status: Introduced on February 21, 2025, as a spot bill and was amended on March 24, 2025, to include substantive language. This bill was referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee and was set to be heard on April 1, 2025 – the hearing was canceled at the request of the author.

Position: Oppose (approved by the Board on April 2, 2025)

SB 712 (Grove)

Smog check: collector motor vehicles: exemption

This bill would fully exempt a collector motor vehicle from the smog check requirement if the vehicle is at least 35 model years old. This bill does not require proof that the motor vehicle is insured as a collector motor vehicle.

Status: Introduced on February 21, 2025, and was amended on March 24, 2025. The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee on April 8, 2025, and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee – hearing date pending.

Position: Oppose (approved by the Board on April 2, 2025)



Bills for Committee Consideration

AB 674 (Connolly)

Clean Cars 4 All Program

This bill would make changes to the Clean Cars 4 All program that could result in more predictable incentive funding to air districts currently implementing a program.

Status: Introduced on February 14, 2025, and amended on March 10, 2025. This bill has been double-referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The bill passed the Assembly Transportation Committee on April 7, 2025, and will next be heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 21, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: Support

AB 1106 (Rodriguez)

State Air Resources Board: regional air quality incident response program

This bill would require the state board to expand its incident air monitoring program, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for those purposes, to provide support for a regional network of air quality incident response centers operated by air districts.

Status: Introduced on February 20, 2025, and amended on March 24, 2025. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee – hearing date pending.

Staff Recommendation: Support

AB 1352 (Solache)

Community air protection programs: financial support

This bill would continuously appropriate 10% of the annual proceeds of the fund to the state board to provide funding for purposes of awarding grants, providing technical assistance, supporting community participation, and offering incentives in connection with specified programs to improve air quality, thereby making an appropriation.

Status: Introduced on February 21, 2025, and amended on March 24, 2025. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee – hearing date pending.

Staff Recommendation: Support

SB 69 (McNerney)

Clean Cars 4 All Program

This bill would authorize a participating air district to submit a disbursement request to the state board for an amount equal to its previous 4 months of expenditures under the program if it determines that its balance of available funding for the program is less than the total amount of its expenditures under the program over the previous 4 months.

Status: Introduced on January 14, 2025, and amended on March 24, 2025. This bill has been referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and is set to be heard on April 23, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: Support

AB 914 (Garcia)

Air pollution: indirect sources: toxic air contaminants

This bill would require CARB to develop and enforce rules related to indirect sources of emissions, establish a fee for such sources, and directions on rule development mechanism.

Status: Introduced on February 19, 2025, and amended on March 24, 2025. This bill has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee – hearing date pending.

Staff Recommendation: Work With Author

SB 318 (Becker)

Air pollution: stationary sources: best available control technology: indirect sources


This bill would make significant changes to the air district permitting process that would lengthen permit times and create uncertainty about equipment and permit requirements.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 2025, and amended on March 26, This bill has been referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and is set to be heard on April 23, 2025.

SB 318 (Becker) (cont.)

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Staff Recommendation: None



Additional Bill(s) of Interest Discussion Only

SB 34 (Richardson)

Air pollution: South Coast Air Quality Management District: mobile sources: public seaports

This bill would, until January 1, 2036, prohibit the South Coast Air Quality Management District from adopting, considering adopting, or requiring that any local agency or city enforce any regulation or indirect source rule to address pollution from any mobile source that is already subject to regulation by the state board and that is associated with an operation at any public seaport or marine terminal facility at a public seaport.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 2025, and amended on March 26, 2025 – Referred to Senate Environmental Quality – hearing date pending.

Staff Recommendation: None

Additional Bills for Brief Discussion

Including, but not limited to the following bills:

- **AB 222 (Bauer-Kahan)** – Data centers: energy usage reporting and efficiency standards: electricity rates
- **AB 1266 (Solache)** – Air districts: administrative rulemaking: standardized regulatory impact analysis
- **AB 1338 (Solache)** – Metal shredding facilities: regulations

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Questions?

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Transportation Fund for Clean Air 40% Fund Allocation and Expenditure Plans for Fiscal Year End 2026

Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee

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Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA)

- **California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 44241, 44241.5, and 44242**
- Funding from Department of Motor Vehicles - \$4 dollar surcharge
- Administering Agencies submit plans showing revenue available
- Funds must be awarded to eligible projects within six (6) months of Air District Board's approval of expenditure plans
- 40% of monies passed through to nine-county Administering Agencies
- Funds distributed are proportional to the fees paid by vehicle owners in each county
- Requires expenditure plans be approved by the Board of Directors

Project Types Funded in Previous Years

Trip Reduction Projects

- Existing Ridesharing Services
- Existing First- and Last-Mile Connections
- Pilot Trip Reduction
- Bikeways and Bicycle Parking
- Bike Share
- Infrastructure Improvements (e.g., pedestrian crossing)
- Telecommuting Demonstration

Clean Air Vehicle Projects

- Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- Alternative Fuel Infrastructure



Images Source: Bay Area Air District

Expenditure Plan for TFCA 40% Fund in Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2026

	A	B	C
Administering Agency	Estimated New TFCA Revenue	Reconciliation & Reprogrammed TFCA Funds	Estimated Total FYE 2026 TFCA Funds
Alameda County Transportation Commission	\$1,947,300	\$2,337,504	\$4,284,804
Contra Costa Transportation Authority	\$1,563,500	\$425,406	\$1,988,906
Transportation Authority of Marin	\$355,200	\$54,295	\$409,495
Napa Valley Transportation Authority	\$201,600	\$18,966	\$220,566
San Francisco County Transportation Authority	\$701,000	\$22,263	\$723,263
San Mateo City/County Association of Governments	\$1,062,200	\$433,829	\$1,496,029
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	\$2,462,000	\$225,273	\$2,687,273
Solano Transportation Authority	\$340,900	\$2,691	\$343,591
Sonoma County Transportation Authority	\$640,000	\$48,197	\$688,197
Total Allocation	\$9,273,700	\$3,568,424	\$12,842,124

Recommendations

Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board:

1. Approve the proposed allocation of and expenditure plans for the estimated new TFCA revenue to each of the nine Administering Agencies for FYE 2026 that will be funded by the 40% portion of the TFCA, as listed in Column A of Table 1; and
2. Authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to enter into funding agreements with the Administering Agencies for TFCA revenues that will be paid for by the 40% portion of the TFCA to be programmed in FYE 2026 as listed in Column C of Table 1.

Questions

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