

# SACRAMENTO VALLEY

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

### **\*\* MEETING NOTICE \*\***

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Glenn County APCD  
720 N Colusa Street  
Willows, CA 95988

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

Placer County APCD  
110 Maple Street  
Auburn, CA 95603

Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD  
777 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

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/85804496149?pwd=bQK12cuebtV9labB3gECglGysVd28z.1>

Meeting ID: 858 0449 6149

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### **AGENDA**

#### **ITEM NO.**

#### **1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions**

#### **2. Period of Public Comment**

- 3. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2025 Meeting**  
Motion needed.
- 4. Approval of Financial Status Report as of November 30, 2025**  
Motion needed.
- 5. Status Reports**
  - a. CA Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA)
  - b. PEEPs – Riley Peacock
  - c. CA Air Resources Board (CARB) – Adam Gerber
  - d. SMP Committee
  - e. Smoke Management Program (SMP) – SMP Coordinator Kai Tawa
- 6. Letter to CARB – Joe Tona**  
Review and approve letter to Air Resources Board (motion may be needed).
- 7. BCC Fee Structure Discussion – Fee Committee**  
Resume discussion of BCC fee structure and potential to make changes.
- 8. BCC Legislative Platform – Gretchen Bennitt**  
Recommended action: approve the BCC Legislative Platform to the board (motion needed).
- 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 January 2026 TAC Agenda**  
Recommended action: set agenda for TAC for January 21, 2026 meeting.
- 12. Next TAC meeting: January 21, 2026, at 1:30pm. Hosted by: Placer County APCD**
- 13. Next BCC meeting: February 6, 2026, at 10:00am. Hosted by: Sacramento-Metropolitan 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](http://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](mailto:bcctacsecretary@gmail.com)

Sacramento Valley

Technical Advisory Committee

**Title:** Approval of Minutes from November 2025 Meeting

**Presenter:** BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer

**Recommended action:** approve minutes (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
2025-11-19 TAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY**  
**BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 19, 2025**

**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 Chair Joseph Tona at 1:30 pm via Zoom teleconference. Attendees were as follows:

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-Metropolitan AQMD – Amy Roberts (voting), Alberto Ayala  
Shasta County AQMD – Rob Stahl  
Tehama County APCD – Joe Tona  
Yolo-Solano AQMD – Ben Beattie

SMP Coordinator – Kai Tawa  
California Air Resources Board – Adam Gerber  
PEEPs – Riley Peacock  
BCC Secretary-Treasurer – Laurie LaGrone

Guests: Angela Thompson, Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD  
Bryan Marquardt, Glenn County APCD

**2. Period of Public Comment**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes from the October 15, 2025 Meeting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ertle moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberts, and the motion passed with no objections.

**4. Approval of Financial Status Report as of October 31, 2025**

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

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

<<Ms. Allen joined the meeting at about 1:38pm>>

**5. CSDA Fees – BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer**

Ms. LaGrone explained that the CSDA bill sent in early October was nearly triple what it has been for several years. An inquiry revealed that CSDA has held the BCC rate artificially low for five years and the substantial increase had not been explained. CSDA subsequently revised the invoice from \$1398 to \$750 (an increase of 150% of previous years' invoices). There was discussion about the need for CSDA membership.

**MOTION:** Ms. Roberts made a conditional motion: if the BCC's liability insurance through SDRMA requires membership in CSDA, the terms should be accepted and the \$750 bill should be paid. If membership is not required, approval of this warrant is tabled for a vote at the December TAC meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion, and the motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

Mr. White requested of the Secretary-Treasurer that full compliance with the recently updated Brown Act rules, for onboarding new board members and more, be met for the January and February meetings.

**6. Status Reports**

- CAPCOA – Mr. Tona listed the officers for 2026 and briefly described the CAPCOA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. CAPCOA board meetings will now be two-day events. The next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- PEEPs – The PEEPs met at Colusa County APCD the previous week. Mr. Peacock reported that the new PEEPS liaison in 2026 will be Lindsay Schurig of Shasta County AQMD.

PEEPS requests setting up a new document sharing site; Feather River AQMD will look into making a site available through their network, pending legal approval.

- CA Air Resources Board (CARB) – Mr. Gerber has continued to ask, on behalf of the BCC, the CARB leadership for direction regarding mobile burn units. Jason Branz and Jeremy Aviso welcome BCC input regarding such permitting, but CARB has not finalized any decision as yet.
- SMP Committee – no report.
- SMP Coordinator – Coordinator Tawa reported sending an email to all districts to ask if the Fall Intensive Burn Season should end nine days early (Friday November 21). Most districts are in favor, but a final decision has not been made yet.

Coordinator Tawa said that 2025 has been the third wettest rice season in over 20 years. The end-of-season report will be ready for the January TAC meeting.

**7. Letter to CARB – Joe Tona**

The draft of the letter, requesting CARB's opinion regarding the permitting of burn bots, air curtain incinerators and mobile gasification units as stationary sources, will be on the December TAC agenda.

