

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

						Chair	Vice-Chair	
Butte	Colusa	Feather River	Glenn	Placer	Sacramento	Shasta	Tehama	Yolo-Solano

****MEETING NOTICE****

Date: February 6, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD
777 12th Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Alternate
Locations:

Butte County AQMD
629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15
Chico, CA 95928

Colusa County APCD
100 Sunrise Blvd, Suite F
Colusa, CA 95932

Feather River AQMD
541 Washington
Yuba City, CA 95991

Glenn County APCD
720 N Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

Placer County APCD
110 Maple Street
Auburn, CA 95602

Shasta County AQMD
1855 Placer Street, Suite 101
Redding, CA 96001

Tehama County APCD
1834 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Yolo-Solano AQMD
1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103
Davis, CA 95618

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AGENDA

ITEM NO.

- 1. Call to Order / Introductions**
Roll Call to be led by BCC Secretary-Treasurer.
- 2. Period of Public Comment**

3. **2026 Chair and Vice Chair**
New Chair and Vice Chair to assume office: Shasta County and Tehama County.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – BCC Secretary-Treasurer
Recommended action: approve minutes from October 3, 2025 BCC meeting (motion needed).
5. **Financial Status Report**
Recommended action: receive Financial Status Report as of October 31 and December 31, 2025 (motion needed).
6. **Status Reports**
 - Basinwide Control Council (BCC) Members Report: BCC Member
 - California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) Report CAPCOA Board Member
 - Broader Sacramento Area (BSA) Report BSA Member
 - California Air Resources Board (CARB) Liaison Report CARB Representative
 - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report TAC Chair
 - Smoke Management Program (SMP) Report SMP Coordinator
7. **2025 Fall Intensive Rice Burn Season Report** – SMP Coordinator
Recommended action: approve SMP Coordinator Kai Tawa’s report of the 2025 Fall Intensive Rice Burn Season (motion needed).
8. **BCC Legislative Platform** – Gretchen Bennitt
Recommended action: approve the BCC Legislative Platform (motion needed).
9. **Letter to CARB: Portable Equipment**
Recommended action: approve sending letter about portable equipment to CARB (motion needed).
10. **Biomass Carbon Sequestration Discussion** – Eric Guerra
11. **Communications and Reminders** – BCC Secretary
 - a. FPPC filing date for Form 700 is April 1, 2026.
 - b. Brown Act with 2026 update will be emailed to all BCC and TAC members.
12. **Set Next BCC Meeting Agenda – April 3, 2026 Hosted by: Shasta County AQMD**
13. **Adjourn Meeting**

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Meeting information can be viewed at www.airquality.org/SVBCC

Questions, comments, and correspondence may be directed to:
Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council
Laurie LaGrone, Secretary-Treasurer
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Chico, CA 95928
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bcctacsecretary@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Title: Roll Call to be led by BCC Secretary-Treasurer

Presenter: BCC Secretary-Treasurer

The BCC Secretary-Treasurer will conduct roll call: First, by Air District for BCC Members, then by Air District for TAC Members, followed by contractors and representatives. At the close of roll call, anyone who is not called will be asked to announce themselves.

BCC Members:

Butte County AQMD, Doug Teeter
Colusa County APCD, Randy Wilson
Feather River AQMD, Brian Abe
Glenn County APCD, Grant Carmon
Placer County APCD, Greg Janda, Richard Pearl
Sacramento-Metro AQMD, Eric Guerra - absent
Shasta County AQMD, Kevin Crye, Chris Kelstrom
Tehama County APCD, Greg Jones
Yolo-Solano AQMD, Angel Barajas

TAC Members:

Butte County AQMD, Stephen Ertle
Colusa County APCD, Anastacia Allen
Feather River AQMD, Chris Brown
Glenn County APCD, Marcie Skelton
Placer County APCD, Erik White
Sacramento-Metro AQMD, Amy Roberts
Shasta County AQMD, Rob Stahl
Tehama County APCD, Joseph Tona
Yolo-Solano AQMD, Gretchen Bennitt

Consultants/ Representatives:

Smoke Management Plan Coordinator, Western Weather Group: Kai Tawa
California Air Resources Board Representative: Adm Gerber
BCC Secretary-Treasurer: Laurie LaGrone

All Other Attendees:

(please announce yourself for the record)

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Title: Approval of Minutes

Presenter: BCC Secretary-Treasurer

Recommended action: approve minutes from the October 3, 2025 BCC meeting (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

