



**A G E N D A**  
**NSCAPCD Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, June 18th at 10:00 AM**  
District Office  
625 Center St.  
Healdsburg, CA 95448

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**The June 18, 2026, Board meeting will be an in-person meeting at the NSCAPCD District Office located at 625 Center St. in Healdsburg.**

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**Call to Order**

**Statement of Meeting Procedures.** Welcome to the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District's ("NSCAPCD" or "District") Board of Directors meeting. If you wish to speak on an issue not appearing on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period. However, please note that the Board is not permitted to take action on topics addressed under public comment. All items that are listed on the agenda will be open for public comments before final action is taken. The Board requests that you state your name and association for the record before you speak. Be aware that there is a 5-minute time limit per speaker, and the Chairperson has the discretion to limit the total discussion time on any item. Please place all cell phones in silent mode. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

[5] **Flag Salute / Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum**[5] **Approval of Minutes:**

May 21, 2026, Regular meeting.

**Public Comment:** Any person desiring to address the Board on any item not on the agenda, which is within the jurisdiction of the Board, may do so at this time. No action will be taken on any issue not currently on the agenda.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

- [20] **1. Action Item: Hearing and Adoption of Proposed District Budget for FY 26/27.** Conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with the Health and Safety Code § 40131(3)(A) that states: "The district shall notice and hold a public hearing for the exclusive purpose of reviewing its budget and of providing the public with the opportunity to comment upon the proposed district budget." This meeting concludes a 30-day public comment period and the District proposes adoption of Resolution #26-04 to approve the final FY 26/27 District budget.
- [10] **2. Action Item: Implement an Option for Board Members to Receive a Stipend per Health and Safety Code §40100.5.5.** Consider Adoption of Resolution #26-05, thereby establishing an option for city/town Board members to receive a maximum compensation stipend of up to \$200 per meeting in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §40100.5.5.

- [10] **3. Action Item (Closed Session): Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) Employment Contract.** Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1&4), the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors will hold a closed session to discuss renewal of the APCO employment contract. A report on any action taken will be presented prior to the meeting adjournment.
- [10] **4. Information Item: Subcommittee Report-out.** The ad-hoc boundary expansion subcommittee met pursuant to Board direction to review information collected on this matter and to provide a report out with a recommended strategic direction. A keynote is that a boundary expansion was determined not to be prudent at this time.
- [5] **5. Information Item: APCO Report-out.** The program overview in the budget discussion in this Agenda, Item #1, provides a comprehensive overview of District activities this year. The APCO notes some relevant upcoming meeting topics.
- [10] **6. Information Item: Board Member Announcements.** Board Members may report on their activities at this time.

### Meeting Adjournment

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**Proposed Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting**

May 21, 2026



**MINUTES**  
**NSCAPCD Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, May 21st at 10:00 AM**  
 District Office  
 625 Center St., Healdsburg, CA 95448

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The May 21st, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting took place at 625 Center St., Healdsburg, CA.

1. **Call to Order:**

The Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District convened at 10:20 a.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Call to order: 10:23 AM by James Gore

2. **Flag Salute:** Led by Sam Salmon.

3. **Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum:**

Quorum was achieved with 3 out of 5 Directors present.

The Following Board Members were in attendance:

- James Gore: County of Sonoma District #4
- Lynda Hopkins: County of Sonoma District #5
- Sam Salmon: Town of Windsor

The following Board Members were absent:

- Ariel Kelley: City of Healdsburg
- Brian Wheeler: City of Cloverdale

Representing the District:

- Rob Bamford: Air Pollution Control Officer / EO
- Ian Maurer: Clerk of the Board
- Christiana Darlington: District Counsel

4. **Approval of Minutes:** February 26, 2026

- **Motion** (to approve minutes): S. Salmon / L. Hopkins
- **Action:** Approved by the Board members present.

5. **Public Comment:** No members of the public commented.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6. **Action Item: Provide Report and Conduct a Hearing of District Vacancies Pursuant to AB 2561 (McKinnor 2024).** NSCAPCD has four union represented employees. AB 2561 requires a public agency, including NSCAPCD, to present the status of vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts at a public hearing at least once per fiscal year, prior to

adopting its annual budget. The NSCAPCD has seven employees and at the time of drafting this Agenda item (May 15, 2026), the NSCAPCD has one vacancy with an active recruitment underway to fill it.

- **Action:** The Board Chair gaveled open a Public Hearing at 10:26am. The hearing concluded at 10:28am with no comments made by members of the public.

7. **Action Item: Presentation and Hearing of Proposed District Budget for FY 26/27.**

Conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with the Health and Safety Code § 40131(3)(A) that states: “The district shall notice and hold a public hearing for the exclusive purpose of reviewing its budget and of providing the public with the opportunity to comment upon the proposed district budget.” The District also seeks guidance from the Board regarding any changes to this Proposed Preliminary Budget for FY 26/27 for inclusion in the Final Proposed Budget, which will be presented to the District Board for adoption on June 18, 2026.

- **Action:** The Board Chair gaveled open a Public Hearing at 10:30am. The hearing concluded at 10:32am with no comments made by members of the public.

8. **Information Item: Legislative Platform Update.** District Counsel and APCO provided a presentation overview of the developing legislative session. Specific legislation of interest includes potential changes to the statewide H<sub>2</sub>S standard; wildfire and open burning related bills; and AB 1666 addressing biomass utilization.

9. **Information Item: Subcommittee Report-out.** The ad-hoc boundary expansion subcommittee met pursuant to Board direction to review information collected on this matter and to provide a report out with a recommended strategic direction. A keynote is that a boundary expansion was determined not to be prudent or necessary at this time.

- **Action:** The Board Chair postponed this item to the next meeting.

10. **APCO Report-out.** APCO presentation of recent District activities.

11. **Board Member Announcements.** No announcements were made at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:11am

Minutes Prepared by:

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Ian Maurer, Clerk of the Board

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**Action Item:**  
*Hearing & Budget  
 Presentation*

**Agenda Date:** June 18, 2026  
**Prepared By:** Ian Maurer, District Analyst and Rob Bamford, APCO  
**Topic:** Hearing and Adoption of Proposed FY 26/27 Budget

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**1. ACTION REQUESTED**

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Health and Safety Code §40131(3)(A) that states: “The district shall notice and hold a public hearing for the exclusive purpose of reviewing its budget and of providing the public with the opportunity to comment upon the proposed district budget.” This meeting concludes a 30-day public comment period and the District proposes adoption of Resolution #26-04 to approve the final FY 26/27 District budget.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

The current District budget is sound, and the District continues to have reliable revenue and predictable expenditures. Herein, the District presents its proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 26/27). Provided with this staff report is Attachment #1, the Public Budget Presentation slide deck and Attachment #2, the detailed budget report.

The state legislature contemplated that Air District budget hearings should engage the public and describe the activities of the District and communicate the cost of achieving and maintaining air quality. To this end, the public presentation of the proposed budget is crafted as a slide presentation with an introduction to the District and has high-level Program and budget discussions to engender public participation (Attachment #1). Also included is Attachment #2 of this report that provides a detailed budget review that supports expanded budget and planning discussions with additional background and technical information, if desired.

### **3. DISTRICT STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION**

The District is a standalone government entity established in state law as a “a body corporate and politic, and a public agency of the state” (HSC §40700) and is typically identified as a state special district. The District’s primary function is as a regulatory permit and compliance agency for the prevention of air pollution with authority vested under California Health and Safety Code and the Federal and State Clean Air Acts. The District regulates stationary sources with the potential to emit criteria and toxic air pollutants (CARB and USEPA regulate GHGs and mobile sources). The District has its own Board of Directors comprised of two County Supervisors and three City Councilmembers from its territory. The District maintains a separate Hearing Board of appointed community members to hear permit grievances and consideration of permit variances and abatement (shut-down) orders.

District operational functions may be grouped as: Permit and Engineering; Compliance and Enforcement; Ambient Air Monitoring; and Administration and Grants. The District utilizes (7) Full Time Employees (FTE) with (8) positions on record.

### **4. DISTRICT FUNDS**

The District is self-funded (no County general funds), primarily by permit fees. Districts, including ours, are funded by a combination of permit fees, penalties, grants, subvention, and DMV registration surcharges. HSC §40701.5(a). The District also receives revenue from a small percentage of property tax from residents within the District territory, administration of CARB grants, and from earned interest.

The District has (8) budget funds: (1) for operations; (1) for building maintenance and contingencies; (3) for clean air incentive programs (VPMP, DMV Moyer, and Community); (2) to manage state pass-through grant programs (Carl Moyer and FARMER); and (1) held like a trust fund for the Geysers Air Monitoring Program (GAMP). Each fund has specific use and restrictions.

Of note, the GAMP fund is being transferred to Lake County Air Quality Management District (LCAQMD). The LCAQMD Board of Directors approved the transfer and the establishment of a budget fund in the Lake County Treasury. Pursuant to this, the NSCAPCD will no longer accept new funds for GAMP and will close its GAMP account when the funds are drawn down (estimated to be August-September of 2026).

### **5. DISTRICT EXPENSES**

While the District is not a County entity, it utilizes the County Treasury and it employs County civil service workers with all the benefits and union representation of the County. Under state statute a District may contract administrative support services from the County, and under the District-County MOU of 2022, the County agrees to provide support services to the District at the

standard County costs. Therefore, the District bears many similar costs of a (small) County agency.

The District must carefully ballast expenditures and revenues with appropriate and requisite reserves. District expenses not met by its fund sources must be provided by an annual per capita assessment on the cities and counties within the District. HSC §40701.5(b). Through careful fiscal management and maintenance of reserves, the District has never had to activate this statutory mandate.

The District's greatest cost item continues to be employee salary and benefits for its (7) FTEs with labor negotiated cost of living adjustments driven by year-to-year inflation. The District did utilize temporary contract employees for the front office reception position throughout the year. The District holds approximately (6) months of operational funds in reserve at any given time with its Operations and Vehicle Pollution Mitigation Program funds.

Despite state and federal fiscal uncertainties, District permit activity has remained robust with some new industry growth which has kept District revenue steady. The Geysers continued to drill new wells, and multiple initiatives seek the expansion of geothermal resources with new and existing technologies.

The District has not raised fees since 2019 (open burn permit fee), notwithstanding the annual CPI adjustment already built into rule. Other ongoing revenue streams continue to be supportive including property tax, DMV surcharges on vehicle registration, interest earned on funds, CARB grant administration fees, and the state annual subvention grant. However, fee schedule revisions will need to be considered given: new statewide reporting and risk assessment requirements; gasoline station fees that don't have CPI adjustments and therefore now have inadequate cost recovery; and potentially for various notification (e.g., asbestos notification) and administrative activities (e.g., permit transfers) that currently don't have any fee. These will be carefully reviewed with costs analyses and brought forward to the Board in future meetings (not as part of this budget process) for discussion and potential adoption.