**8. BCC Fee Structure Discussion – Joe Tona**

The committee met November 18 and is considering several options. The committee will present their findings when ready.

**9. 2026 Meeting Schedules – BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ertle moved to accept the proposed 2026 TAC and BCC schedules as presented. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed with no abstentions or objections.

**10. Biomass Utilization**

Mr. White reported recent conversations with Elizabeth Bettencourt of the Department of Conservation about a study of the financial benefits of biomass utilization. Questions surrounding the study include what the scope of the work will be, and who will perform the work. More details to come.

Mr. White said that the CPUC is proposing the termination of the BioMAT program (Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff) and is receiving pushback. There is a lot of support for the program, and supporters want the CPUC to revise, not end, the program.

Ms. Roberts and Mr. Ayala of Sacramento-Metropolitan AQMD recently met with the team from Caribou Biofuels to provide feedback about their mobile gasification program. SMAQMD found the company not yet ready to enter the permitting process, with no data to provide.

**11. Member Reports and Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Skelton introduced new Glenn County APCD team member Bryan Marquardt.

Mr. Brown reminded members of the new requirement for ADA access compliance for web sites beginning in January 2026, and offered the name of the company that his district has hired.

Mr. Brown is concerned that the EPA has not approved FRAQMD's PM maintenance plan that they submitted in 2023.

**12. Additions or Deletions to November 2025 TAC Agenda**

- a. Resume BCC Legislative Platform
- b. Resume Letter to CARB
- c. CSDA Membership (pending answer from CSDA – see Item #5)

**13. Next TAC meeting: November 19, 2025, at 1:30pm. Hosted by: Feather River AQMD**

**14. Next BCC meeting: (possibly moving to) December 12, 2025, at 10:00am. Hosted by: Placer County APCD**

Due to a significant scheduling conflict, the December meeting must be moved to a different date or canceled. Attempts to reschedule the meeting have stalled before reaching a quorum. Ms. LaGrone will email Chair Guerra with the TAC's recommendation to cancel the December meeting altogether.

**15. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie LaGrone, TAC Secretary-Treasurer

## Sacramento Valley

### Technical Advisory Committee

**Title:** Approval of Financial Status Reports as of November 30, 2025

**Presenter:** BCC Secretary/Treasurer

**Recommended action:** approve warrants for December 2025, including conditional approval for two standing invoices which have not been received as of meeting date.

#### Reconcile Warrants for November 2025:

BCAQMD – Administrative Services, November: \$1424.19

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

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

#### Approve Warrants for December 2025:

CSDA – annual membership dues, 2026: \$750.00

BCAQMD – Administrative Services, December: \$1424.19

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

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

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Warrants and Reconciliation, 12-17-2025 TAC Meeting	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Bank Account Register 11-30-2025	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents
Financial Report - Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual 11-30-2025	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents

# SACRAMENTO VALLEY

## BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL - TAC

Butte	Colusa	Feather River	Glenn	Placer	Sacramento	Shasta	Chair Tehama	Vice Chair Yolo-Solano
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### WARRANTS LIST FOR December 2025

TAC Meeting Date: 12/17/2025

Vendor	Amount	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Check Number
California Special Districts Association (CSDA)	\$750.00	2025-10-01	10/01/2025	1122
Butte County Air Quality Management District	\$1424.19	31231	12/01/2025	1123
Western Weather Group	\$4,283.33	PS-INV107282	12/5/2025	1124
Western Weather Group	\$814.67	PS-INV107282	12/5/2025	1125

Please review invoices and return to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Reviewed and approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

California Special Districts Association  
1112 I Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 877.924.2732 Fax: 916.520.2470  
www.csda.net

## 2026 CSDA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To:

Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council  
629 Entler Avenue, Ste. 15  
Chico, CA 95928

Membership ID: 27308

Issue Date: October 1, 2025

Due Date: December 31, 2025

<b>AMS-Associate Member</b> <b>Annual Membership Dues Jan - Dec 2026</b> (Includes membership for all agency staff and elected/appointed officials as designated by agency)	<b>\$750.00</b>
Annual Membership for National Special Districts Association	Included with CSDA membership
<b>Optional Add-Ons</b>	
\$225 CSDA Sample Policy Handbook (Already subscribed? Contact membership@csda.net for renewal)	\$
Donate to the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDF). Learn more at www.sdlf.org  <i>Note: A donation from a special district or public agency must comply with any policy related to charitable donations adopted by the agency or be approved by the governing body of the agency.</i>	\$
Total:	\$
<b>Credit Card Payment</b>	
Name on Account:	Account Number:
Expiration Date:	Auth Signature:

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### Payment options:

- A. By mail: Make check payable to CSDA and mail to 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
- B. By fax: Complete this form with credit information and fax it to 916.520.2470
- C. By phone: Call 877.924.2732 to pay with a credit card
- D. Online: Log into www.csda.net > go to your Profile > Manage My Agency > Pay Dues
- E. By ACH: contact membership@csda.net for more information