2025-10-03_BCC_Meeting_Minutes_DRAFT

Upload Date

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Type

Supporting Documents

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2025

1. Call to Order/ Introductions

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council was called to order at 10:04 am by Chair Eric Guerra and a quorum established. Those present were as follows:

PRESENT: Butte County AQMD: Doug Teeter, BCC Member
Colusa County APCD: Randy Wilson, BCC Member
Feather River AQMD: Brian Abe, BCC Member
Glenn County APCD: Grant Carmon, BCC Member
Placer County APCD: Richard Pearl, Alternate BCC Member
Sacramento-Metro AQMD: Eric Guerra, BCC Chair; Matthew Pratton, BCC Alternate Member
Shasta County AQMD: Kevin Crye, BCC Vice Chair (*joined during status reports*)
Tehama County APCD: Pati Nolen, BCC Member
Yolo-Solano AQMD: Angel Barajas, BCC Member

Butte County AQMD: Patrick Lucey, TAC Alternate Member
Colusa County APCD: Anastacia Allen, TAC Member
Feather River AQMD: Chris Brown, TAC Member
Glenn County APCD: Marcie Skelton, TAC Member
Placer County APCD: Erik White, TAC Member
Sacramento-Metro AQMD: Alberto Ayala, TAC Member; Amy Roberts, TAC Alternate Member
Shasta County AQMD: Rob Stahl, TAC Member
Tehama County APCD: Joe Tona, TAC Chair
Yolo-Solano AQMD: Gretchen Bennitt, TAC Member; Ben Beattie, TAC Alternate Member

Smoke Management Plan Coordinator: Kai Tawa
CA Air Resources Board: Adam Gerber
BCC Secretary-Treasurer: Laurie LaGrone

Guests: Domingo Ramirez, Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD

2. Period of Public Comment

Chair Guerra opened the meeting to public comments. Hearing none, the item was closed.

3. Approval of Minutes from the August 1, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Barajas noted that the date was incorrect on the minutes.

MOTION: On a motion from Ms. Nolen, seconded by Mr. Pearl, the minutes were unanimously approved with the noted correction in a roll call vote.

4. Financial Status Report

Ms. LaGrone provided a summary of the financial status report as of August 31, 2025.

MOTION: On a motion from Ms. Nolen, seconded by Mr. Barajas, the financial status report was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

5. Status Reports

- **Basinwide Control Council (BCC) Members Report** – no report.
- **California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) Report** – Joe Tona
Mr. Tona discussed the recent CAPCOA Legislative Retreat and items of interest, including meeting the new CARB Chair Lauren Sanchez, the upcoming CAPCOA 50th anniversary party, Bay Area AQMD's new incident response tool, CAP 6.7 implementation, and state enforcement policies regarding the methane satellite.
- **Broader Sacramento Area (BSA) Report** – no report.
- **CA Air Resources Board (CARB) Report** – Mr. Gerber has asked for clarity from CARB regarding permitting mobile devices across multiple districts; the issue remains with Legal. Chair Guerra requested that the TAC draft a letter to CARB requesting clarity on the issue.

A broad discussion of satellite methane monitoring and communication ensued.

- **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report** – no additional report. Mr. Abe asked about the BCC's membership billing; Mr. Tona replied that an *ad hoc* committee had been assembled to review the fee structure, and will include districts' counsel in the process.
- **Smoke Management Program (SMP) Report** – Burn Coordinator Tawa reported that the Fall Intensive Burn Season was underway after a mid-September start.

6. Uniform Permitting Efforts for Mobile Biomass Units – Joe Tona

Mr. Tona explained that the Health & Safety Code doesn't allow air districts to cede their permitting authority. A master multi-district permit could be created, but would add layers of bureaucracy. A shared permit template for Authorities to Construct or Permits to Operate could be created, or a model rule drafted. It cannot be done without known emissions, however, and this is early in the life cycle of this technology. Regarding Caribou Biofuels specifically, funding and source testing data are their limitations in the permitting process. Chair Guerra thanked the TAC for their efforts.

7. Biomass Utilization

- a. SB 88, a bill co-sponsored by Sacramento-Metro AQMD and Placer County APCD, passed with unanimous support, and awaits review by the governor.
- b. The BCC letter of support for the bill to the governor was brought before the board for a vote.