## **6. STRATEGIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FY 25/26**

Fiscal Year 25/26 was a highly productive year for the District. Foremost, the District continues to be in attainment for all state and federal ambient air quality standards.

Additional notable accomplishments include:

1. Program Fundamentals - Implementation of the new statewide reporting requirements (CTR); launch of new online reporting forms for grant and permit reporting; 5-year monitor network audit by CRAB; Title V permit renewals; review and update of District policies and internal controls; and the highest funding level of a single grant application period to date (18 project applications at ~\$2.3M).

2. Burn Days. Designated the maximum number of permissive burn days and only called (2) “no burn” days during red flag events or as requested by fire agencies.
3. Accessibility and Outreach. Early compliance with new State accessibility laws including a new web site platform specifically for compliance with accessibility standards; ADA-compliant PDFs with tool for ongoing conversions; a new “.gov” domain (nosocoair.ca.gov); and a new email newsletter subscription system.
4. Facilities management. Hand-off of the decommissioned ozone monitor trailer at the Healdsburg Airport and ongoing property maintenance at the District office including: trees trimmed and removed, new toilets, and new interior LED lighting.
5. Variances and Compliance. The District did not hold any permit variances hearings but did issue (1) Notice of Violation for unauthorized construction; (1) stop request for inadequate asbestos notification; and performed (3) compliance investigations.

## 7. DISTRICT COLLABORATIONS

The District participated in several collaboration activities in support of its clean air missions and in accordance with its legislative platform, including:

- **Ongoing Collaborations:**
  1. State Trade Association. Continued participation in CAPCOA (California Air Pollution Control Officers Association) trade association to track emerging legislation, collaborate with EPA and CARB, and share technical expertise with other Districts.
  2. Sonoma County Partners. RCPA funding partner and participate in monthly RCPA membership meetings to coordinate with local government and focus on EV charging site assessment and west county charging infrastructure opportunities.
  3. Air Quality Response. Performed annual outreach to the “Wildfire Advisory Group,” initiative created by the District. The group maintains a contact roster of local and county agencies to notify in the event of a wildfire smoke event or other air quality event and shares information and resources, including no-cost PurpleAir smoke/PM sensors and enhanced English/Spanish AQI charts. Also provided support for new County of Sonoma Emergency Services strategic plan framework for Air Quality Incidents. These are especially salient given forecasts of high summer temperatures and elevated wildfire risks this year.
  4. Planning Agencies. Annual outreach to the county and city planning agencies to highlight opportunities for collaboration and to share relevant District programs that intersect, such as wood stove permitting, asbestos notification, CEQA comment, and District incentive programs.
  5. Technical Advisement. Participated in various technical advisory groups to support local partners, including Sonoma Clean Power’s Geo Zone initiative, County Resiliency task force, County Wildfire task force, Pepperwood EPA Air Monitoring grant, and the GAMP (Geysers Air Monitoring Program).

- **New Collaborations:**

1. Technical Advisement. Participating as a member of a Technical Advisory Committee for a new geothermal initiative. The CEC has awarded Sonoma County a grant in collaboration with Sonoma Clean Power, Mendocino County, and National Lab of the Rockies to do proactive planning for geothermal development in Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino county regions.
2. Ag Industry. District launched an Ag engine compliance effort to assist industry with impending state compliance dates for diesel engines.
3. Statewide Initiative. Joined the “Blue Skies and Blue Whales” initiative to promote emissions reductions from offshore ships.

## 8. FORWARD VISION FOR FY26/27

The proposed FY 26/27 budget follows previous years’ budget trends with predictable expenditures with no substantial changes in salary and benefits costs and operational expenditures. In addition, the NSCAPCD doesn’t expect any substantive change in the main revenue streams: permit fees, DMV surcharge, property tax, grant administration fees, and annual state subvention which are predictable and isolated from current state and federal funding issues. The NSCAPCD does not receive nor rely on state or federal grants for Operational costs that could be subject to political winds.

The District will continue to prioritize its ongoing maintenance and compliance with state and federal Ambient Air Quality Standards and the enhancement of its toxics inventory and risk prioritizations.

NSCAPCD will include a resolution at the June 18, 2026, meeting to provide the option to offer stipends to city councilmembers on the Board of Directors as now allowed under new state rule AB 471 (2025). We built the stipend costs into the proposed budget and the stipend rates are specified in state law. In Fall 2026, the NSCAPCD will need to renew or recruit new Hearing Board members and will come to the Governing Board for recommendations and subsequent appointments.

The State’s toxic pollutant programs and their expanding requirements have an increased presence in air district programs. Toxic pollutants and their corresponding Reference Exposure Levels (REL) are important for public health and safety but are resource intensive to implement. OEHHA (Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment), is resetting or establishing new RELs for PCBTF (solvent widely used in paints and coatings), acrolein (byproduct of combustion and industrial processes), Ethylene Oxide (e.g., sterilization and anti-freeze), among other toxics that will impact many industry sectors by elevating previous risk model results and Hot Spots prioritization scores. While OEHHA is revising RELs, CARB does not have correlating resources for

Districts' implementation nor plans to develop state ATCMs (Air Toxics Control Measures) for statewide implementation. In conjunction with these, CARB's various reporting and toxics guidelines have dramatically increased the District's need for data management and risk assessment tools. Last year, the NSCAPCD evaluated multiple off-the shelf software tools but found them quite expensive. CARB offers a free data tool ("HARP") but it is not user friendly, and it has required substantive effort to implement the initial facility setups. The HARP system might be tolerable once all facilities are setup in the system, which will likely take 2-3 more years, based on progress to date. The NSCAPCD requests funding authority in the proposed budget to continue development of its in-house data tools and/or purchase of new software tools via its VPMP fund.

The NSCAPCD is looking ahead at its monitor sites infrastructure to assure data capture and quality in a cost-effective manner. The NSCAPCD is considering relocation of one or more of its PM-10 monitor sites and potentially downsizing from (3) to (1) monitor sites with the single site location being the NSCAPCD office (roof). By law, only (1) PM-10 monitor is required for the county, and by downsizing, resources could be redirected to help support other District work. PM-10 data trends demonstrate that the NSCAPCD is comfortably below the ambient air quality standards and therefore diminishing the value of operating (3) monitors. Furthermore, NSCAPCD will watch the status of the BAAQMD PM-2.5 and ozone monitors in Sebastopol. If this shared site is re-located the NSCAPCD may want to stand up its own PM-2.5 and ozone monitors in its territory. The NSCAPCD requests funding authority in the proposed budget for potential site upgrades and/or relocation(s) via the District's VPMP fund.

The District will continue to enhance internal controls by evaluating and updating District policies and ongoing updates to safety program elements including: COOP (Contingency of Operations Plan), WVMP (Workplace Violence Mitigation Program), IIPP (Injury and Illness Prevention Plan, and its EAP (Emergency Action Plan).

The District has begun obtaining vehicle replacement and EV charger installation quotes to replace the District's 11-years old car and to install EV charging at the District office. Funding authority for these are also requested via VPMP funds.

## **9. NAVIGATING COMPLEXITIES**

For FY 26/27, there are several external economic and political factors that are not expected to have direct impacts on the District, but will likely affect our regulated industry, air quality, and the local, state, and federal economies around us.

The Federal Government continues to pursue a broad and aggressive deregulatory agenda impacting ambient air quality, environmental justice, and clean energy. For fiscal 2027, the Trump administration proposes to slash EPA's budget by 52-55%. This would include a \$1 billion reduction of EPA grants; cut EPA's science budget by over 50%; and eliminate programs related

to climate change and environmental justice. EPA rescinded its own 2009 GHG Endangerment finding on February 12, 2026, which removed CA's legal foundation for regulating GHG emissions from vehicles (in addition to EPA's rescission of CA's Clean Air Act waivers that allowed CA to set stricter vehicle emission standards than the federal government). In addition, EPA is now being litigated for not acting on its non-discretionary duty to make attainment designations by February 7, 2026, for the more protective 2024 PM-2.5 standard (9.0 vs 12.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), which has "stalled out" the standard's implementation.

California's proposed 2025–26 budget reduces overall CARB funding as major onetime climate allocations expire, increasing reliance on the GGRF to support core regulatory work and backfill strained state accounts; incentive programs shrink while AB 617 community air grants continue at roughly current levels; air districts' state subvention remain at baseline; and no funding is proposed for the FARMER program. Beginning in 2026–27, SB 840 reshapes the GGRF by ending existing continuous appropriations and creating new funding tiers that increase competition for remaining discretionary GGRF dollars—often at the expense of air district level programs. Rapid expansion of data center development is also expected to significantly increase statewide electricity demand and associated fossil fuel emissions, adding further pressure to CARB and air district planning and mitigation efforts.

While FY 26/27 offers a series of new regulatory and economic uncertainties, the NSCAPCD budget is well situated to adapt and to continue to provide its core services, maintain air quality, and offer incentive programs. The NSCAPCD will continue to monitor these and other issues in concert with the District's legislative platform to stay abreast and respond in a timely manner. The FY 26/27 proposed budget considers these factors with reasonable contingencies.

## **10. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FY 26/27 BUDGET**

The proposed budget is like previous year's and includes all the County's current published cost rates for FY 26/27 support services and staff salaries with benefits. The proposed budget conservatively estimates revenues and expenses that are adequate to: cover known costs; provide for program development; provide for emergency preparedness; and provide contingency funds. At the time this budget was prepared, there was one month of this fiscal year remaining; therefore, we do our best to provide accurate estimate values based upon the currently available data.

### Operation Fund

The District estimates that its Operation fund will have a beginning fund balance of **\$1,273,465** available for FY 26/27, plus estimated incoming FY 26/27 Operation revenues of **\$1,933,621** providing a total estimated funds available amount of **\$3,207,086**. The District proposes FY 26/27 expenditures of **\$2,123,827** representing a Net Revenue / (Cost) of **(\$190,206)**. Historically, the District budgets for a net cost, but it has never closed a fiscal year with a net cost. This net cost serves as spending authority for small contingencies to avoid formal budget adjustments between scheduled board meetings. Note that if the District were to spend the net cost that it has an adequate reserve to absorb it without Program harm.

### Building Fund

The Building fund was established in FY23/24 as part of the Board's approved purchase of 625 Center Street for the purpose of ensuring that our new permanent offices are appropriately maintained. The District estimates the Building fund will have a beginning fund balance of **\$54,683** available for FY26/27, plus estimated incoming FY26/27 revenues of **\$20,000**. Revenue comes in the form of budget transfers from other District funds. The District proposes FY26/27 expenditures of up to **\$20,000** to cover any necessary maintenance of the property.

