

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**** MEETING NOTICE ****

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm

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 Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

Glenn County APCD
720 N Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

Placer County APCD
110 Maple Street
Auburn, CA 95603

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

Members of the public may attend by calling:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584504250?pwd=t72dowbWQ4wzRlQ6C8UeA69Mhbn5WY.1>

Meeting ID: 885 8450 4250

Passcode: 315522

Phone: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

AGENDA

ITEM NO.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions

2. Period of Public Comment

3. Presentation: Dan Glassoff, BWR Innovations

Mr. Glassoff is the managing partner of Abundant IoT Energy Solutions, and represents BWR Innovations. BWR is exploring municipal use cases where their modular fuel cell microgrids system might provide resilient, low-emission power for critical facilities.

4. Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2026 Meeting

Motion needed.

5. Approval of Financial Status Report as of January 31, 2026

Motion needed.

6. Status Reports

- a. CA Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA)
- b. PEEPs – Lindsay Schurig
- c. CA Air Resources Board (CARB) – Adam Gerber
- d. SMP Committee
- e. Smoke Management Program (SMP) – SMP Coordinator Kai Tawa

7. New Brown Act Regulations – BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer

Discuss highlights of new regulations as of January 1st, 2026.

8. BCC Fee Structure Discussion – Fee Committee

Resume discussion of BCC fee structure and potential to make changes.

9. Prescribed Fire: CalVTP Presentation Slide Deck – Gretchen Bennitt

Discuss a presentation from Ascent Environmental related to prescribed burning.

10. Biomass Utilization

Reports, discussions and plans related to Biomass Energy.

11. Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

Receive reports from local air districts and suggestions for potential topics at future meetings.

12. Additions or Deletions to March 2026 TAC Agenda

Recommended action: set agenda for TAC for March 18, 2026 meeting.

13. Next TAC meeting: March 18, 2026, at 1:30pm. Hosted by: Shasta County AQMD

14. Next BCC meeting: April 3, 2026, at 10:00am. Hosted by: Shasta County AQMD

15. Adjourn Meeting

MEETING AGENDAS ARE POSTED BY EACH MEMBER AIR DISTRICT OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY BASIN AND AT THE SVBCCWEB SITE LISTED BELOW.

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

629 Entler Avenue Suite 15

Chico, CA 95928

530-332-9400 ext. 105 bcctacsecretary@gmail.com

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Technical Advisory Committee

Title: Approval of Minutes from January 2026 Meeting

Presenter: BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer

Recommended action: approve minutes (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
2026-01-21 TAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents

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MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2026

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council, Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Gretchen Bennitt at 1:32 pm via Zoom teleconference. Mr. Tona took over the meeting shortly thereafter. Attendees were as follows:

Butte County AQMD – Patrick Lucey
Colusa County APCD – Anastacia Allen
Feather River AQMD – Chris Brown (remote - not voting)
Glenn County APCD – Marcie Skelton
Placer County APCD – Adam Baughman
Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD – Amy Roberts
Shasta County AQMD – Rob Stahl
Tehama County APCD – Joe Tona
Yolo-Solano AQMD – Gretchen Bennitt

SMP Coordinator – Kai Tawa
California Air Resources Board – Adam Gerber (arrived at 2:05 pm)
PEEPs – absent
BCC Secretary-Treasurer – Laurie LaGrone

2. Period of Public Comment

Mr. Tona opened the floor to public comment; hearing none, the public comment period was closed.

3. 2026 TAC Chair & Vice Chair Appointment

MOTION: Mr. Stahl made a motion nominating Ms. Bennitt of Yolo-Solano AQMD as TAC Chair, and Mr. Ertle of Butte County AQMD as Vice Chair for 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberts, and passed with no abstentions or objections. Ms. Bennitt conducted the meeting henceforth.

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2025 Meeting

Ms. Roberts requested a correction to the minutes: Sacramento-Metro AQMD had no voting member at the December 17 TAC meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Roberts moved to approve the minutes with the noted correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tona, and the motion passed with no objections.

5. Approval of Financial Status Report as of December 31, 2025

Ms. LaGrone submitted financial reports through December 31, 2025 and warrants to be paid.

MOTION: Mr. Tona moved to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bennitt, and the motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

6. Status Reports

- CAPCOA – Mr. Tona provided the report. CAPCOA last met at the January retreat in San Diego.

CARB’s “road map” for a new toxics program, focusing on PCBTFs and other new toxics, has been submitted to members for comment. Some pesticides may be included.

CAPCOA members met with CARB’s executive director to outline priorities for 2026; a memo is expected with CARB’s priorities. The CARB board will meet less often in 2026 than in years past, so items of concern will come in memos.

Budget cuts are expected to impact CARB’s Monitoring and Laboratory divisions.

Other topics of CAPCOA’s concern included methane blooms, carbon sequestration, emissions from buildings and railroad switching stations, funding for the Climate Heat Impact Response Program, and the Drive Forward initiative.

- PEEPs – Mr. Stahl read a report prepared by Ms. Schurig. The PEEPs Chair and Vice Chair are Shasta County and Placer County, respectively. The next PEEPS meeting will be March 12.

PEEPS’ attention is focused on the 2027 Triennial Attainment Plan, BCC fee structures, upcoming changes to GDF EVR systems, Executive Orders 201 and 202, the phasing out of single-wall underground gasoline storage tanks, and recommendation of replacements for Eagle 2 gas monitors.

- CA Air Resources Board (CARB) – no report.
- SMP Committee – no report.
- SMP Coordinator – no report.

7. 2025 Fall Intensive Burn Season Final Report – Kai Tawa

Burn Coordinator Tawa presented the highlights of the burn report.

MOTION: Ms. Skelton moved to approve the report; Ms. Allen seconded the motion, which passed with no abstentions or objections.