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Barajas, seconded by Ms. Nolen, the letter of support was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

Mr. Ayala added that Sacramento-Metro will draft the letter.

8. Set Next BCC Meeting Agenda – December 5, 2025 Hosted by: Placer County APCD.

Members pointed out that this meeting date conflicts with the CSAC Conference.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Nolen to move the meeting, which was followed by discussion. On an amended motion by Ms. Nolen, seconded by Mr. Carmon, TAC's authority to reschedule or cancel the December meeting was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

9. Adjourn Meeting

Chair Guerra adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Laurie LaGrone, BCC Secretary-Treasurer

BCC:ll

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Title: Motion needed to accept Financial Status Reports as of October 31, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Presenter: BCC Secretary-Treasurer

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Financial Report - Bank Account Register 10-31-2025	2/4/2026	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Bank Account Register 12-31-2025	2/4/2026	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual 9-30-2025	2/4/2026	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual 12-31-2025	2/4/2026	Supporting Documents
2025-10-21_BCC_Reconciliation_Detail	2/4/2026	Supporting Documents
2025-12-21_BCC_Reconciliation_Detail	2/4/2026	Supporting Documents

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Bank Accounts Register

Accrual Basis

As of October 31, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Debit	Credit	Balance
Tri Counties Bank							43,205.36
Bill Pm...	07/01/2025	1106	SDRMA	Accounts Payable		3,203.32	40,002.04
Bill Pm...	07/16/2025	1107	Butte County AQMD	Accounts Payable		1,424.19	38,577.85
Bill Pm...	08/16/2025	1108	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		4,283.33	34,294.52
Bill Pm...	08/16/2025	1109	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		814.67	33,479.85
Bill Pm...	08/20/2025	1110	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		4,283.33	29,196.52
Bill Pm...	08/20/2025	1111	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		814.67	28,381.85
Bill Pm...	08/20/2025	1112	Butte County AQMD	Accounts Payable		1,424.19	26,957.66
Bill Pm...	09/17/2025	1113	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		4,283.33	22,674.33
Bill Pm...	09/17/2025	1114	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		814.67	21,859.66
Bill Pm...	09/17/2025	1115	Butte County AQMD	Accounts Payable		1,424.19	20,435.47
Deposit	09/24/2025			Undeposited Funds	12,529.00		32,964.47
Deposit	10/03/2025			-SPLIT-	18,727.00		51,691.47
Bill Pm...	10/15/2025	1116	Butte County AQMD	Accounts Payable		1,424.19	50,267.28
Bill Pm...	10/15/2025	1117	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		4,283.33	45,983.95
Bill Pm...	10/15/2025	1118	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		814.67	45,169.28
Deposit	10/15/2025			-SPLIT-	46,210.00		91,379.28
Total Tri Counties Bank					77,466.00	29,292.08	91,379.28
U. S. Bank							
Total U. S. Bank							
TOTAL					77,466.00	29,292.08	91,379.28

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Deposit	10/15/2025			-SPLIT-	46,210.00		91,379.28
Bill Pm...	11/19/2025	1119	Butte County AQMD	Accounts Payable		1,424.19	89,955.09
Bill Pm...	11/19/2025	1120	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		4,283.33	85,671.76
Bill Pm...	11/19/2025	1121	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		814.67	84,857.09
Bill Pm...	12/17/2025	1124	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		4,283.33	80,573.76
Bill Pm...	12/17/2025	1123	Butte County AQMD	Accounts Payable		1,424.19	79,149.57
Total Tri Counties Bank					77,466.00	41,521.79	79,149.57
U. S. Bank							
Total U. S. Bank							
TOTAL					77,466.00	41,521.79	79,149.57

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Cash Basis

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through October 2025

	Jul - Oct 25	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Annual District Assessments			
Butte AQMD	12,529.00		
Colusa APCD	7,549.00		
Glenn APCD	11,500.00		
Placer AQMD	6,327.00		
Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD	15,726.00		
Shasta AQMD	6,350.00		
Tehama APCD	5,085.00		
Yolo-Solano AQMD	12,400.00		
Total Annual District Assessments	77,466.00		
Total Income	77,466.00		
Expense			
Insurance	3,203.32		
Professional Services			
Administrative Services	5,696.76		
Ag Burn Services	17,133.32		
Meteorological Services	3,258.68		
Total Professional Services	26,088.76		
Total Expense	29,292.08		
Net Ordinary Income	48,173.92		
Net Income	48,173.92		