### Geysers Area Monitoring Program (GAMP) Fund

The GAMP fund acts like a trust with the funds belonging to a community consortium that the District manages at the direction of the GAMP Board, via an MOU agreement. The District will exit the GAMP as fiscal manager and holder of funds around Fall 2026, and then will continue to participate in the GAMP as technical advisor. At the time of this report, the GAMP fund balance was about **\$80,000** and therefore the District requests **\$80,000** spending authority to close-out the account. The GAMP MOU is currently being updated to reflect this change and to bring other GAMP program elements current. The revision of the MOU will take longer than the transfer of funds and will be brought back to this Board for adoption at a future date.

### Community Grants Funds

Funds for the District's community grants are managed from the District's VPMP, Carl Moyer, DMV Moyer, Community Program Fund, and FARMER funds. Each of these five funds have their own specific scope for usage pursuant to their corresponding grants or funding sources.

Table of Community Grant Funds

| Fund                     | VPMP         | DMV Moyer    | Carl Moyer   | Community   | FARMER       |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                          | #77302       | #77303       | #77304       | #77306      | #77307       |
| Beginning Fund Balance   | \$ 799,717   | \$ 1,180,083 | \$ 255,339   | \$ 60,251   | \$ 890,971   |
| Revenue                  | \$ 280,000   | \$ 165,000   | \$ 643,287   | \$ 36,807   | \$36,000     |
| Expenditure              | \$ 800,000   | \$ 576,541   | \$ 898,626   | \$ 53,454   | \$926,971    |
| Net Revenue / (Net Cost) | \$ (520,000) | \$ (411,541) | \$ (255,339) | \$ (16,647) | \$ (890,971) |
| Ending Fund Balance      | \$ 279,717   | \$ 768,542   | \$ (0)       | \$ 43,604   | \$ (0)       |

The District is requesting full spending authority for Carl Moyer and FARMER pass-through State grants as our 25/26 grant application period was oversubscribed with (18) projects requesting a record high amount of approximately **\$2.3M**. The District anticipates Carl Moyer and/or FARMER grant disbursements of **\$643,287** for FY 26/27, which represents Moyer Year 26, 27, & 28 funding. Right now, the NSCAPCD has **\$890,971** of FARMER funds on hand and **\$255,339** of Carl Moyer funds. This comfortably sets us up for FY26/27.

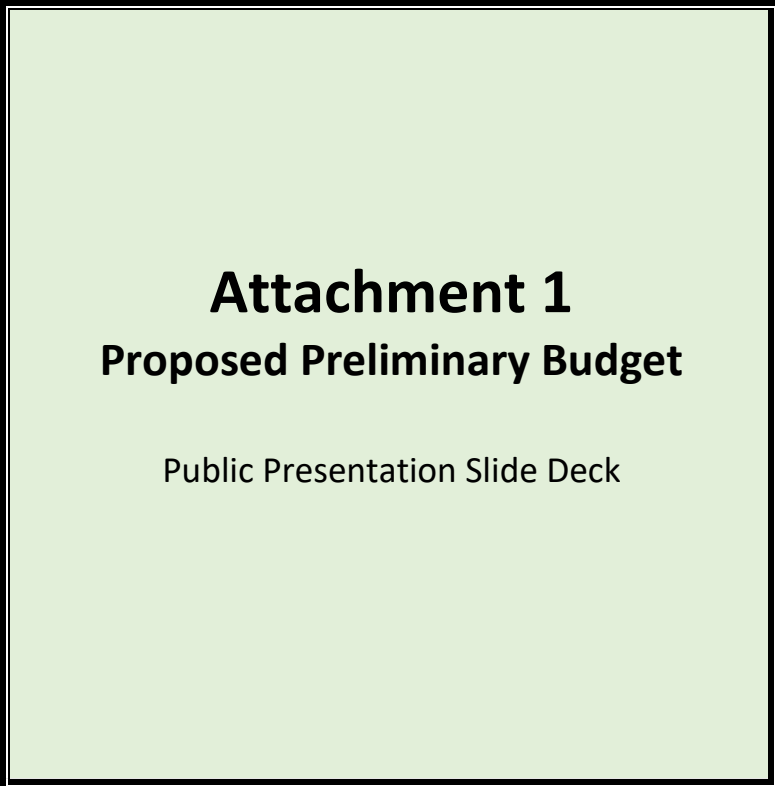
As in previous years, the District has applied for, and will receive in FY 26/27, Year 9 AB 617 Community Implementation funds of **\$34,807**. This money is used for community outreach, our District Community programs, and data collection and processing for mandatory statewide reporting (CTR). For FY 26/27, we anticipate using the AB 617 funds in a similar manner and may add an air purifier component to our community programs.

## 11. RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and adopt resolution #26-04 with any final revisions to approve the final FY 26/27 District budget. After adoption, the final budget is submitted to the County Treasury to be entered into the District's fiscal accounts for tracking. There is no County approval process involved with the adoption of the District's budget.

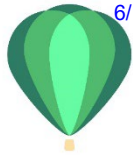
## 12. ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #1: Public Budget Presentation Slide Deck
- Attachment #2: Detailed Budget Review
- Attachment #3: Resolution #26-04 to Adopt the final FY26/27 Budget



**Attachment 1**  
**Proposed Preliminary Budget**

Public Presentation Slide Deck



6/18/2026

NORTHERN  
SONOMA COUNTY

Air Pollution Control District

NSCAPCD General Board Meeting

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# First Budget Hearing Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget

May 21, 2026



Clean Air.  
Good Living.

# Unique Budget Process

## Intent of Legislature

(HSC §40130)

- Open process to educate the public of the costs & benefits of air quality improvement.
- Full opportunity for the public to participate & comment on a budget prior to adoption.
- Shall provide accountability to District boards & Districts in their budget processes.

## Required Process

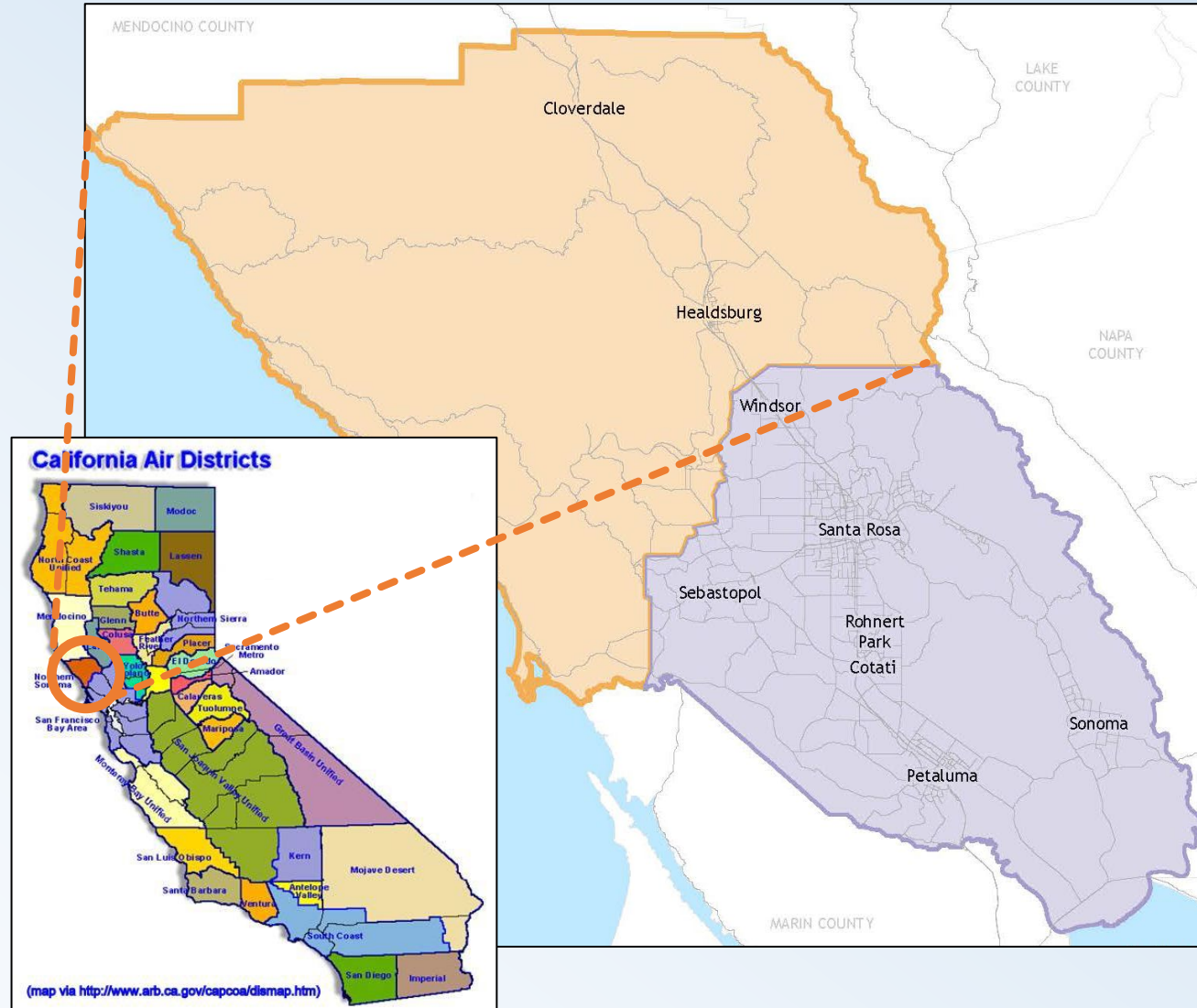
(HSC §40131)

- Prepare & make available to the public a summary of budget & fees to be imposed by the district to fund its programs.
- Notify persons subject to fees imposed by the District.
- Hold 1st public hearing for the exclusive purpose of reviewing proposed budget & of providing the public with the opportunity to comment.
- Hold 2nd public hearing, by a period of not less than two weeks from the 1<sup>st</sup> to adopt budget.