8. Letter to CARB – Joe Tona

Minor changes were requested of the current draft of the letter. CARB Liaison Gerber will advise on sending the letter to appropriate CARB divisions and managers.

MOTION: Ms. Skelton moved to forward the letter for board approval with the noted changes. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

9. BCC Fee Structure Discussion – Fee Committee

Mr. Tona reported no responses yet to the options set forth by the committee. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to narrow the choices for member districts.

10. Biomass Utilization – Amy Roberts

Districts who expressed interest in taking part in a pilot project with Caribou Biofuels include Colusa, Glenn, Tehama and Yolo-Solano.

11. Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Brown reported that Feather River AQMD is working on a letter to CARB addressing landfill

energy capture. Also, Cal-Pine will self-fund a carbon sequestration project that had been previously defunded by the DOE.

Districts interested in virtual VEE certification must act quickly to be included on CARB's account.

Sacramento Councilman Guerra wishes to discuss biomass carbon sequestration at the February BCC meeting.

The EPA developed a universal tribal GDF permit in 2019 which requires the use of California-formulated gasoline.

12. Additions or Deletions to February 2026 TAC Agenda

At the request of Councilman Guerra, the secretary has scheduled a speaker for the February TAC meeting: Dan Glassoff, managing partner of Abundant IoT Energy Solutions, and representing BWR Innovations. BWR is exploring municipal use cases where their modular fuel cell microgrids system might provide resilient, low-emission power for critical facilities.

13. Next TAC meeting: February 18, 2026, at 1:30pm. Hosted by: Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD

14. Next BCC meeting: February 6, 2026, at 10:00am. Hosted by: Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD

To be included on the February BCC agenda:

- a. BCC Legislative Platform (motion needed)
- b. Letter to CARB re: permitting standards for mobile burn units (motion needed)
- c. Fall Intensive Burn Season Report (motion needed)

15. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie LaGrone, TAC Secretary-Treasurer

Sacramento Valley

Technical Advisory Committee

Title: Approval of Financial Status Reports as of January 31, 2026

Presenter: BCC Secretary/Treasurer

Recommended action: approve warrants for February 2026.

Reconcile Warrants for January 2026:

BCAQMD – Administrative Services, January: \$1424.19

Western Weather Group – Burn Coordinator Services, January: \$4283.33

Western Weather Group – Meteorological Services, January: \$814.67

Approve Warrants for February 2026:

BCAQMD – Administrative Services, February: \$1424.19

Western Weather Group – Burn Coordinator Services, February: \$4283.33

Western Weather Group – Meteorological Services, February: \$814.67

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Warrants and Reconciliation, 2-18-2026 TAC Meeting	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Bank Account Register 1-31-2026	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual 1/31/2026	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents

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BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL - TAC

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WARRANTS LIST FOR February 2026

TAC Meeting Date: 2/18/2026

Vendor	Amount	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Check Number
Butte County Air Quality Management District	\$1424.19	31425	2/02/2026	1129
Western Weather Group	\$4,283.33	PS-INV107649	2/02/2026	1130
Western Weather Group	\$814.67	PS-INV107650	2/02/2026	1131

Please review invoices and return to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Reviewed and approved: _____(initials)

Date: _____

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FEB 2 2026

Invoice

Butte Co. Air Quality Mgmt. Dist.
629 Entler Avenue, Ste 15
Chico, CA 95928-7424

Butte County AQMD

DATE	INVOICE #
2/2/2026	31425

BILL TO
Sacramento Valley BCC c/o Butte County AQMD Stephen Ertle 629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15 Chico, CA 95928

LOCATION SITE

	TERMS	DUE DATE
	Net 30 days	3/4/2026

PAYMENT TYPE	QTY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
BCCTAC	1	Miscellaneous - February 2026 BCC Secretarial/Treasurer Duties	1,424.19	1,424.19

PAY YOUR INVOICE BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK. Call 1-800-487-4567 or visit www.officialpayments.com. Use Jurisdiction code 1597. You will need your invoice number, payment type and to pay the exact dollar amount of your invoice.

A 1.5% per month (18% annually) late charge will be assessed on all balances remaining after due date.

Total	\$1,424.19
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PAYMENT COUPON

Please detach coupon and return with your payment

Sacramento Valley BCC
c/o Butte County AQMD
Stephen Ertle
629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15
Chico, CA 95928

INVOICE DATE	2/2/2026
INVOICE #	31425
Total	\$1,424.19

Please make checks payable to: BCAQMD. If you have any questions, please call (530) 332-9400 ext 109.

Sales Invoice

Invoice No: PS-INV107649

Invoice Date: February 2, 2026

Due Date: March 4, 2026



Bill To:

Sacramento Valley
Laurie LaGrone
629 Entler Ave, Suite
Chico, 95928

Ship To:

Sacramento Valley
Laurie LaGrone
629 Entler Ave, Suite
Chico, 95928

Customer PO #:

Payment Terms: Net 30 days

Shipment Method:

Tracking #:

bcctacsecretary@gm

Sales Rep:

Project Description

Qty	Unit	Item No	Description	Unit Price (\$)	Line Total (\$)
1	Each	7002	Basin Burn Coordinator Contract	4,283.33	4,283.33

Billing Period: February 2026

Subtotal (\$)	4,283.33
Discount (\$)	0.00
Sales Tax (\$)	0.00
Total	4,283.33

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Butte County AQMD

Western Weather Group Inc.
686 Rio Lindo Ave., Chico, CA 95926

Sales Invoice

Invoice No: PS-INV107650

Invoice Date: February 2, 2026

Due Date: March 4, 2026



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Chico, 95928

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Customer PO #:

Payment Terms: Net 30 days

Shipment Method:

Tracking #:

bcctacsecretary@gm

Sales Rep:

Project Description

Meteorological Services

*Agricultural weather forecasts are strictly for the use of personnel within the county AQMD offices. Forecasts may not be retransmitted to companies or individuals outside the AQMD offices.