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Tehama APCD	5,085.00		
Yolo-Solano AQMD	12,400.00		
Total Annual District Assessments	77,466.00		
Total Income	77,466.00		
Expense			
Insurance	3,203.32		
Professional Services			
Administrative Services	8,545.14		
Ag Burn Services	25,699.98		
Meteorological Services	4,073.35		
Total Professional Services	38,318.47		
Total Expense	41,521.79		
Net Ordinary Income	35,944.21		
Net Income	35,944.21		

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Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council
Reconciliation Detail
Tri Counties Bank, Period Ending 10/21/2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						26,957.66
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 3 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2025	1113	Western Weather G...	X	-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2025	1115	Butte County AQMD	X	-1,424.19	-5,707.52
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2025	1114	Western Weather G...	X	-814.67	-6,522.19
Total Checks and Payments					-6,522.19	-6,522.19
Deposits and Credits - 3 items						
Deposit	09/24/2025			X	12,529.00	12,529.00
Deposit	10/03/2025			X	18,727.00	31,256.00
Deposit	10/15/2025			X	46,210.00	77,466.00
Total Deposits and Credits					77,466.00	77,466.00
Total Cleared Transactions					70,943.81	70,943.81
Cleared Balance					70,943.81	97,901.47
Uncleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 3 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2025	1117	Western Weather G...		-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2025	1116	Butte County AQMD		-1,424.19	-5,707.52
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2025	1118	Western Weather G...		-814.67	-6,522.19
Total Checks and Payments					-6,522.19	-6,522.19
Total Uncleared Transactions					-6,522.19	-6,522.19
Register Balance as of 10/21/2025					64,421.62	91,379.28
Ending Balance					64,421.62	91,379.28

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Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Reconciliation Detail

Tri Counties Bank, Period Ending 12/21/2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						89,955.09
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 3 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2025	1120	Western Weather G...	X	-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2025	1121	Western Weather G...	X	-814.67	-5,098.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2025	1123	Butte County AQMD	X	-1,424.19	-6,522.19
Total Checks and Payments					-6,522.19	-6,522.19
Total Cleared Transactions					-6,522.19	-6,522.19
Cleared Balance					-6,522.19	83,432.90
Uncleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 1 item						
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2025	1124	Western Weather G...		-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Total Checks and Payments					-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Total Uncleared Transactions					-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Register Balance as of 12/21/2025					-10,805.52	79,149.57
Ending Balance					-10,805.52	79,149.57

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Title: Fall Intensive Burn Season Report

Presenter: Kai Tawa

Recommended action: approve Fall Intensive Burn Season Report (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

2025 Intensive Fall Burn Season Report

Upload Date

2/4/2026

Type

Supporting Documents

Smoke Management Program

Intensive Fall Burn Season

2025 Summary Report



The Smoke Management Program is an air quality program that was developed to manage agricultural burning by allocating acreage to Air Districts based on the quality of overall meteorological conditions pertaining to smoke dispersion. The quality of conditions is determined by numerous factors such as average basinwide PM_{2.5} measurements, inversion strength, wind speed and wind direction, among others. If conditions are poor, the California Air Resources Board and/or the Smoke Management Program Coordinator may reduce acreage allocations or issue a No Burn Day. For superior ventilation conditions, they may allocate significantly more acreage assuming conditions are safe and public impact is not expected.

The 2025 Fall Burn Season took place between September 15 and November 21, 2025. The preceding winter brought roughly average amounts of precipitation to northern California, and an average number of rice acres were planted, at 525,211 acres. The 20-year average is just over 526,000 acres and the latest 10-year average is just over 498,000 acres.

The weather conditions throughout the season can be summarized as highly active and abnormally rainy. The season featured the highest number of Wet Days since the modern records began in 2002 and featured the second highest seasonal rainfall on record. The 24 Wet Days accounted for over a third of the season and persistent wet weather through November resulted in an early end date to the season. The 2025 season was the third shortest on record, at only 68 days compared to a standard season of 77 days. 6.77" of rain fell during this shortened season, which is well over three times the normal amount received during a standard season. Rainfall primarily arrived in the form of multiple atmospheric river rain events, which delivered high amounts of rain to the region and left fields completely inundated in many cases, particularly towards the end of the season. Outside of rain, breezy north winds occasionally resulted in additional challenges, with five Restricted Fields Days and one No Burn Day occurring due to north winds meeting restriction criteria. All this active weather resulted in the 2025 season featuring the lowest-ever recorded seasonal average PM_{2.5} concentration at only 5.6 µg/m³. This blew past last year's then-record-low 6.9 µg/m³. Despite the consistently active weather, unlucky timing prevented the implementation of any Early or Extended Burn Days.