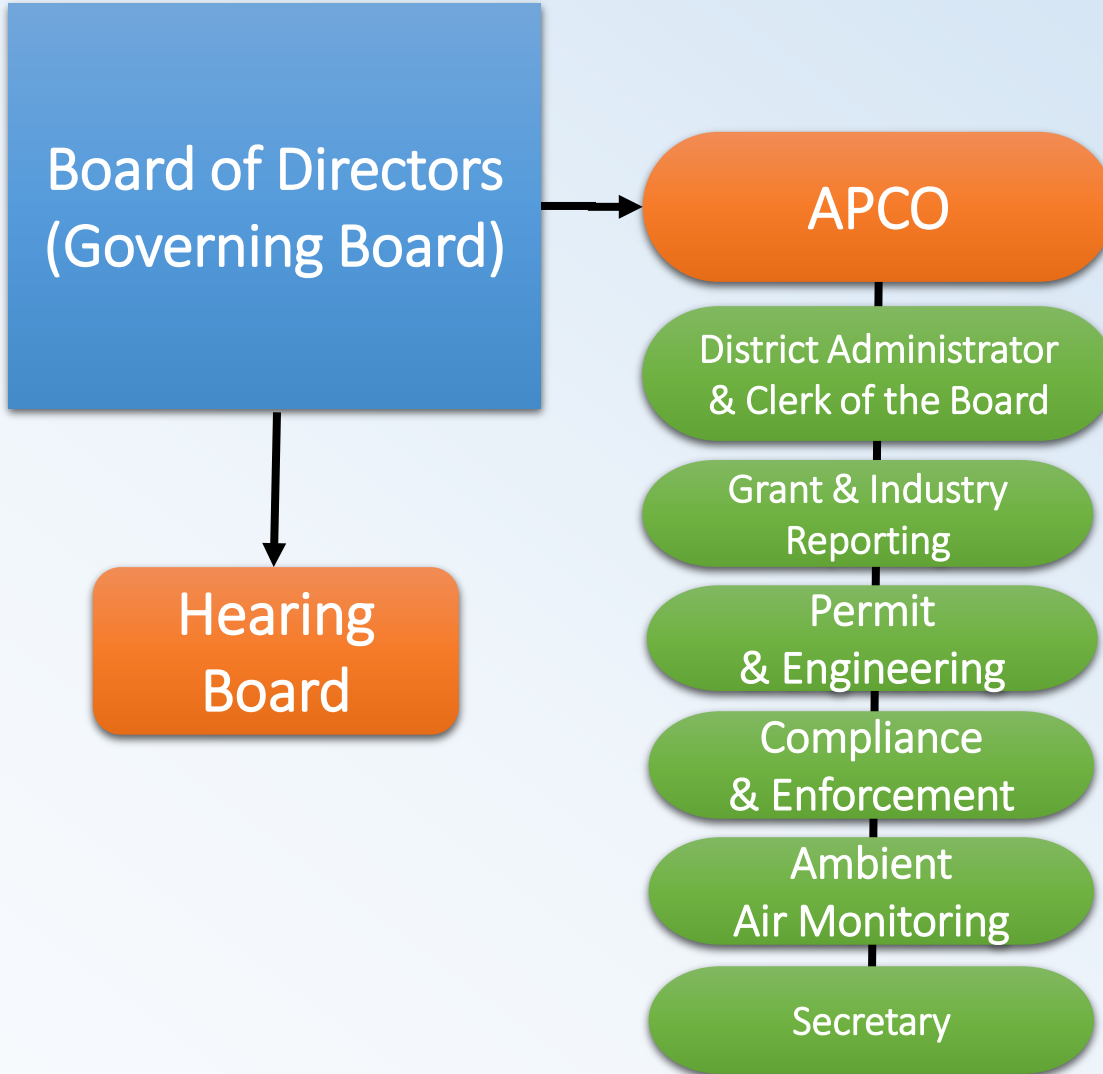
# Northern Sonoma County

## AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

- Northern Sonoma County.
- Enabling authority from State legislature in Health and Safety Code.
- Implements CA and Federal Clean Air Acts.
- Primary responsibility to permit stationary sources.
- Regulatory & enforcement authority.



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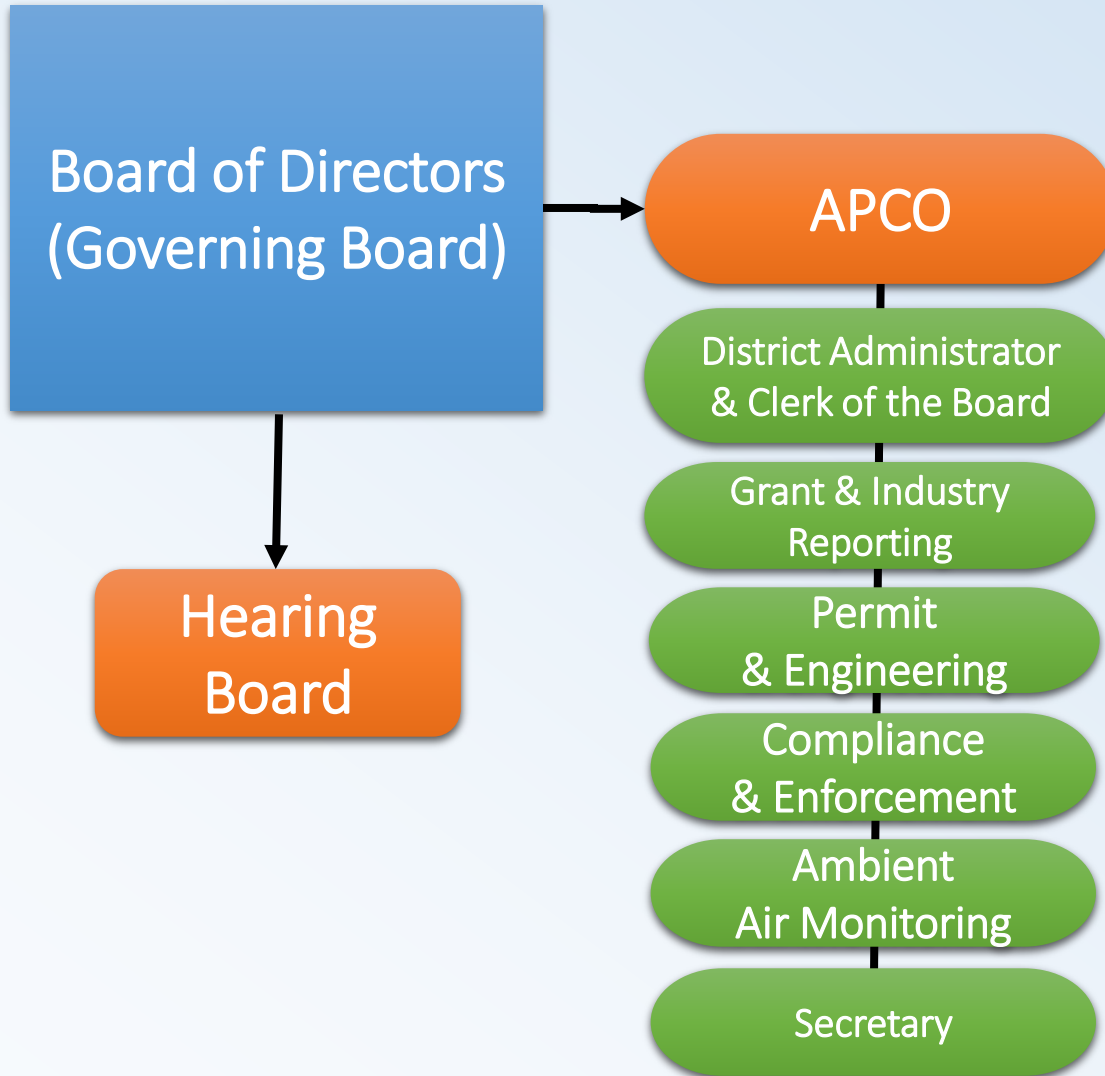
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# Mission Statement & Values

**It is the mission of the NSCAPCD to promote and protect the health, welfare, quality of life, and the ecological resources for the residents and visitors of Northern Sonoma County through the effective reduction of air pollutants.**

*This mission is accomplished through innovative, fair and consistent implementation of local, state and federal air quality regulations. All people shall enjoy the same degree of protection from air pollutants and equal access to the decision-making process to maintain a healthy, beautiful and sustainable environment in which to live, learn, work, and play.*

# Status of the Air

## 25 Years of continuous “attainment” for all Federal & State Ambient Air Quality Standards.

The Federal and California Clean Air Acts establish Ambient Air Quality Standards for pollutants that are common in outdoor air, considered harmful to public health and the environment, and that come from numerous and diverse sources. Including:

- ✓ **Carbon Monoxide (CO)**
- ✓ **Particulate Matter (PM-10 & PM-2.5)**
- ✓ **Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**
- ✓ **Lead (Pb)**
- ✓ **Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)**
- ✓ **Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)**

### **The District Operates 3 Federal Certified Monitoring Sites:**

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Healdsburg Senior Center :   | PM-10 |
| Cloverdale Vets Hall:        | PM-10 |
| Guerneville Sheriff Station: | PM-10 |

# Permit & Compliance Activity

## Permitting

**3,818** Active Permits:

**2,831** Open burn

1,993 Residential

710 Agricultural

128 Prescribed & Other

**987** Stationary

12 Major Source

523 Geothermal

137 Ag. Engines

19 Gas Station

296 Non-Geothermal

## Compliance

**0** Variances (Hearing Board)

**3** Investigated Complaints

**1** NOV settlements

**~12,563** Burns Conducted

NOV 1 – May 15, 2026

# Budget Presentation

- **Self-funded** (no county general fund) primarily by permit fees.
- **Fiscally sound** with consistent revenue for District operations.
- **No fee increases** proposed.
- **8 budget accounts:**



| Account    | Type           |
|------------|----------------|
| Operations | District Funds |
| Building   | District Funds |
| VPMP       | District Funds |
| DMV Moyer  | District Funds |
| Carl Moyer | State Grant    |
| Community  | District Funds |
| FARMER     | State Grant    |
| GAMP       | GAMP Trust     |

# Operations

- **What it is used for:** Operational fund of which the majority of District operations are implemented, including: staff salary and benefits, county support services, rent, facilities, and materials.
- **What funds it:** Primarily funded by permit fees (**\$1,150,000**); taxes & interest (**\$270,000**); subvention, state funding, and fees (**\$74,904**); and transfers-in (**\$438,717**).

- **Proposed:**

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | <b>\$ 1,273,465</b>        |
| • Revenue:                | <b>\$ 1,933,621</b>        |
| • Expenditure:            | <b><u>\$ 2,123,827</u></b> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | <b>\$ (190,206)</b>        |
| • Ending Fund Balance:    | <b>\$ 1,083,259</b>        |

# Building

- **What it is used for:** The Building fund was established in FY23/24 to ensure that the new District property at 625 Center Street is appropriately maintained and that a reserve account exists to cover unanticipated or long term costs of building ownership.
- **What funds it:** Budget Transfers from the Operations fund (\$18,000), Interest (\$2,000).

- **Proposed:**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ 54,683        |
| • Revenue:                | \$ 20,000        |
| • Expenditure:            | <u>\$ 20,000</u> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | \$ 0             |
| • Ending Fund Balance:    | \$ 54,683        |

# Vehicle Pollution Mitigation Program

- **What it is used for:** Projects that mitigate on-road vehicle pollution: e.g. Electric Vehicle and EV Charger incentives, public transit incentives, infrastructure that promotes alternative transportation. May also be used for District air monitoring program & implementing CCAA.
- **What funds it:** AB 2766; 1991 amendment to HSC allowing for District to collect \$4 surcharge on motor vehicle registrations.