Qty	Unit	Item No	Description	Unit Price (\$)	Line Total (\$)
1	Each	7002	Weather Forecasting - Custom	814.67	814.67

Billing Period: February 2026

Subtotal (\$)	814.67
Discount (\$)	0.00
Sales Tax (\$)	0.00
Total	814.67

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Butte County AQMD

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Reconciliation Detail

Tri Counties Bank, Period Ending 01/21/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						83,432.90
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 3 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2025	1124	Western Weather G...	X	-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2025	1125	Western Weather G...	X	-814.67	-5,098.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2025	1122	CA Special Districts ...	X	-750.00	-5,848.00
Total Checks and Payments					-5,848.00	-5,848.00
Total Cleared Transactions					-5,848.00	-5,848.00
Cleared Balance					-5,848.00	77,584.90
Register Balance as of 01/21/2026					-5,848.00	77,584.90
Ending Balance					-5,848.00	77,584.90

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Bank Accounts Register

Accrual Basis

As of January 31, 2026

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
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
Bill Pm...	12/17/2025	1122	CA Special Districts Assn	Accounts Payable		750.00	78,399.57
Bill Pm...	12/17/2025	1125	Western Weather Group	Accounts Payable		814.67	77,584.90
Total Tri Counties Bank					77,466.00	43,086.46	77,584.90
U. S. Bank							
Total U. S. Bank							
TOTAL					77,466.00	43,086.46	77,584.90

9:00 AM

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

02/13/26

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 2025 through January 2026

	Jul '25 - Jan 26	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	8,545.14		
Ag Burn Services	25,699.98		
Meteorological Services	4,888.02		
Total Professional Services	39,133.14		
Special Department Expense			
Memberships	750.00		
Total Special Department Expense	750.00		
Total Expense	43,086.46		
Net Ordinary Income	34,379.54		
Net Income	34,379.54		

Sacramento Valley

Technical Advisory Committee

Title: New Brown Act Regulations

Presenter: BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer

Recommended action: discuss highlights of new regulations as of January 1st, 2026.

Specific area of concern: slides 19-23, Just Cause Teleconference Meeting. Are ZOOM meetings Brown Act-compliant?

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
2025-12-10 SB 707 Brown Act Revamp Webinar Handout	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents

Webinar: SB 707 Brown Act Revamp

Nicolle Falcis & Jeff Hoskinson

Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

SB 707 Overview

- Board members each must receive a copy of the Brown Act statutes.
- Permanently adopted social media restrictions (previously were temporary)
- Enhanced Teleconferencing Options
 - ADA/Disability Needs Formally Added
 - Cleaned up Statutes, new Just Cause Provisions
 - Expanded State of Emergency to Locally Declared Emergencies
 - Added Options for Committees and JPAs
- Agenda and Public Participation Requirements Added
 - Required for “Eligible Legislative Bodies”
 - Encouraged, but not Required, for Other Agencies (applicable to most special districts)
- Expanded Report Out Requirements for Department Heads/Managers
- Streamed Emergency Meeting Procedures Eliminating Exception for School Districts
- Now **ALL** agencies must post special meeting agendas on websites



NEW GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL AGENCIES (Effective January 1, 2026)

Provision of Copy of Brown Act to Board Members

- **Requirement:** Agency must provide a copy of the Brown Act (Chapter 9 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Title 5 of the Government Code) to members of its legislative bodies
 - All members, whether elected or appointed
 - All legislative bodies, including governing boards, committees, commissions, and all other Brown Act applicable bodies
- **Content:** Copy of the Brown Act statutes (not summaries or write-ups)
- **Purpose:** To ensure that all individuals serving on legislative bodies are informed of and have access to the open meeting requirements of the Brown Act



Social Media Use

- Board members **may not** use social media to “**discuss among themselves**” **official business**
 - “A member of the legislative body shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is **made, posted, or shared** by any other member of the legislative body.”
 - “Discuss among themselves” means communication made, posted, or shared on social media, including **comments or digital icons that express reactions**, aka “emojis,” to communications made by other board members
 - THRESHOLD CHANGE: This is as to any other Board member



Permissible Online Activity by Board Member

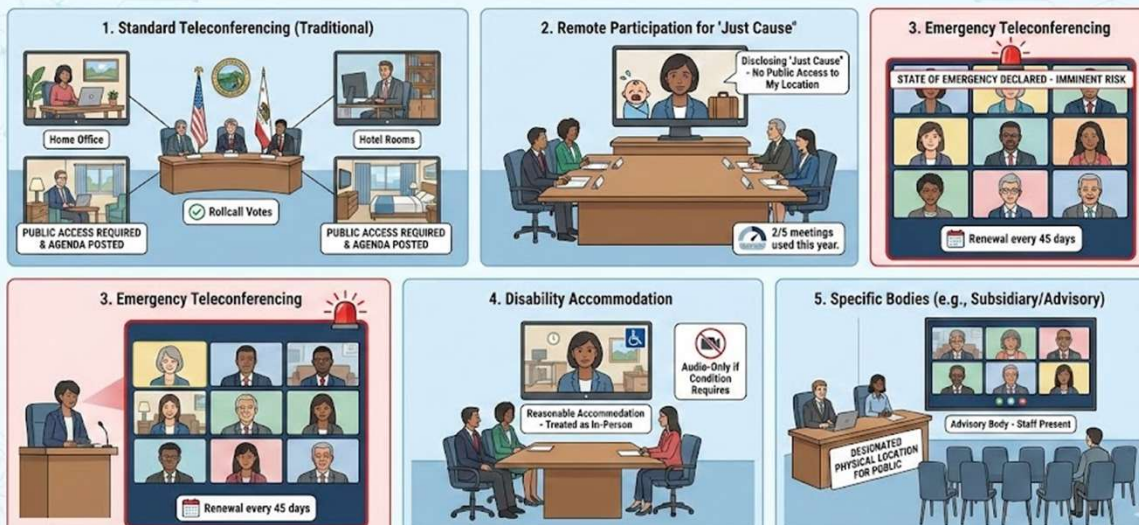
- May have individual contacts or conversations with non-Board members (and individual contacts or conversations with Board members not on social media platforms)
- May discuss and interact on matters outside the jurisdiction of the agency as much as desired
 - Even with fellow board members, but exercise caution—remember threshold for violation is low.