Despite the challenges brought by wind and especially rain, the overall favorable weather conditions in combination with the great efforts and excellent teamwork from all Air Districts resulted in 2025 being a truly remarkable year for the Intensive Fall Burn Program. This year featured the highest number of rice acres burned since 2011, at 26,130 acres, or 21% of allowable burned. Despite the very high number of acres burned, only two complaints were received, which is the lowest ever recorded, defeating the previous record low of five from the years 2021, 2016, and 2012.

In words, 38,297 total acres were burned in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, marking the third highest total burn acreage in the past 15 years, after 2011 and 2023. This high number of acres burned in combination with the lowest-ever number of complaints received resulted in the highest-ever acres-per-complaint score of 19,149, shattering the previous record of 5,973 acres. In many ways, 2025 is now a benchmark for the efficacy of this program.

2025 Smoke Management Program Intensive Fall Burn Season Statistics

County	Complaints	Acres Burned
Butte	0	6949
Colusa	0	12420
Glenn	0	6982
Placer	0	117
Sacramento	1	438
Shasta	0	1628
Sutter	0	5163
Tehama	0	1518
Yolo/Solano	1	1817
Yuba	0	1265
Total	2	38297

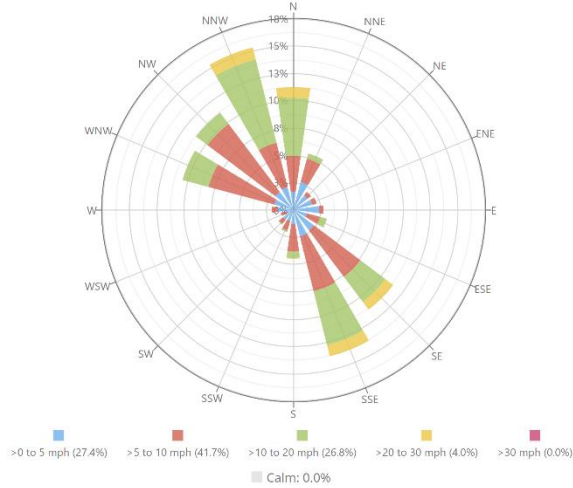
Meteorological Parameter	Value
12am-6am avg. PM _{2.5}	5.6µg/m ³
500mb Height	5630m
Avg 6am Inversion	4.0°F
Avg ARB Wind Speed	15.0mph
Total Rainfall	6.77"

County	Rice	Other Crops	Orchard	Prescribed Burning	Misc.	Total
Butte	3109	75	2766	1067	0	6949
Colusa	12014	124	277	0	5	12420
Glenn	5593	453	892	0	44	6982
Placer	102	0	0	0	15	117
Sacramento	0	15	30	80	313	438
Shasta	0	0	0	1628	0	1628
Sutter	4000	254	794	0	115	5163
Tehama	0	0	1397	121	0	1518
Yolo/Solano	426	0	1243	14	134	1817
Yuba	886	3	339	37	0	1265
Totals:	26130	856	7738	2947	626	38297