- **Proposed:**

|                           |    |                |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ | 799,717        |
| • Revenue:                | \$ | 280,000        |
| • Expenditure:            | \$ | <u>800,000</u> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | \$ | (520,000)      |
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ | 279,717        |

- \$250,000 Air Monitoring
- \$300,000 Database Dev.
- \$240,000 District Infrastructure
- \$ 10,000 Misc. Costs

# DMV Moyer (District Fund)

- **What it is used for:** Single purpose fund, provides grants for reductions in emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines, in vehicles and equipment, including school buses. District uses it to match or supplement Carl Moyer projects (primarily clean diesel tractors).
- **What funds it:** AB 923, from 2004, authorized the District to collect a \$2 DMV registration surcharge aimed at reducing emissions via the State Carl Moyer Program. District fund that does not “sunset.”

- **Proposed**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ 1,180,083      |
| • Revenue:                | \$ 165,000        |
| • Expenditure:            | <u>\$ 576,541</u> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | \$ (411,541)      |
| • Ending Fund Balance:    | \$ 768,542        |

# Carl Moyer (State Grant)

- **What it is used for:** Single purpose fund, provides incentives for cleaner than required heavy diesel engines in: tractors, marine vessels, construction equipment, some on road vehicles, some types of ag pumps, and other types of projects as allowed.
- **What funds it:** State grant funded by DMV smog abatement fees and tire surcharges and implemented by CARB. District applies annually and the funds must be spent within 2 years or returned.

- **Proposed**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ 255,339        |
| • Revenue:                | \$ 643,287        |
| • Expenditure:            | <u>\$ 898,626</u> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | \$ (255,339)      |
| • Ending Fund Balance:    | \$ 0              |

These funds sunset & must be returned if not used; therefore, the District expends ~100%.

# Geysers Area Monitoring Program

- **What it is used for:** Single purpose fund in trust, belongs to the GAMP consortium. Under an MOU, the District is the contract and funds manager. Monitors H<sub>2</sub>S downwind of geysers in Lake County.
- **What funds it:** Funded solely by members of the Geysers Industrial Complex; no District or County funds. GAMP consortium sets the budget annually.
- **Proposed:**
  - Beginning Fund Balance: \$ 80,000
  - Revenue: \$ 0
  - Expenditure: \$ 80,000

The District requests ~100% expenditure so GAMP Board has full access to its funds.

# Community Program Fund

- **What it is used for:** Projects that study or mitigate air pollution in the District community. Currently used for the District's participation in AB 617 CAPP projects and other community programs.
- **What funds it:** BOD established fund in 1996 after receiving a large air violation penalty. Fund is replenished by penalties assessed for violations; therefore, replenish rate is variable and unpredictable. Also, may be funded by transfers-in from discretionary funds.

- **Proposed:**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ 60,251        |
| • Revenue:                | \$ 36,807        |
| • Expenditure:            | <u>\$ 53,454</u> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | \$ (16,647)      |
| • Ending Fund Balance:    | \$ 43,604        |

# FARMER Fund

- **What it is used for:** The Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program provides funding through local air districts for agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations.
- **What funds it:** State grant funded year-to-year with a variety of state funding sources. Current funding is from CA Climate Investments (GHG “Cap & Trade.”)

- **Proposed:**

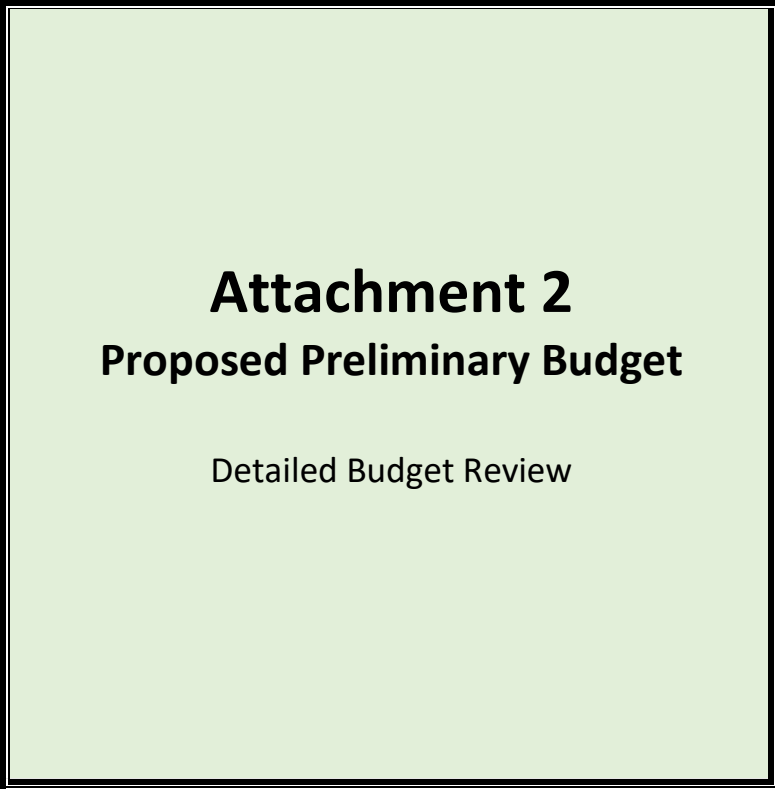
|                           |    |                |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| • Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ | 890,971        |
| • Revenue:                | \$ | 36,000         |
| • Expenditure:            | \$ | <u>926,971</u> |
| • Net Revenue / (Cost):   | \$ | (890,971)      |
| • Ending Fund Balance:    | \$ | 0              |



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**Attachment 2**  
**Proposed Preliminary Budget**

Detailed Budget Review

## Detailed Review of Proposed FY 26/27 Budget

### DISTRICT FUNDS

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Operations                                  | 5. State Moyer (grant)    |
| 2. Building                                    | 6. Community Program Fund |
| 3. Vehicle Pollution Mitigation Program (VPMP) | 7. GAMP                   |
| 4. DMV Moyer (surcharge)                       | 8. FARMER                 |

### 1. Operations

Fund # 77301

The District estimates that its Operation fund will have a beginning fund balance of **\$1,273,465** available for FY 26/27, plus estimated incoming FY 26/27 Operation revenues of **\$1,933,621** providing a total estimated funds available amount of **\$3,207,086**. The District proposes FY 26/27 expenditures of **\$2,123,827** representing a Net Revenue / (Cost) of **(\$190,206)**.

|                        |    | Proposed<br>26/27 | Budgeted<br>25/26 | Actual<br>24/25 | Actual<br>23/24 |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ | 1,273,465         | 1,147,854         | 1,219,704       | 2,421,286       |
| Revenue                | \$ | 1,933,621         | 1,908,673         | 1,761,056       | 2,399,535       |
| Expenditure            | \$ | 2,123,827         | 1,964,601         | 1,705,368       | 3,601,117       |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)   | \$ | (190,206)         | (55,928)          | 55,688          | (1,201,582)     |
| Ending Fund Balance    | \$ | 1,083,259         | 1,091,926         | 1,275,392       | 1,219,704       |

Anticipated revenues and proposed operation expenditures are anticipated to remain stable for FY 26/27, and relatively unchanged from previous years. The majority of the Operations fund revenue is from permit fees which have specific permit program use requirements. Non-permit air quality functions are proposed to be funded by subvention and tax revenue. A portion of VPMP funds transferred is proposed to fund the monitoring program, salary, data systems, and equipment.

**Revenues Discussion.** Total Operation fund revenues for FY 26/27 are estimated at **\$1,933,621**; primarily comprised of permit fees **\$1,150,000**; state subvention, PERP, and other fees **\$74,904**; property tax and interest **\$270,000**; and transfers-in from other funds **\$438,717**. Below is a description of each revenue category and fund use/restriction.

- **Permit Fees.** Air Districts have specific permit fee requirements. Federal law (40CFR Part70 §9(a)) and State law (HSC §42311(s)) both require that Air Districts require permit holders of regulated stationary sources to annually pay fees to “sufficiently” cover the District’s costs of implementing the permit programs. The District may only use the permit fees for the permit program(s). Permit fees from stationary sources provide approximately **\$1,000,000**, and open burn permits provide an additional **\$150,000**. The geothermal

industry-related permits account for approximately **\$710,000** of the total stationary source permit revenue.

- Subvention. To assist with District program funding, the State (via CARB) provides “subvention” and other grants of approximately **\$74,904** to assist in the operation of District programs and state mandates. Subvention amounts are primarily determined by District population count with a minimum amount of **\$34,400** per year allotted for low-population rural Districts, like NSCAPCD. HSC §39802.5. Often, CARB offers a supplemental subvention amount with a District match. To receive subvention a District must have a fully realized and funded permit, inspection, and compliance program. HSC §39802. Subvention fees have non-restricted use, but they are not intended to be used to help a District fund its permit program, as required by subvention funding applicability. Subvention funds are subject to audit and may be revoked for misuse. HSC §39808. Subvention funds are typically used to help fund non-permit activities such as investigating nuisance complaints, wildfire smoke response, providing CEQA response, industry and public outreach and education, and GHG and climate sustainability. The District Handbook, Chapter 8, pp 41 lists more unfunded or partially funded program activities that cannot use permit revenue. For FY 26/27, the total subvention amount is **\$44,400** (**\$34,400** base + **\$10,000** supplemental). The District also expects to receive ~**\$27,600** from CARB to assist with Portable Engine Registration (PERP); and **\$2,904** from other sources.
- Taxes. The NSCAPCD is one of only three air districts in the state that receives monies from an annual property tax. This was established in the early 1950’s when the Bay Area Air Quality Management District was formed and typically provides NSCAPCD approximately **\$220,000** per year. This tax has unrestricted use and the District may use it for non-permit (air quality) program activities. These funds are used to implement grant and incentive programs and help fund District salary costs. This revenue fluctuates with the economy, and for FY 26/27 the total estimated tax revenue is **\$220,000**.
- Interest. District accounts and grants earn interest that can be used depending on grant guidelines. For FY 26/27, the total estimated interest is approximately **\$50,000**.
- Transfers-in. Transfers-in (from other funds) includes: administrative overhead earned for managing various grant funds; and funds transferred from the VPMP fund for monitoring program and staff salary support for a total of **\$438,717** as follows.
  - Administration. Certain District grant programs provide that a small percentage of the grant may be recovered by the District for administration of the grant. Administration amounts vary depending on the amounts of annual grant awards and the grant guidelines. For FY 26/27, the total estimated administration earned is approximately **\$238,717**.

- o VPMP Transfers. VPMP funds may be transferred in (to the Operations fund) for the “implementation of the California Clean Air Act (CCAA).” The VPMP guidelines specifically support applying funds toward a District’s ambient air monitoring program, including monitor hardware and personnel salary. This transfer-in option provides an extremely valuable safeguard should permit fees unexpectedly drop, or to free-up limited discretionary funds for non-permit program activities. For FY 26/27, the District proposes to transfer **\$200,000** for the monitoring program and salary support.