Permissible Online Activity by Board Member

Interaction Type	Permitted
Member A responds to Resident's posted question	YES
Member B responds to Member A's Response	NO, cannot respond to another Board member
Member B responds to same Resident's posted question	YES, as long as not referencing or in response to Member A
Member A responds to a post by the Agency	YES
Member A comments on Member B's post about agency business	NO
Member A likes Member B's post on agency business	NO
Member A likes Member's post sharing the birth of a grandchild	YES, not subject matter jurisdiction of the agency

Brown Act Teleconferencing Options (SB 707)



Teleconferencing: Overview

- Traditional (Standard) Teleconferencing
- Disability Accommodation Teleconferencing (NEW)
- Expanded Post-COVID Teleconferencing Options
 - State of Emergency (Local or Statewide)
 - Just Cause/Emergency Circumstance
 - Specific Types of Bodies
 - Eligible Subsidiary Bodies (e.g., Committees)
 - Eligible Multijurisdictional Bodies (e.g., JPAs)
 - Eligible Neighborhood Councils (NOT COVERED HERE)
 - Student Organizations (applies to community colleges) (NOT COVERED HERE)



Teleconferencing Under the Brown Act

- The Act permits “teleconferencing,” for all purposes in connection with any meeting (Gov. Code, § 54953(b))
- “Teleconferencing” means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through audio or video, or both

Traditional (Standard) Teleconferencing Rules

- All votes taken during a teleconference meeting must be by **roll calls**
 - This applies to all teleconference options
- Agendas must be **posted at each teleconference location**, identify each teleconference location, & each location must be **accessible to the public**
- During the teleconference, at least a **quorum** of the members of the legislative body must participate from locations within the jurisdiction of the local agency
- The agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to **address the legislative body directly from each teleconference location**

SB 707 – Participation by a Member with a Disability

- Members with a disability can participate remotely as a reasonable accommodation
- Remote participation requires:
 - Both audio & visual technology
 - Audio only if disability results in a need to participate off camera
 - Member must disclose before any action taken whether any other individuals 18 years or older are present in the room & the general nature of their relationship
- Participation under these rules is treated as in-person attendance, including for quorum purposes

SB 707 - Teleconferencing Under Section 54953.8

- Section 54953.8 now provides general requirements for all **non-traditional** teleconferencing options (i.e., post-COVID video options)
- “Teleconference” means a meeting of the legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both – **though both required in most cases**
- Must provide to the public a way to remotely hear & visually observe the meeting, & remotely address the Board through two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way telephonic service & a live webcast
- Notice of the teleconference meeting must provide notice how the public may access the meeting & offer public comment
 - Agenda must include call-in/webcast option or an internet-based service option

SB 707 - Teleconferencing Under Section 54953.8 Cont.

- If disruption of service occurs, Board must take no further action until public access is restored
- Cannot ***require*** public comments to be submitted before meeting. Public must be able to address the Board & make comments in real time.
- If required by service provider (e.g., Zoom), registration of individual is allowed; but cannot be required as a condition of attending the meeting.
 - Beware of Zoom lobby feature or similar features

SB 707 - Teleconferencing Under Section 54953.8 Cont.

- If provide timed public comment period for each agenda item, public comment period or registration to make a comment cannot be closed until that time period has elapsed
 - Method rare for special districts. Used more often by large, high-volume agencies (e.g., Los Angeles City Council and San Francisco Board of Supervisors)
- If only a timed general public comment period that does not correspond with an agenda item, cannot close the comment period until the timed general public comment period is over
 - Some agencies (e.g., school boards) restrict non-agenda comments to 30 minutes. These agencies must now leave that comment period open for the full time
- If no timed public comment period, then Board must allow a “reasonable amount of time per agenda item”
 - This is the method used by most special districts

**** THIS ALL APPLIES ONLY IF USING SECTION 54953.8 TELECONFERENCING**

SB 707 - Teleconferencing Under Section 54953.8 Cont.

- If Board teleconferences from a “remote location,” the minutes must reflect the legal grounds for teleconference
 - A “remote location” is any physical meeting location designated in the notice of the meeting. **Remote locations do not need to be accessible to the public.**
- Must have procedure to address requests for reasonable accommodations under the ADA for teleconference meetings
 - Must also provide notice of the procedure for receiving & resolving requests for accommodation

SB 707 – Teleconferencing Under Section 54953.8 Cont.