2025 Fall Burn Season – Wind Roses

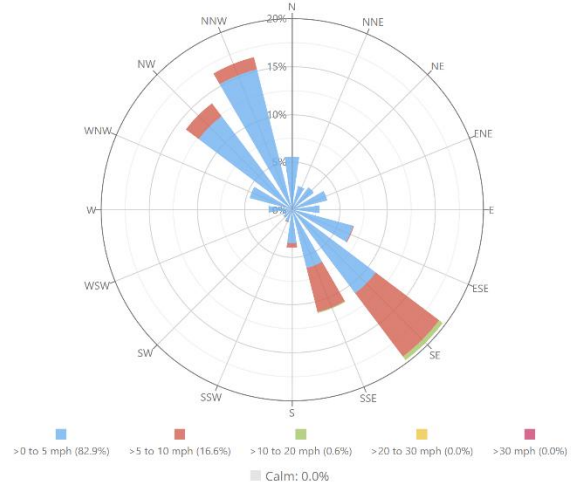
Orland Buttes-Hilltop

9/15/2025 - 11/21/2025



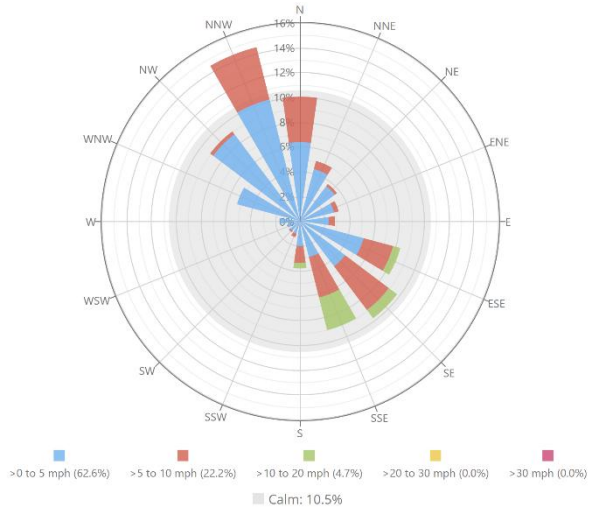
Durham

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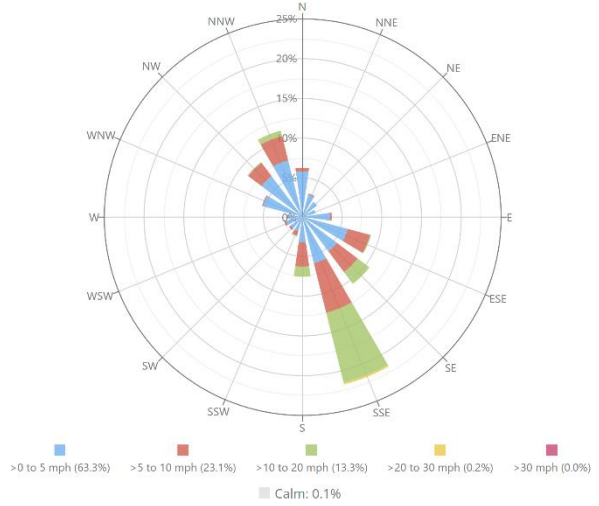
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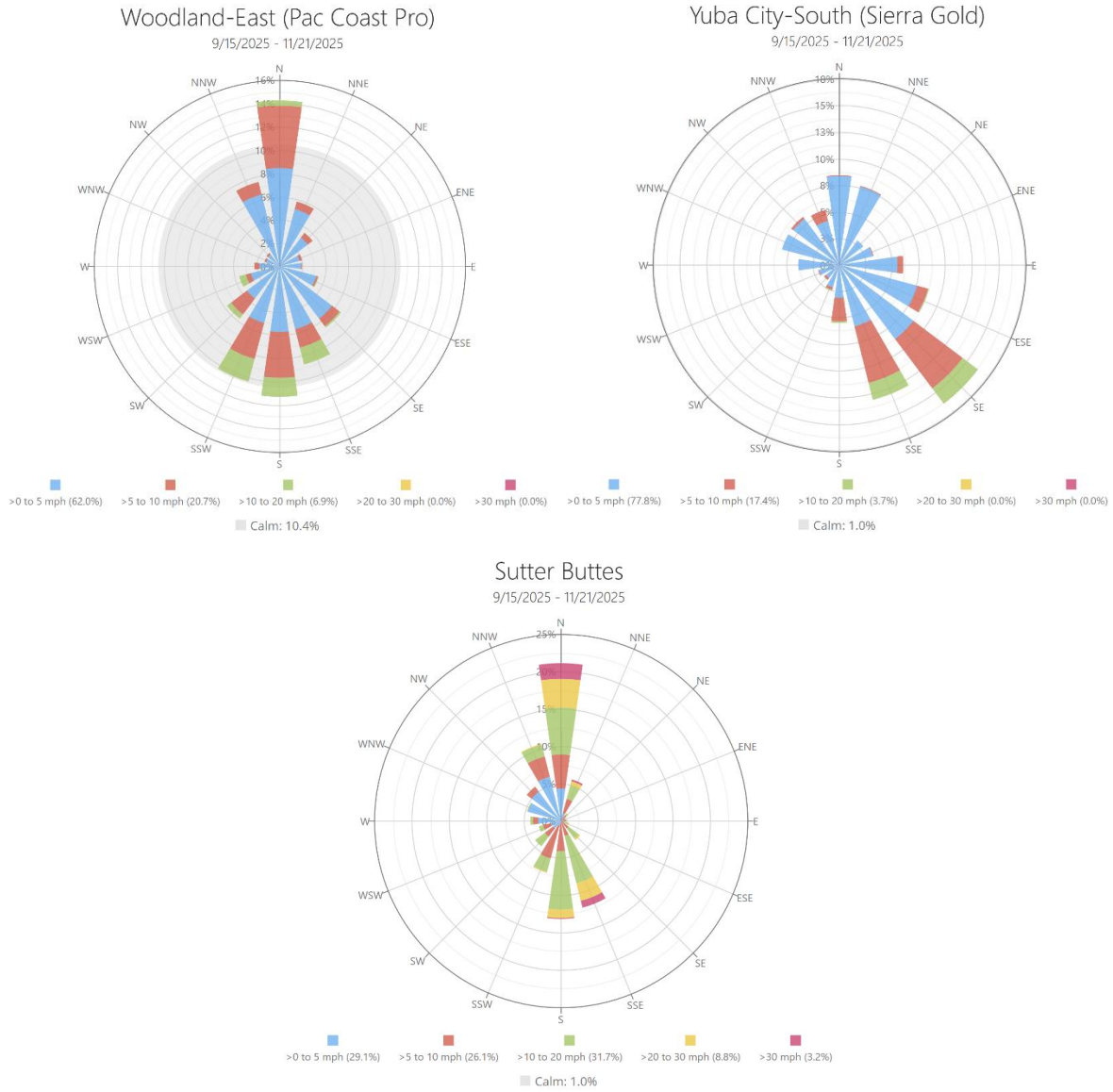
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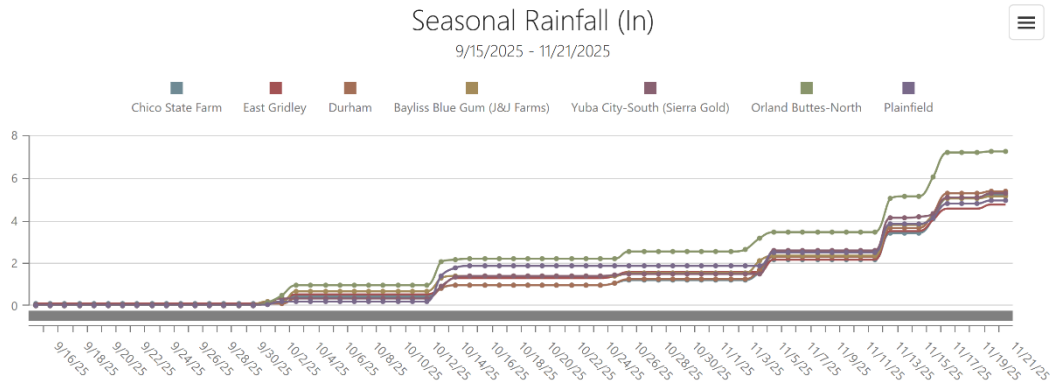
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2025 Fall Burn Season – Rainfall



Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Title: BCC Legislative Platform

Presenter: Gretchen Bennitt

Recommended action: approve proposed BCC Legislative Platform (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Draft BCC Legislative Platform 2025-12-17

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Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council Legislative Platform

Objective:

As specified in the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council (BCC) bylaws, the BCC will participate in the development and promotion of legislation beneficial to the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, and oppose legislation that is not beneficial. This platform will allow the BCC as authorized pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC) Section 40900 to respond in a timely fashion to relevant legislation with BCC approval.

Principal Goal:

Promote healthy air quality for public health benefits and coordinate all air pollution control activities to ensure that the entire Sacramento Valley Air Basin is, or will be in compliance with the requirements of State and Federal law.

Legislative Platform:

1. Support legislation that advances the continued utilization of the Connelly-Areias-Chandler Rice Straw Burning Reduction Act of 1991 (pursuant to CH&SC Section 41865).
2. Support legislation that advances the utilization of agricultural biomass and other technologies that reduce air pollution resulting from agricultural activities.
3. Support and encourage legislation to increase incentive funding available for programs that provide early emission reductions through voluntary action to decrease the burden of regulatory actions on agriculture, business, and industry.
4. Support legislation promoting energy efficiency and clean alternative energy.
5. Support air quality legislation that incorporates rational approaches to regulation, is based on solid scientific principles and considers the costs to business.
6. Support legislation that reduces the regulatory burden on business by encouraging consistency among local air districts, state, and federal programs, where it is reasonably feasible.
7. Support legislation that encourages innovation and provides flexibility to air pollution control districts and local businesses in meeting air quality goals.