**Butte County AQMT**

OBRA 1993 prohibits taxpayers from deducting, for federal income tax purposes, the portion of membership dues that are allocable to the lobbying activities of trade organizations. The nondeductible portion of your dues is estimated to be 8%. To view dues categories, please visit the CSDA transparency page at www.csda.net

**Thank you for being a CSDA Member!**

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

# Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
12/1/2025	31231

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

<b>LOCATION SITE</b>

	TERMS	DUE DATE
	Net 30 days	12/31/2025

PAYMENT TYPE	QTY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
BCCTAC	1	Miscellaneous - December 2025 BCC Secretarial/Treasurer Duties	1,424.19	1,424.19
<div>RECEIVED</div> <div>DEC 2 2025</div> <div>Butte County AQMD</div>				

PAY YOUR INVOICE BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK. Call 1-800-487-4567 or visit [www.officialpayments.com](http://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.

<b>Total</b>	\$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	12/1/2025
INVOICE #	31231
<b>Total</b>	\$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-INV107282

Invoice Date: December 5, 2025

Due Date: January 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: December 2025

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-INV107283

Invoice Date: December 5, 2025

Due Date: January 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

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: December 2025

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

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**Butte County AQMD**

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

## Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

## Reconciliation Detail

Tri Counties Bank, Period Ending 11/21/2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						97,901.47
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 4 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2025	1117	Western Weather G...	X	-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2025	1116	Butte County AQMD	X	-1,424.19	-5,707.52
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2025	1118	Western Weather G...	X	-814.67	-6,522.19
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2025	1119	Butte County AQMD	X	-1,424.19	-7,946.38
Total Checks and Payments					-7,946.38	-7,946.38
Total Cleared Transactions					-7,946.38	-7,946.38
Cleared Balance					-7,946.38	89,955.09
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 2 items</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2025	1120	Western Weather G...		-4,283.33	-4,283.33
Bill Pmt -Check	11/19/2025	1121	Western Weather G...		-814.67	-5,098.00
Total Checks and Payments					-5,098.00	-5,098.00
Total Uncleared Transactions					-5,098.00	-5,098.00
Register Balance as of 11/21/2025					-13,044.38	84,857.09
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>-13,044.38</b>	<b>84,857.09</b>

## Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

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## Bank Accounts Register

Accrual Basis

As of November 30, 2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Debit	Credit	Balance
<b>Tri Counties Bank</b>							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
Total Tri Counties Bank					77,466.00	35,814.27	84,857.09
<b>U. S. Bank</b>							
Total U. S. Bank							
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>77,466.00</b>	<b>35,814.27</b>	<b>84,857.09</b>

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Cash Basis

## Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

## Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through November 2025

	Jul - Nov 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	7,120.95		
Ag Burn Services	21,416.65		
Meteorological Services	4,073.35		
Total Professional Services	32,610.95		
Total Expense	35,814.27		
Net Ordinary Income	41,651.73		
Net Income	41,651.73		

Sacramento Valley

Technical Advisory Committee

**Title:** Letter to CARB

**Presenter:** Joe Tona

**Recommended action:** review letter and approve sending on to BCC Chair for signature (motion may be needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Letter to Carb-Portable Equipment	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents



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. Mobile BurnBots (Automated Pile-Burning / Vegetation-Treatment Units)**

### **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 provide: A written determination clarifying eligibility or ineligibility for PERP or mobile eligibility for each equipment category

Sacramento Valley

Technical Advisory Committee

**Title:** BCC Legislative Platform

**Presenter:** Gretchen Bennitt

**Recommended action:** approve the BCC Legislative Platform to the board (motion needed).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Draft 2025 Legislative Platform - BCC, December 2025	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents

# DRAFT

## 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.
8. 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

Technical Advisory Committee

**Title:** Preliminary January TAC Regular Meeting Agenda

**Presenter:** BCC Secretary/Treasurer

**Recommended action:** set agenda for TAC for January 2026 regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
2026-01-26 PRELIMINARY January TAC Agenda	12/11/2025	Supporting Documents

# SACRAMENTO VALLEY

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vice Chair

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Feather River

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Placer

Sacramento

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Yolo-Solano

### **\*\* MEETING NOTICE \*\***

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Placer County APCD  
110 Maple Street  
Auburn, CA 95603

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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

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. 2026 TAC Chair & Vice Chair Appointment**  
Motion needed.
- 4. New Brown Act Regulations** – BCC/TAC Secretary-Treasurer  
Discuss highlights of new regulations as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2025 Meeting**  
Motion needed.
- 6. Approval of Financial Status Report as of December 31, 2025**  
Motion needed.
- 7. 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
- 8. 2025 Fall Intensive Burn Season Final Report** – Kai Tawa  
Recommended action: approve report (motion needed).
- 9. BCC Fee Structure Discussion** – Fee Committee  
Resume discussion of BCC fee structure and potential to make changes.
- 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 February 2026 TAC Agenda**  
Recommended action: set agenda for TAC for February 18, 2026 meeting.
- 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**
- 15. Adjourn Meeting**

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Meeting information can be viewed at [www.airquality.org/SVBCC](http://www.airquality.org/SVBCC)

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