- Must make a list of one or more meeting locations available to use by the Board to conduct meetings
- Can provide public with additional teleconference locations
- If teleconferencing, Board member must identify anyone 18 or older present in the room & describe the nature of the relationship with those individuals

SB 707 – State of Emergency

GOVERNMENT CODE 54953.8.2



- Allows **Section 54953.8** teleconferencing during a proclaimed state of emergency **or a local emergency**
 - Local emergency is one declared by City or County
- Requires a majority-vote finding that because of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to health & safety of attendees
- If emergency remains active, Board must make findings every 45 days:
 - Reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency; &
 - Impacts the ability to meet safely in person
- Physical meeting location not required
- Could use a two-way telephonic service without simultaneous live webcasting

SB 707 – Just Cause Teleconference Meeting

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.8.3

- **Section 54953.8 Teleconferencing AND:**
- Quorum of Board Members must be located a single physical location
 - Location of quorum for meeting:
 - Must be identified on agenda (*typically standard meeting location*)
 - Be open to the public
 - Within jurisdictional boundaries
- Board member **notifies** at “earliest opportunity” to participate remotely for just cause, including brief description why member must join remotely
- Remote Board member must have audio & visual technology
- Prohibition on how many times a Board member may use “just cause” to participate remotely
 - Number varies depending on how often Board meets
 - 2 meetings per year (if meet once per month or less)
 - 5 meetings per year (if meet twice per month)
 - 7 meetings per year (if meeting 3+ meetings per month)
- “Emergency Circumstance” as a separate basis now gone, rolled into “just cause”
- Minutes must reflect the legal grounds authorizing the remote participation by Board member

“Just Cause”

- Childcare/caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
- Contagious illness
- Related to a physical or mental condition
- Travel while on official business of the **Board or other state or local agency**
- **An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner**
- **Physical or family medical emergency (“emergency circumstance merged in”)**
- **Military service obligations because serving under official written orders of the California National Guard or US Military Reserve that requires member to be at least 50 miles outside of your boundaries**

SB 707 – New Specific Teleconferencing Provisions

- Health Authorities – have broad authority to conduct teleconference meetings pursuant to base videoconference allowances of Section 54953.8
 - Who Qualifies: Health Authorities under specific Welfare & Institutions Code (e.g., Medi-Cal managed care), certain JPAs, and advisory committees to county-sponsored health plans
 - Requirements
 - No need to post agendas at remote locations
 - Two-way audiovisual platform (or simultaneous call-in/webcast)
 - Real-time comment allowances
 - Disruption Policy
 - Disclosure of remote members of anyone 18+ present in room and general relationship
 - Specified in meeting minutes

Committees

- Eligible subsidiary bodies may teleconference meetings:
 - Powers only advisory with no final action authority, and
 - **NOT** formed to address issues such as elections, **budgets**, police oversight, privacy, library materials, or taxes
- Governing Board must authorize the committee to meet remotely both initially and every six months thereafter, after finding:
 - Remote meetings would enhance public access to meetings, and has been made aware of the option;
 - Would promote, attract, and diversify participants to join the committee
- Two-way audio and visual appearance in most circumstances
- Must still designate a physical location for public to attend AND at least one agency staff member must be present that that physical location during the meeting

SB 707 – Multijurisdictional Bodies (JPAs)

- Requires resolution authorizing the use of teleconference, adopted at a regular meeting during open session
- Quorum required to participate in one location that is open to the public & within jurisdictional boundaries
- Member of Eligible Multijurisdictional Body (EMB) who receives compensation for service on the Board must participate from a physical location that is open to the public
- Can participate remotely if:
 - Remote participation is identified on the agenda
 - Audio & visual technology is used
- May not participate remotely unless more than 20 miles away from physical location where quorum is participating
- Limited to a certain amount of meetings per year, depending on how many Board meetings occur

SB 707 – Disruptions during Teleconference Meeting

- Statutory authority to remove or limit persons who engage in disruptive behavior during a meeting while using a two-way telephonic service or two-way audiovisual platform



SB 707 – Expansion of Open Session Salary Requirements

Report Out/Open Session Action Requirements for Department Heads

- **Prior Requirements:** Brown Act has always required that final action related to salary, compensation, or fringe benefits of a local agency executive (i.e., General Managers, Fire Chiefs, etc.) be taken in open session at a regular meeting
- **New Requirement:** Requirement Extended to Department Heads and Similar Administrative Officers

NEW ELIGIBLE LEGISLATIVE BODY OBLIGATIONS

(Effective July 1, 2026)

SB 707 – “Eligible Legislative Body” Definition

- Two Types of Entities with respect to this discussion
 - Eligible Legislative Bodies (“ELBs”) (defined on next slide)
 - Larger Agencies in terms of population, staffing, or revenues
 - Must Comply with Requirements to be Discussed
 - Non-Eligible Legislative Bodies
 - “Smaller” agencies in terms of population, staffing, or revenues
 - Are encouraged to comply with certain requirements of ELBs, but not required
- New ELB laws effective **July 1, 2026**. Scheduled to expire on January 1, 2030.



SB 707 – “Eligible Legislative Body” Definition

- Special Districts that have a website and any of the following:
 - **Large Boundaries:** Boundaries including the entirety of a county with the population over 600,000 or more, and the special district has over 200 FTE employees.
 - **Large Workforce:** Over 1,000 FTE.
 - **High Revenue:** Annual revenues of over \$400,000,000 per year (adjusted annually based on CPI) & employ over 200 FTE.
- Cities
 - Population of 30,000 or more; OR
 - All cities in a county with 600,000 or more
- Counties
 - All counties with population of 30,000 or more

SB 707 – Public Outreach

- ELB **must** encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English-speaking communities, to participate in public meetings:
 - **Create automatic system** for accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas and documents via email or integrated agenda management platform
 - **Info on how to make request** using this system must be accessible through prominent direct link on website home page
 - Link to the webpage that will enable such requests must be accessible through prominent direct link posted on website home page
 - Create accessible webpage dedicated to public meetings including: (1) explanation of public meeting process; (2) procedure to provide in-person or remote oral public comment or written public comment; (3) calendar of all meeting dates that include date, time, and location of meetings; (4) agenda posted online
 - Webpage must be translated into all “**applicable languages**”

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – Public Outreach Cont.