Support legislation to increase state and federal funding for mandated programs and provide additional funding for new mandates from the state and federal government.

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Title: Letter to CARB

Presenter: Joe Tona

Recommended action: approve sending letter about portable equipment to CARB (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Draft Letter to CARB, Portable Burning 2026-02-06

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February [XX], 2026

Division Chief,
1001 I Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request for CARB Clarification on PERP and Permitting Pathways for Portable Biomass Reduction Technologies.

Dear [Division Chief],

Sacramento Valley air districts are increasingly receiving inquiries from public agencies, land managers, and private operators regarding the deployment of small-scale, portable biomass-reduction and biochar-producing technologies. While these devices may offer benefits—such as reducing open pile burning, supporting hazardous-fuel reduction goals, and diverting woody biomass from landfills—the current regulatory framework does not provide clear or uniform pathways for permitting, nor clarity regarding eligibility under the Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP).

To ensure consistent statewide implementation and avoid conflicting district-level interpretations, we request CARB’s clarification and guidance on the appropriate permitting pathways for the following categories of equipment:

1. Air Curtain Incinerators (ACI), Including Carbonizer Variants

Description:

Traditional ACIs use a high-velocity air curtain over a combustion chamber—either a refractory box or earthen pit—to increase combustion efficiency and reduce visible emissions.

Modern “carbonizer” and variants are designed to produce biochar as a primary product rather than ash but share many functional and physical characteristics with ACIs. Some models are track-mounted, with a single engine powering both locomotion and the air-curtain system.

Regulatory ambiguity:

- Some vendors assert that carbonizers qualify for PERP registration due to the portability.
- Districts need clarity on:
 - whether ACIs or carbonizers meet the PERP definition of “*portable equipment*” under Title 13 §2452.
 - whether their combustion function constitutes a stationary source activity incompatible with PERP, and
 - whether fuel-treatment operations (rather than auxiliary industrial processes) affect PERP eligibility

2. Automated Pile-Burning/Vegetation-Treatment Units e.x. “BurnBots”

Description:

BurnBots and similar robotic vegetation-treatment systems use an enclosed combustion chamber with automated airflow and temperature controls to ignite, contain, and extinguish biomass. They are designed for in-field fuel reduction with minimized smoke production and are typically track-mounted or wheeled.

Regulatory ambiguity:

- These devices combine features of ACIs, thermal oxidizers, and mobile equipment.
- It is unclear whether they should be:
 - permitted as stationary combustion or control devices,
 - treated as open outdoor burning subject to district burning rules,

- eligible for PERP as portable equipment, or
- regulated as off-road mobile sources due to their self-propelled nature and active in-motion fuel consumption.

3. Portable Biomass/Biochar Units (Batch Pyrolysis, Gasification, and Char Production Systems)

Description:

These units use pyrolysis or gasification to convert biomass material into biochar, syngas, or heat. They are typically trailer-mounted or skid-mounted and intended for deployment directly to fuel-reduction or vegetation-management sites. Emissions profiles vary widely depending on design and operating conditions.

Regulatory ambiguity:

- Some operators claim PERP applicability based on portability and temporary site residence.
- Key questions include whether:
 - whether trailer-mounted pyrolysis or gasification systems meet PERP's definition of "portable equipment,"
 - whether their emissions and combustion processes require stationary source permitting,

Air districts strongly support innovative technologies that reduce wildfire risk, improve forest health, and potentially lower emissions compared to traditional open burning. However, **formal guidance from CARB is requested** to ensure that these technologies are permitted, regulated, and operated consistently across jurisdictions.

We respectfully request that CARB meet with the Sacramento Valley Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to discuss these equipment categories, followed by a written determination clarifying eligibility or ineligibility for PERP, mobile or stationary pathways for each category.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie LaGrone, BCC Secretary, at 530-332-9400 ext. 105 or bcctacsecretary@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Kevin Crye
BCC Chair, Shasta County

cc: Doug Teeter, BCC Councilmember, Butte County
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