***Expenditures Discussion.*** Total Operation fund expenditures for FY 26/27 are estimated at **\$2,123,827**; primarily comprised of “Salaries and Benefits” **\$1,538,679** and “Support Expenditures” **\$585,148** as identified below.

Salaries and Benefits. Salaries and benefits combined for (7) FTEs are the largest District expenditure at approximately **\$1,538,679** comprised of **\$978,649** as regular wages and **\$560,029** as benefit costs. Salary costs are estimated with anticipated salary step for merit pay increases. Four District employees are union represented (SEIU and WCE) and receive COLA and benefits according to their negotiated contracts. The APCO and two District Analyst(s) are unrepresented and receive benefits according to County Salary Resolution.

Support Expenditures. These are non-salary and benefit expenditures necessary to support the District at approximately **\$585,148**. Key support expenditures may be summarized as follows:

| <b>Summary of Key Support Expenditures</b>    |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| County accounting & audit services:           | <b>\$ 100,000</b> |
| Legal counsel (County & District):            | <b>\$ 54,500</b>  |
| Misc. Expenses                                | <b>\$ 83,500</b>  |
| Info. tech., network & phone:                 | <b>\$ 86,641</b>  |
| Training, Travel, & Professional Development: | <b>\$ 28,000</b>  |
| Memberships & certs.                          | <b>\$ 4,200</b>   |
| RCPA Contribution                             | <b>\$ 25,000</b>  |
| Pubs., marketing, Xerox, mail:                | <b>\$ 25,700</b>  |
| Maintenance of bldg. & equip.                 | <b>\$ 35,400</b>  |
| Contract services                             | <b>\$ 75,000</b>  |
| Utilities                                     | <b>\$ 15,000</b>  |
| County Risk Mgt. & HR                         | <b>\$ 21,707</b>  |
| Lab, Office, Computer Equip. & Acc.           | <b>\$ 22,500</b>  |
| Vehicle use expenses                          | <b>\$ 8,000</b>   |

**2. Building**

Fund # 77308

For FY 26/27, the District estimates a beginning fund balance of **\$54,683**, revenues of **\$20,000**, and expenditures of **\$20,000**. The District calculates a net revenue of **\$0**.

|                        |    | Proposed<br>26/27 | Budgeted<br>25/26 | Actual<br>24/25 | Actual<br>23/24 |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ | 54,683            | 32,232            | 141,122         | 0               |
| Revenue                | \$ | 20,000            | 20,000            | 16,125          | 2,289,242       |
| Expenditure            | \$ | 20,000            | 20,000            | 111,912         | 2,148,120       |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)   | \$ | (0)               | (0)               | (95,788)        | 141,122         |
| Ending Fund Balance    | \$ | 54,683            | 32,232            | 45,356          | 141,122         |

**3. Vehicle Pollution Mitigation Program (VPMP)**

Fund # 77302

For FY 26/27, the VPMP revenue is estimated at **\$280,000**; **\$30,000** from earned interest, and **\$250,000** which varies based on the vehicle registration surcharge in the District. This would be added to the existing fund balance of **\$799,717** for a total of **\$1,179,717**. The District proposes spending authority of **\$850,000** of this for the following programs: proposed development of new Database system for District open burn and permit programs costing up to **\$300,000**; provide funding for District charging infrastructure and vehicle replacement and other green infrastructure at 625 Center Street at **\$240,000**; contingency funds to relocate District Monitoring sites of up to **\$50,000**; transfers into the Operations fund to support the District monitor network and staff salaries in the amount of **\$200,000**; and an additional **\$10,000** to support miscellaneous program expenses.

|                        |    | Proposed<br>26/27 | Budgeted<br>25/26 | Actual<br>24/25 | Actual<br>23/24 |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ | 799,717           | 841,740           | 626,857         | 1,171,384       |
| Revenue                | \$ | 280,000           | 270,000           | 309,375         | 315,735         |
| Expenditure            | \$ | 800,000           | 810,000           | 212,018         | 859,743         |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)   | \$ | (520,000)         | (540,000)         | 97,357          | (544,527)       |
| Ending Fund Balance    | \$ | 279,717           | 301,740           | 724,214         | 626,857         |

**4. DMV Moyer (District Fund)**

Fund # 77303

For FY 26/27, the District is estimating DMV Moyer revenue of approximately **\$165,000**; **\$125,000** from DMV registration activity in the District plus **\$40,000** in earned interest. This would be added to the existing fund balance of **\$1,180,083** for a total of **\$1,345,083**. The District proposes to expend up to **\$576,541** of these funds for Carl Moyer/FARMER projects.

|                        |    | Proposed<br>26/27 | Budgeted<br>25/26 | Actual<br>24/25 | Actual<br>23/24 |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ | 1,180,083         | 1,010,587         | 891,855         | 723,040         |
| Revenue                | \$ | 165,000           | 150,000           | 184,686         | 168,815         |
| Expenditure            | \$ | 576,541           | 376,501           | 1,968           | 0               |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)   | \$ | (411,541)         | (226,501)         | 182,718         | 168,815         |
| Ending Fund Balance    | \$ | 768,542           | 784,086           | 1,074,573       | 891,855         |

**5. Carl Moyer (State Grant)**

Fund # 77304

For FY 26/27, the District estimates funding of **\$643,287**; with **\$55,074** in Year 26 funds, **\$254,930** in Year 27 funds, **\$254,742** in Year 28 funds, **\$2,000** in earned interest, and **\$76,541** in match funds transferred from the District's DMV Moyer Fund. Expenditures are proposed at **\$892,670** as project expenditures to spend-down current grant funds and anticipated future disbursements before the sunset date. The District goal with this fund is to always spend it down to zero, as unused funds at the end of the four-year period must be returned to the State. If the District over-subscribes this fund, the District's DMV Moyer fund is used to back-fill it.

|                        |    | Proposed<br>26/27 | Budgeted<br>25/26 | Actual<br>24/25 | Actual<br>23/24 |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ | 255,339           | 10,246            | 165,662         | 234,634         |
| Revenue                | \$ | 643,287           | 606,505           | (33,305)        | 4,907           |
| Expenditure            | \$ | 898,626           | 616,751           | 119,691         | 73,879          |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)   | \$ | (255,339)         | (10,246)          | (152,996)       | (68,972)        |
| Ending Fund balance    | \$ | 0                 | 0                 | 12,666          | 165,662         |

**6. Community Program Fund**

Fund # 77306

This fund originated as a container for the District’s violation penalties to implement community projects. In more recent years, additional revenue streams for community projects have become available, expanding the funds and diversity of projects available under this Fund. For FY 26/27, the District anticipates total revenue of **\$36,807** representing **\$2,000** of earned interest, and **\$34,807** from the AB617 CAP Implementation program. This would be added to the existing fund balance for a total of **\$60,251**. The District proposes expenditures of up to **\$53,454** for CAP projects which have historically included our community sensor and wildfire resiliency projects, for air purifiers for the District and public use during wildfire smoke or other air quality events, and our Mini-Grant program.

|                       |    | <b>Proposed<br/>26/27</b> | <b>Budgeted<br/>25/26</b> | <b>Actual<br/>24/25</b> | <b>Actual<br/>23/24</b> |
|-----------------------|----|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Starting Fund Balance | \$ | 60,251                    | 52,839                    | 62,645                  | 36,739                  |
| Revenue               | \$ | 36,807                    | 33,915                    | 16,179                  | 46,776                  |
| Expenditure           | \$ | 53,454                    | 86,754                    | 18,000                  | 20,870                  |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)  | \$ | (16,647)                  | (52,839)                  | (1,821)                 | 25,906                  |
| Ending Fund Balance   | \$ | 43,604                    | 0                         | 60,824                  | 62,645                  |

**7. Geysers Area Monitoring Program (GAMP)**

Fund # 77305

The GAMP fund acts like a trust with the funds belonging to a community consortium that the District manages at the direction of the GAMP Board, via an MOU agreement. The GAMP funds are provided by the industry partners participating in the GAMP and are not NSCAPCD funds. The District will exit the GAMP as fiscal manager and holder of funds around Fall 2026, and then will continue to participate in the GAMP as a technical advisor and continue to offer the District’s Pine Summit property in Lake County as a monitor site.

At the time of this report, the GAMP fund balance was about **\$80,000** and therefore the District requests **\$80,000** spending authority to close-out the account. The GAMP MOU is currently being updated to reflect this change and to bring other GAMP program elements current. The revision of the MOU will take longer than the transfer of funds and will be brought back to this Board for adoption at a future date.

|                       |    |        |
|-----------------------|----|--------|
| Starting Fund Balance | \$ | 80,000 |
| Revenue               | \$ | 0      |
| Expenditure           | \$ | 80,000 |

**8. FARMER Fund**

Fund # 77307

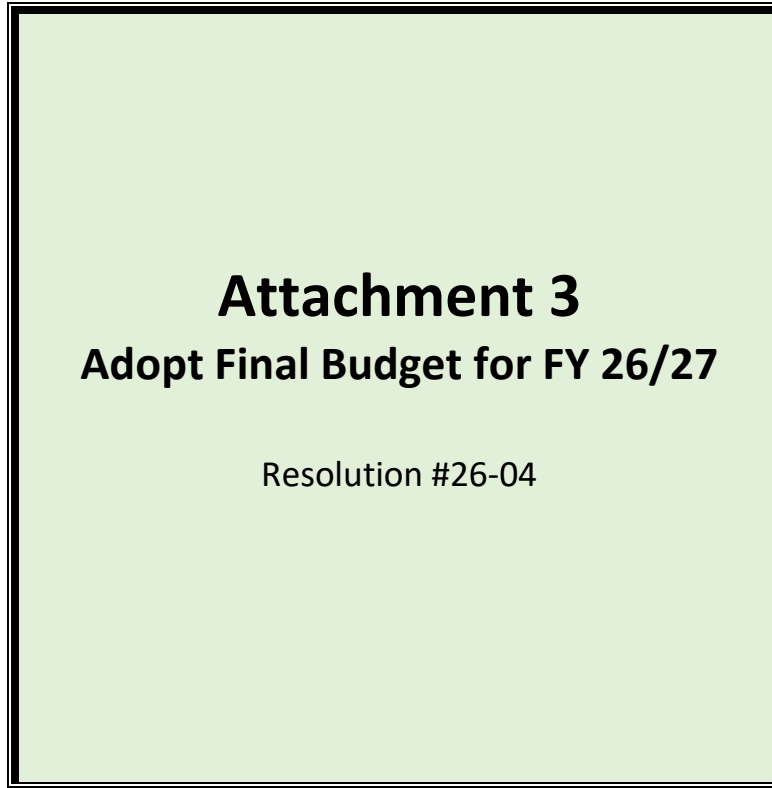
This fund was created in 2022 as a container for FARMER funds allocated to the District. Prior to that year, the District did not receive its own grant allocation and it instead participated in a shared allocation pool. Year 4 funding was awarded at **\$1,165,700**, Year 5 at **\$822,300**, and Year 6 at **\$411,100**. Pursuant to state FARMER guidelines, the District has four years to liquidate the funds for a given funding year.