- Board **must** approve a list of “reasonable efforts” to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings, including:
 - Contact media news organizations, including media organizations that serve non-English-speaking communities
 - Contact good government, civil rights, civic engagement, neighborhood, and community group organizations, including organizations active in non-English-speaking communities
- Prohibits an action arising from failing to provide public information to any specific group

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – Electronic Public Participation

- By July 1, 2026, an “eligible legislative body” required to:
 - Conduct meetings with an opportunity for the public to attend via **a two-way telephonic service or audiovisual platform (e.g., Zoom)**
 - Two-way telephonic service or audiovisual **platform must give public an opportunity to provide public comment** with same time allotment as a person attending in person

SB 707 – Electronic Public Participation Cont.

- Two-way telephonic/audiovisual platform is not required for the following “meetings”:
 - Attend a judicial/administrative proceeding to which the local agency is a party
 - To inspect real or personal property, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property
 - Meet with US or California elected or appointed public officials, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the local agency & over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction
 - Meeting in or nearby a facility owned by the agency, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility
 - “Emergency situation” pursuant to Section 54956.5

SB 707 – Electronic Public Participation Cont.

- On or before July 1, 2026, eligible legislative bodies must approve at a **noticed** public meeting, and not on consent calendar, a policy re: disruption of telephonic/internet service during meeting
 - Must address procedures for recessing & reconvening in the event of a disruption & “efforts” required to be made to “attempt to restore service”
- If disruption occurs, eligible legislative body **must** recess for up to at least one hour and make good faith attempt to restore service, or until service is restored, **whichever is earlier**
- May meet in **closed session** during the disruption
- If cannot restore service, can reconvene open session but must adopt a finding by rollcall vote that good faith efforts to restore service were made per disruption policy and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access

SB 707 – Meeting Translation/Interpreter Requirement

- Interpretation of a meeting is **not** a requirement
- ELB to “reasonably assist” the public who wish to translate a public meeting or to receive interpretation by another individual
- ELB must “publicize instructions” regarding translation or interpreter requests
- ELB not responsible for content or accuracy of interpretation. Prohibition against bringing an action against ELB regarding interpretation.

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – Meeting Translation/Interpreter Requirement

- Board must determine “reasonable assistance” which may include:
 - Arranging space for interpreters at the meeting location
 - Allowing extra time during the meeting for interpretation
 - Ensuring participants may use personal devices (e.g., cellphones) or reasonably access facilities for participants to access commercially available interpretation services

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – Translated Agendas

- Agendas must be translated into “applicable languages”
 - Can use digital translation services
 - Does not include the entire agenda packet (i.e., attachments, exhibits, etc. do not need to be translated)
- Translations must include instructions of how to join a meeting by telephonic or internet-based service option, including any requirements for registration for public comment
- Limited to three “applicable languages” spoken by the largest percentage of the population

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – “Applicable Languages”

- Board must select 1 of the following populations*:
 - Population of the county with the greatest population within your boundaries.
 - Population of your service area, if you have sufficient data to determine what languages are spoken within your service area
- If pick county - American Community Survey (Census)

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – “Applicable Languages” Cont.

- Find the languages spoken by 20% or more of the county and determine:
 - That 20% or more of the population speaking the particular language speaks English less than “very well.”
- Determine the 3 languages meeting the criteria above that are spoken by the largest percentage of the applicable population.
- May elect to determine applicable languages based on a different source if make finding, based on substantial evidence, that source provides equal or more reliable data.

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – Translated Agendas

- Make copies available at physical location freely accessible to the public in reasonable proximity to the location where agenda & translation are posted & allow members of the public to post additional translations in that location
- Translation must be accessible through prominent direct link posted on your home page.
- ELB not responsible for the content or accuracy of translation provided. Prohibition against bringing an action against ELB regarding translation.

NON-ELBS ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT NOT REQUIRED

SB 707 – Non-Eligible Legislative Bodies

- Legislative bodies that are not ELBs may still elect to impose ELB requirements on themselves
 - Encouraged for greater access, translation, and public outreach provision, including:
 - Translation of agendas
 - Employing translators
 - Conducting additional outreach
 - Brown Act generally always allows for actions that increase transparency and public participation

QUESTION & ANSWER



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Thank you for attending!

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Technical Advisory Committee

Title: CalVTP Presentation Slide Deck

Presenter: Gretchen Bennitt

Recommended action: Discuss a presentation from Ascent Environmental related to prescribed burning.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
260121_Rx Burn Group Meeting Presentation_CalVTP Update	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents

California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Update

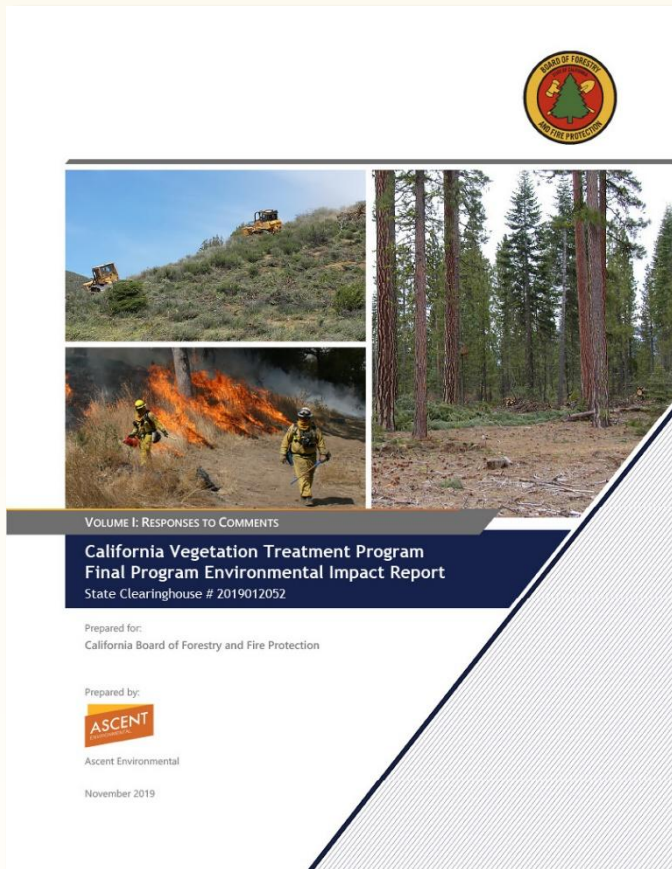
Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report

Presentation for the CAPCOA Prescribed Fire Committee



January 21, 2026

CalVTP Objective: Increase Pace and Scale



AGREEMENT FOR SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF CALIFORNIA'S FOREST AND RANGELANDS Between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA And the USDA, FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

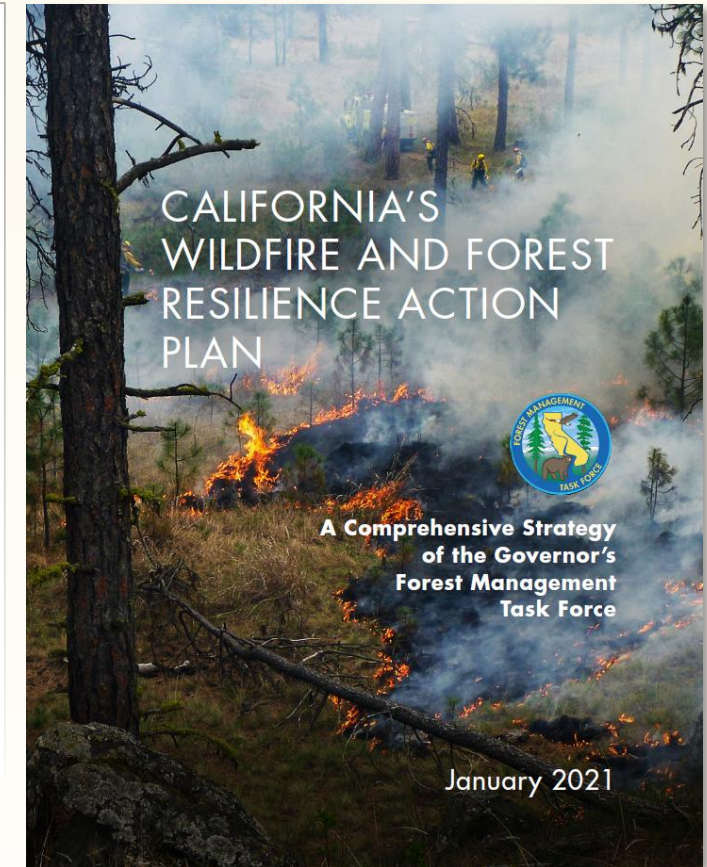
This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "the State," and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, hereinafter referred to as "the U.S. Forest Service" and together referred to as "The Parties."

TITLE: Agreement for Shared Stewardship of California's Forests and Rangelands

PURPOSE:

This MOU establishes a joint framework to enhance science-based forest and rangeland stewardship in California. The U.S. Forest Service and the State of California commit to maintain and restore healthy forests and rangelands that reduce public safety risks, protect natural and built infrastructure, and enhance ecological habitat and biological diversity. The Parties agree to develop shared tools, coordinated processes, and innovative approaches to increase the pace, scale, and effectiveness of forest and rangeland stewardship in California.

The U.S. Forest Service and the State of California, through the California Natural Resources Agency, make this commitment in accordance with the following provisions.



Provide CEQA streamlining for use by many agencies to increase the pace and scale of treatments while maintaining environmental protections

CalVTP Program EIR Regulatory Alignment

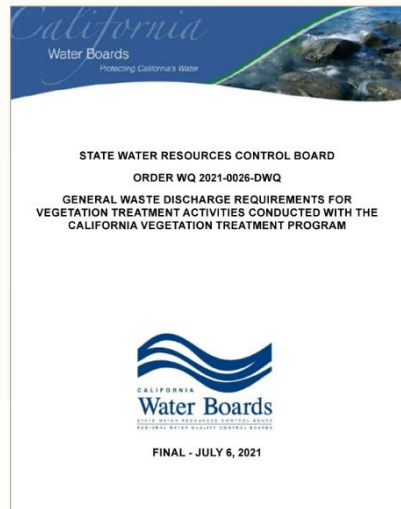


Restoration Management Permit



Cutting the Green Tape

State Water Board CalVTP General Order



California Coastal Commission Public Works Plans



Overview of the CalVTP Update



Purpose of CalVTP Update



- 🌲 Governor Newsom's emergency proclamation on March 1, 2025:

"The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection shall take immediate steps to update the ...CalVTP [P]EIR, in consultation with the California Natural Resources Agency and others as appropriate, to increase CalVTP's efficiency and utilization, in order to continue promoting rapid environmental review for large wildfire risk reduction treatments."



Select Categories of Updates to the CalVTP



- ▲ Expand **treatable landscape** into areas suitable for vegetation treatment regardless of fire suppression responsibility designation.
- ▲ Integrate **traditional ecological knowledge** into vegetation management activities.
- ▲ Incorporate disposition of **biomass** generated by vegetation treatment.
- ▲ Update and expand list of covered **herbicides** with latest science.
- ▲ Clarify and revise **CalVTP SPRs** and **mitigation measures** to promote efficient implementation while protecting environmental resources.
- ▲ Increase **efficiency** of the PSA preparation process.
- ▲ **Streamline and integrate** with other environmental compliance and permitting processes.