CARB mandates that funds are disbursed to the Districts incrementally as projects under the Program are developed. In FY26/27 we anticipate no new FARMER disbursements and project Interest revenue of **\$36,000**.

The FARMER program provides that 15% of the project funds may be retained by the District for administration of the Program. Included in the expenditure projection is a **\$168,593** transfer to the Operations fund for the total FARMER Year 5, and 6 grant funds administration.

Of note, the FARMER program offered no funding for Year 7 of the Program (FY24/25), and it is not anticipated that the program will be funded for Year 8 (FY 25/26). Furthermore, CARB recently re-evaluated its funding apportionment schema (based on agricultural activity) and determined that NSCAPCD would no longer be offered an apportioned grant amount, but rather it would have to return to the shared pool if there is future program funding.

|                       |    | Proposed<br>26/27 | Budgeted<br>25/26 | Actual<br>24/25 | Actual<br>23/24 |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Starting Fund Balance | \$ | 890,971           | 1,073,738         | 1,975,764       | 139,733         |
| Revenue               | \$ | 36,000            | 30,000            | 84,285          | 1,846,031       |
| Expenditure           | \$ | 926,971           | 1,072,120         | 1,055,329       | 0               |
| Net Revenue / (Cost)  | \$ | (890,971)         | (1,042,120)       | (971,044)       | 1,846,031       |
| Ending Fund Balance   | \$ | (0)               | 31,618            | 1,004,720       | 1,975,764       |





**Board Resolution:**  
**#26-04**

## Before the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors

**In the Matter Of:** Adopt a resolution to approve the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District’s Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Budget.

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on **June 18, 2026**, by the following vote:

Ayes: Gore \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Wheeler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Noes: Gore \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Wheeler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: Gore \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Wheeler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and attested to by me after its passage:

\_\_\_\_\_ Board Chair

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2026, and June 18, 2026, the District held Public Hearings for the exclusive purpose of reviewing its budget and providing the public with an opportunity to comment upon the proposed District budget, as required by Health and Safety Code Section 40131(a)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, The District made available to the public at least 30 days prior to the May 21, 2026 public hearing, a summary of the proposed budget, as required by Health and Safety Code Section 40131(a)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, The District provided public notice and direct mailings to persons subject to District fees in the preceding year at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled public hearing on May 21, 2026, as required by Health and Safety Code Section 40131(a)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2026, the District Board held an appropriately noticed public hearing for the purpose of considering and adopting the final District Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and

**WHEREAS**, consideration of the final proposed budget has been made before a public hearing; and;

**WHEREAS**, no change is being made to the District Fee Schedule in District Regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code §40124 provides that the District Board appoints the APCO, and the APCO shall appoint all other officers and employees of the county district, the District thereby determines the allocation of the number and class of positions it retains as directed by the APCO and based on the budget approved by the District Board;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District's Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed budget as the final budget of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as shown in the corresponding Staff Report on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District's Board of Directors hereby expressly authorizes and directs the Air Pollution Control Officer or his designee, to negotiate, sign, and amend as necessary, agreements on behalf of the District; to make such purchases; and to expend, encumber, or disencumber funds, for budgeted expenditures included in the final budget of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District for Fiscal Year 2026-27.



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## Agenda Item #2

*Action Item: Stipend  
Resolution #26-05*

**Agenda Date:** June 18, 2026  
**Prepared By:** Rob Bamford, APCO  
**Topic:** NSCAPCD Board Stipend

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt Resolution #26-05 (Attachment #4), thereby establishing a Board member compensation stipend of up to **\$200** per meeting for city/town representatives, in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §40100.5.5. This resolution would establish the stipend as an option at the discretion of each city/town Board member.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The District worked with its state trade association (The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association), to sponsor legislation to provide the authority for county air pollution control districts (such as NSCAPCD) to provide a meeting stipend to its city/town Board members. The goal of NSCAPCD support is to recognize the value of its city/town Board members and to promote elected representatives' participation on the NSCAPCD Board.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Assembly Bill 471 (Hart), enacted in 2025 by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Newsom, added Section 40100.5.5 to the Health and Safety Code (HSC§ 40100.5.5). This section authorizes county air pollution control districts to compensate each city/town board member up to **\$200** per day for the performance of board duties, including board meetings, Board committee meetings, or if authorized by the Board, for other official district business. Compensation shall not exceed **\$7,200** per board member per calendar year. Adopting Resolution #26-05 provides the option for city/town Board members to receive the stipend.

Per HSC § 40100.5.5, compensation may be increased by the Board annually at a regular Board meeting, either by an amount in relation to the California Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 10% per year; or by 5% per calendar year, whichever amount is greater. HSC § 40100.5.5 also prohibits the Board from providing for automatic future increases. If the Board elects to proceed with this Board member compensation, a report to the California Legislature is required within three (3) years of the commencement of the compensation. Implementation of HSC § 40100.5.5 to establish District Board members' compensation ensures compliance with state law and modernizes Board compensation procedures to reflect current practices.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total projected cost for Board compensation for a typical Fiscal Year is **\$3,000-3,600** (5-6 meetings). The cost was anticipated and included in the District's FY 2026-27 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District Staff recommend adoption of Resolution #26-05, thereby establishing an option for city/town Board members to receive compensation of up to **\$200** stipend per meeting for city/town representatives, in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §40100.5.5.

District staff recommend the Board establish the stipend value, not to exceed **\$200** per meeting, per HSC.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Attachment #4: Resolution #26-05

# **Attachment 4**

## **Stipend Option for City/Town Board Members**

Resolution #26-05



**Board Resolution:**  
**#26-05**

## Before the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors

**In the Matter Of:**     Establish a city/town Board member compensation option for a stipend of up to \$200 per meeting.

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on **June 18, 2026**, by the following vote:

Ayes:     Gore \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Wheeler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Noes:     Gore \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Wheeler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain:   Gore \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Wheeler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and attested to by me after its passage:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Board Chair

**WHEREAS**, California Assembly Bill 471, enacted in 2025 by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Newsom, added Section 40100.5.5 to the Health and Safety Code (HSC § 40100.5.5); and

**WHEREAS**, HSC § 40100.5.5 authorizes county air pollution control districts to compensate city/town board members up to \$200 per day for the performance of board duties, including board meetings, Board committee meetings, or if authorized by the Board, for other official district business; and

**WHEREAS**, compensation shall not exceed \$7,200 per city/town board member per calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with HSC § 40100.5.5, the per day compensation amount may be increased by the District Board annually at a regular Board meeting, either in relation to the California Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 10% per year; or by 5% per calendar year, whichever amount is greater; and

**WHEREAS**, HSC § 40100.5.5 does not provide for automatic future increases in Board compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, upon adoption, to proceed with District city/town Board member compensation per HSC § 40100.5.5, a report must be submitted to the California Legislature within three (3) years of the commencement of the compensation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the District Board hereby establishes an option for a city/town Board member to receive compensation of a stipend up to \$200 per meeting or if authorized by the Board, for other official district business, at the discretion of the city/town Board member.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any such compensation shall be in accordance California Health and Safety Code § 40100.5.5.

**Agenda Item #3**

*Action Item:  
Closed Session*

**Agenda Date:** June 18, 2026  
**Prepared By:** Rob Bamford, APCO and Christiana Darlington, District Counsel  
**Topic:** Renewal of APCO Employment Contract

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1&4), the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors will hold a closed session to discuss renewal of the APCO's employment contract. A report on any action taken will be presented prior to the meeting adjournment. The existing contract's 3-year term expires on July 1, 2026.

**DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to HSC § 40700, the NSCAPCD is a non-county entity, defined as a "body corporate and politic and a public agency of the state" where the APCO is appointed by the NSCAPCD Board to the District and the District employees are ex-officio county employees (HSC § 40120) appointed by the APCO. HSC § 40750 requires the District Board to appoint an air pollution control officer (APCO) for the district. Given these, Districts like NSCAPCD with a Board of Directors comprised of county and city elected representatives have the APCO work under an employment contract.

Furthermore, HSC § 40122 provides that the APCO and District employees are to receive the same benefits and salary of county employees; however, as the APCO is not a county employee their salary and benefits are determined solely by the NSCAPD Board. To facilitate this unique structure, the NSCAPCD and the County of Sonoma utilize a MOU with service agreements wherein the NSCAPCD contracts to the County for payroll processing and the benefits of NSCAPCD employees and the APCO, paid solely by NSCAPCD funds.

While the NSCAPCD Board has full discretion over the pay, benefits, and employment contract terms of the APCO, the practice to date has been for the APCO to receive the County (appointed) Department Head benefits with the base salary defined by the APCO's employment contract. "Benefits" in this context include base salary equity adjustments, COLAs, and other items as defined in the published County of Sonoma Salary Resolution for Business Unit #52 (non-union represented appointed Department Head). In this manner, the NSCAPCD can use County payroll and benefit processing for the APCO. Of note, the NSCAPCD pays an additional cost for the County to file state and federal payroll taxes for the APCO under the District's tax ID, while District employees are filed under the County's tax ID.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The APCO's current contract was set to a 3-year term that synchronized with the 3-year term of the County Salary Resolution to facilitate payroll and benefit processing. As written, the County Salary Resolution was to be renewed March 2026 for another 3-year term, which would have provided the NSCAPCD with the relevant fiscal and benefit information in time for the APCO's contract renewal before the APCO's contract expires on July 1, 2026.

However, the county postponed the Salary Resolution renewal by one year and provided for an interim 3% COLA to be paid in July 2026. The County states that it anticipates having the (3-year term) resolution renewed in early March of 2027. The County further stated that it has not begun working on the resolution and therefore it cannot provide any information at the time of this report. This unforeseen situation creates a disparity in alignment of the APCO's contract renewal terms with the County Salary Resolution terms.

The APCO proposes adoption of the county's 1-year Salary Resolution extension by extending the APCO's existing employment contract until July 1, 2027, with the Salary Resolution's 3% COLA for July 2026, and to revisit the 3-year contract extension terms at that point.

No other terms of the existing contract are proposed for revision except to update the reference of the District's previous address of "150 Matheson street" to its current address of "625 Center street."

**Agenda Item #4**

*Information Item:  
Ad-hoc subcommittee*

**Agenda Date:** June 18, 2026  
**Prepared By:** Rob Bamford, APCO and Christiana Darlington, District Counsel.  
**Topic:** Boundary Expansion Ad-hoc Subcommittee Report Out

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

No action requested; information item only.