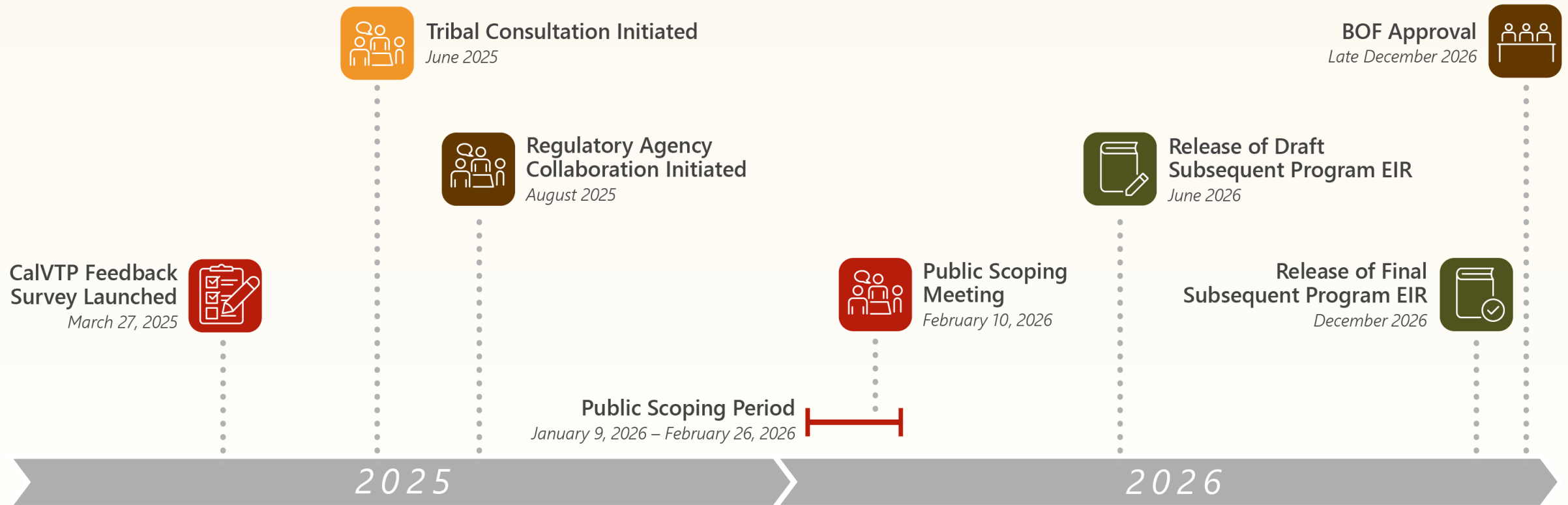
Expanded Treatable Landscape



- Expand treatable landscape into areas suitable for vegetation treatment regardless of fire suppression responsibility designation
 - Expands into Local Responsibility Area, excludes tribal and federally-owned lands
- Updated treatable landscape = 35.5 million acres (increase of 15.2 million acres from 2019 CalVTP Program EIR)
- Uses more recent vegetation data and improved understanding of fire behavior



CalVTP Update Subsequent Program EIR Timeline



Increasing Regulatory Alignment with Burn Permitting



🌲 What We've Heard from CARB/CAPCOA:

- Air Districts need to be involved in streamlining
- Earlier coordination at the project-level preferred
- Important differences between the Air Districts, including ACI permitting

🌲 What We've Heard from Project Proponents:

- Varying requirements across Air Districts
- New tech (e.g., ACIs) often have same requirements as open burning



Increasing Regulatory Alignment with Burn Permitting



Initial Ideas for Discussion:

- New standard form to be submitted to Air District early in project development if burning/ACI use proposed
- Single policy document for automatic permitting (Air Districts could opt-in)
- Incorporate Air District requirements into CalVTP Update to achieve automatic permitting

Thank you! Questions and Discussion

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Sacramento Valley

Technical Advisory Committee

Title: Preliminary March TAC Regular Meeting Agenda

Presenter: BCC Secretary/Treasurer

Recommended action: set agenda for TAC for March 2026 regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
2026-03-18 PRELIMINARY March TAC Agenda	2/13/2026	Supporting Documents

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Vice Chair

Chair

Butte

Colusa

Feather River

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Tehama

Yolo-Solano

**** MEETING NOTICE ****

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm

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

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 Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

Glenn County APCD
720 N Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

Placer County APCD
110 Maple Street
Auburn, CA 95603

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

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 / Roll Call / Introductions**
- 2. Period of Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2026 Meeting**
Motion needed.
- 4. Approval of Financial Status Report as of March 31, 2026**
Motion needed.
- 5. Status Reports**
 - a. CA Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA)
 - b. PEEPs – Lindsay Schurig
 - c. CA Air Resources Board (CARB) – Adam Gerber
 - d. SMP Committee
 - e. Smoke Management Program (SMP) – SMP Coordinator Kai Tawa
- 6. Review Professional Services Contracts -- BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer**
Contracts for review: Administrative Services contract with Butte County AQMD, and Burn Coordinator and Meteorological contracts with Western Weather Group.
- 7. Draft Budget – BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer**
Review and approve budget for FY2026-27 (motion needed).
- 8. BCC Fee Structure Discussion – Fee Committee**
Resume discussion of BCC fee structure and potential to make changes.
- 9. Biomass Utilization**
Reports, discussions and plans related to Biomass Energy.
- 10. Member Reports and Future Agenda Items**
Receive reports from local air districts and suggestions for potential topics at future meetings.
- 11. Additions or Deletions to April 2026 TAC Agenda**
Recommended action: set agenda for TAC for April 15, 2026 meeting.
- 12. Next TAC meeting: April 15, 2026, at 1:30pm. Hosted by: Tehama County APCD**
- 13. Next BCC meeting: April 3, 2026, at 10:00am. Hosted by: Shasta County AQMD**
- 14. Adjourn Meeting**

MEETING AGENDAS ARE POSTED BY EACH MEMBER AIR DISTRICT OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY BASIN AND AT THE SVBCCWEB SITE LISTED BELOW.

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

Questions, comments, and correspondence may be directed to:

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