**DISCUSSION**

On May 8, 2026, the subcommittee met to review its findings regarding the topic of air district boundary expansion. At the formation of the subcommittee on October 26, 2023, the Board directed it to gather information to answer general questions regarding air district boundary expansion; to consider some scenarios that might be related to a NSCAPCD boundary expansion; and to help inform further efforts of the subcommittee regarding the topic. Attachment #5, included with this Agenda Item, is a recap document of the subcommittee findings up to the point of the May 8, 2026, subcommittee meeting.

At the conclusion of the subcommittee meeting on May 8, 2026, it was determined that a boundary expansion for NSCAPCD would not be prudent or necessary at this time. Key findings include:

1. Boundary expansion and/or forming a regional air district from two or more existing air districts requires a substantial amount of resources and would likely yield nominal constituent and air quality benefit. The value proposition decreases further if a non-attainment area is added to an attainment area (like NSCAPCD) as the combination requires implementation of two different programs instead of combining resources to streamline and operate as a single program with benefits of scale.
2. There are concerns of actual or perceived backsliding given California's and air districts' leadership role and their hard-earned investments in air quality and public health. This is exacerbated right now given California's financial shortcomings, which is resulting in reduced spending for state air programs, plus the myriad of Federal cuts that include: EPA state funding, emissions standards, equity programs, and research, on top of a statewide increases in fossil fuel and GHG pollution from emerging data centers that are rapidly increasing the state's energy demand.

3. The presence of two air districts in Sonoma County is unique and generated an interesting quandary in the context of the Geysers geothermal power generation complex in northern Sonoma given that it requires gray water from southern Sonoma, and then distributes the power county-wide and to neighboring counties. A logical outgrowth of this quandary is whether a single Sonoma County air district would (better) facilitate the management of these inter-related shared resources amongst stakeholders. This described phenomenon is not uncommon for traditional power plants that widely source inputs, sometime from out of state (e.g., coal and water), for power produced and then distributed and/or traded over a broad geographic area and/or across political boundaries.

#### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Receive staff and subcommittee presentation and ask questions if desired.
2. Provide direction and advisement regarding continuation of dissolution of the subcommittee.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment #5 – Recap document for May 8, 2026, subcommittee meeting.

**Attachment 5**  
**Boundary Expansion Subcommittee**

Recap - May 8, 2026



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## I. Boundary Expansion Subcommittee

### A. Meeting Notes (May 8, 2026 @10:30)

#### Meeting Goals

1. Consider next steps for subcommittee which may include further research and discussion regarding boundary expansion; winding-down the subcommittee; considering alternative collaborations and/or partnerships with neighboring territories and/or agencies to otherwise address interests and concerns.
2. Provide a report-out to the Board at an upcoming meeting (date TBD at leisure of subcommittee).

#### Key Points

1. There is no legal prohibition of Air Districts expanding their boundary or districts combining to form regional districts. Boundary expansion falls within existing CA Health and Safety Code provisions and/or requires State legislation, depending on expansion scenario.
2. Adding Mendocino or a contiguous Air District to NSCAPCD territory with inadequate funding or a limited industry base for necessary revenue development would put a hardship onto NSCAPCD fiscal resources and would be a limited value proposition for NSCAPCD constituents. This scenario is further exacerbated if the contiguous District is in non-attainment as the NSCAPCD would have to implement both an attainment and non-attainment program with two different permit programs and rule sets.
3. Combining adequately funded contiguous District could provide for economy of scale that benefits NSCAPCD and the contiguous District constituents; however, its recommended that metric(s) be established to help determine constituent benefit and whether an expansion would improve local, state, and federal air quality goals as the combination effort would still be significant and full implementation would span several years. Like point #2 above, adding a non-attainment territory includes significant extra work, but may be practicable if adequate staff and financial resources are available.
4. There is an evolving interest by Windsor regarding the Geysers and southern Sonoma expansion as the Geysers are the primary source of electricity to the county and neighboring regions; gray water; and NSCAPD having a large role as permit and compliance authority over a resource that affects many more people outside of the

District boundary. This isn't an unusual phenomenon with air districts and electrical generation units and advise getting a better understanding of Windsor's concern.

### **Mendocino County AQMD sparks NSCAPCD boundary discussion.**

The position of APCO for Mendocino AQMD became vacant in January 2022, and during various public meetings, the Mendocino Board publicly explored options to secure permanent management, included contracting or combining with other nearby air districts, including NSCAPCD. August 2, 2023, Supervisors from Mendocino County reached out to discuss the concept of forming a regional district with NSCAPCD. Following this discussion, NSCAPCD cordially declined but offered ongoing collaboration and technical support. On October 27, 2025, Mendocino appointed seasoned APCO Glen Stephens (previously APCO of E. Kern County) and Mendocino appears to be rebuilding as a standalone county District.

### **NSCAPCD creation of ad-hoc subcommittee on boundary expansion.**

October 26, 2023 - The Board asked Staff to provide information about the nature of air district boundaries, and more specifically, what would it entail to reincorporate part or all of the southern part of Sonoma County into the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (the District). Second, the Board inquired about how the inclusion of another county into the District would work. The Board made it clear that there is no current direction from the Board to take any action, but rather, to supply the Board with information.

### **Repatriating Southern Sonoma**

Regarding how part or all of the southern part of Sonoma County could be incorporated into the District, the CA Health and Safety Code §40200 describes that “a portion of Sonoma County” shall be part of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Later in the Code, there is a Section of law that governs “Regional Districts.” A Regional District is created when the Boards of Supervisors that are within counties within the same air basin decide to consolidate and become one district. A key finding here is that the Bay Area AQMD is not a “regional district” as defined under this section, but rather a specific statutorily created air district with explicit boundaries listed in a state statute. Regional Districts are created by County BOS actions, (or local petition), as opposed to a state mandated District conglomeration. The placement of part or all of the southern part of Sonoma County within the District would require a legislative action.

### **Adding Mendocino AQMD**

The second question presented is what process would the District undertake to merge with the Mendocino air district. The creation of a regional district is described in Health and Safety Code §40300-40392. In these provisions, there are several steps to create a regional district, the first of which is that each County Board of Supervisors votes to make it happen. Note that even if either of the Districts currently have city board members, it is up to the

counties alone to decide if a regional district should be created. The new regional board would then be created, including a process by which the cities and the respective counties would set up the Board, primarily based on population numbers within the cities and unincorporated areas. Note that the law states that a regional board may set up a civil service system for all employees except the APCO and the executive secretary of the Board. Note that the BOS involved in a regional district can levy tax liens to support their regional district.

### **Non-Attainment - August 21, 2025**

*Non-attainment – designation for a geographic area that violates National (or State) Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for one or more criteria pollutants.*

Expanding the District boundary with southern Sonoma County and/or Mendocino County is not prohibited as a regulatory option, but as a practical matter, it would require extensive work as BAAQMD and Mendocino are both non-attainment for PM-2.5. It was noted that adopting Mendocino County would be more difficult as its brand-new non-attainment status requires substantial work product to be developed and submitted to EPA (in addition to the work that would be required to integrate programs).

Due to their non-attainment status, NSCAPCD could not relax any rules or permit requirements for southern Sonoma County or Mendocino County and would have to simultaneously run attainment and non-attainment programs and retain existing BAAQMD and Mendocino (non-attainment) permitting rules.

### **“Novel” Approach Investigated**

Of note, BAAQMD has several years of clean data findings that could provide for attainment status; however, BAAQMD has chosen not to go through the formal process of being re-designated to attainment. Furthermore, when area(s) within BAAQMD originally measured non-attainment values for air quality, the entire BAAQMD territory (including southern Sonoma) went non-attainment instead of opting to designate just the affected counties or air basins.

BAAQMD’s non-attainment status (for southern Sonoma County) would effectively preclude the NSCAPCD from being able to make southern Sonoma County rules and permitting substantially different from the current BAAQMD rules and permitting.

NSCAPCD staff asked EPA if it would be possible to get the southern portion of Sonoma County into attainment status given its clean data history and then repatriate southern Sonoma County to facilitate the goal of adding southern Sonoma County with NSCAPCD rules and permitting. EPA noted that the idea of redesignating a portion of a non-attainment area (southern Sonoma) as opposed to the whole area (BAAQMD) would be “novel” and it shared that there is precedent with this being done for tribes. However, upon further

research it was learned that the tribes used a portion of the federal clean air act specifically for error correction, and this would not apply to the southern Sonoma non-attainment re-designation.

## **Redesignation**

EPA staff also noted that the SIP submittal required to change southern Sonoma County from non-attainment to attainment requires an extensive data demonstration and that it would likely necessitate third party consultants to help prepare the requisite materials for EPA and that the redesignation process could take several years. In addition, the Clean Air Act requires two 10-year maintenance plans after redesignation from non-attainment to attainment to verify that the attainment status remains ongoing. Maintenance plans are staff and resource intensive and include extra emissions inventory work, continued operation of an expanded monitoring network, verification of continued attainment, and a contingency plan. As a practical matter, adding southern Sonoma would entail running an attainment and non-attainment program, which could then be combined into one designated attainment area after several years. If this “dual” program was a point of further interest, it would be prudent to determine if southern Sonoma County permit fees, property tax, and DMV surcharges would be fully transferred and their approximate amounts to determine if these resources could comfortably support the “dual” program burden.

## **Anti-backsliding**

California SB 288 (2003) specifically prohibits air districts from making rule changes that would exempt a source or reduce its obligations relative to what they were on December 30, 2002. The question was asked how SB 288 would apply to an area that is redesignated from non-attainment to attainment and if SB 288 would “lock-in” the more stringent non-attainment rules regardless of a (new) attainment designation. CARB program and legal staff verified that SB 288 would not prevent a newly re-designated attainment area from implementing less stringent attainment rules and that SB 288 only applied to NSR permitting rules and not all District rules and prohibitions.



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## Agenda Item #5

*Information Item:  
APCO Report-Out*

**Agenda Date:** June 18, 2026  
**Prepared By:** Rob Bamford, APCO  
**Topic:** APCO Report-Out

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### ACTION REQUESTED

No action requested; information item only.

### DISCUSSION

The budget discussion provided in Agenda Item #1 has a detailed overview of District activities; therefore, this report-out notes the upcoming Board meeting and relevant agenda topics:

1. Next Board meeting in August 2026.
2. CALeVIP final report and lessons learned report.
3. Annual Hot Spots report for 2025 at a regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 20, 2026, or October 15, 2026 (required by January 1st).
4. Updates on final selection of a data system for state CTR reporting.
5. District office EV charging installation quotes and vendor selection.
6. District grant program updates.
7. Policy and safety program updates.
8. Legislative platform updates.



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**Agenda Item #6**

*Information Item:  
Board Announcements*

**Agenda Date:** June 18, 2026  
**Prepared By:** Ian Maurer, Board Clerk.  
**Topic:** Board Member Announcements

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

- No action requested; information item only.

**DISCUSSION**

Board member announcements.