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Agenda - Final

Friday, June 26, 2026

9:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, Third Floor

Climate Action Committee

AMERICAN CANYON Melissa Lamattina, Mark Joseph, Pierre Washington (Alternate)

CALISTOGA Kevin Eisenberg(Chair), Lisa Gift, Irais Lopez-Ortega (Alternate)

NAPA Beth Painter, Bernie Narvaez(Vice-Chair), Christopher DeNatale (Alternate)

NAPA COUNTY Liz Alessio, Joelle Gallagher, Amber Manfree (Alternate)

ST. HELENA Billy Summers, Michelle Deasy, Vacant (Alternate)

YOUNTVILLE Hillery Bolt Trippe, Pamela Reeves, Eric Knight (Alternate)

Brian D. Bordona, Director, McKayla McMahon, County Counsel, Jamison Crosby, Natural Resources Conservation Manager, Jesse Gutierrez, Principal Planner, Ryan Melendez, Planner II, Alexandria Quackenbush Meeting Clerk, Angie Ramirez, Meeting Clerk, Aime Ramos, Meeting Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

In this time period, anyone may address the Climate Action Committee regarding any subject over which the Committee has jurisdiction but which is not on today's posted agenda. In order to provide all interested parties an opportunity to speak, time limitations shall be at the discretion of the Chair. As required by Government Code, no action or discussion will be undertaken on any item raised during this Public Comment period.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 24, 2026. [26-1262](#)
Attachments: [4-24-26 Draft CAC Minutes.pdf](#)

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. Receive a presentation on the Bay Area Air District's Rules 9-4 and 9-6, relating to emissions reduction of nitrogen oxides from natural gas-fired furnaces and water heaters in buildings in the Bay Area. [26-1267](#)
Attachments: [Air District Napa Climate Action Committee Meeting Presentation June 2026.pdf](#)

- B. Receive a presentation from City of Calistoga staff and Chair of the Green Committee of the City of Calistoga on the progress of climate action and sustainability activities within the City of Calistoga's jurisdiction. [26-1263](#)
- C. Receive a presentation, discuss, and provide guidance on future outreach and engagement strategies for the implementation phase of the Napa RCAAP. [26-1308](#)

Attachments: [RCAAP Outreach and Engagement June 26 2026 CAC](#)

6. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE ABOVE STATED MEETING WAS POSTED AT A LOCATION FREELY ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE NAPA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 1195 THIRD STREET, NAPA, CALIFORNIA ON JUNE 23, 2026 BY 9:00 AM. A HARDCOPY SIGNED VERSION OF THE CERTIFICATE IS ON FILE WITH THE COMMITTEE CLERK AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

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Aime Ramos, Clerk of the Commission



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Climate Action Committee

Agenda Date: 6/26/2026

File ID #: 26-1262

TO: Napa County Climate Action Committee
FROM: Brian D. Bordona, Director, Napa County Planning, Building, & Environmental Services
REPORT BY: Ryan Melendez, Planner II - Sustainability
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 24, 2026.



Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2026

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1195 Third Street, Third Floor

Time: 9:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

- Mark Joseph
- Melissa Lamattina
- Pamela Reeves
- Michelle Deasy
- Kevin Eisenberg (Chair)
- Bernie Narvaez (Vice-Chair)
- Liz Alessio
- Joelle Gallagher
- Lisa Gift

Committee Members Absent

- Billy Summers
- Hilary Bolt-Trippe
- Beth Painter

Staff Present

- Jamison Crosby, Natural Resources Conservation Manager
- Jesse Gutierrez, Principal Planner
- Ryan Melendez, Planner II
- McKayla McMahon, Committee Counsel
- Aime Ramos, Meeting Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4A. Approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 27, 2026.

The Clerk of the Committee requests approval of minutes from March 27, 2026, regular meeting. Chair Eisenberg opened public comment; no public comments were received.

Motion by Member Gift to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Vice-Chair Narvaez

Result: Motion Carried (9 – 0)

Yes: Lamattina, Joseph, Narvaez, Gift, Gallagher, Deasy, Reeves, Alessio, Eisenberg

No: None

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5A. Receive a presentation on the status of the RCAAP and related CEQA document.

Staff Request: Receive a presentation.

Ryan Melendez presented the item.

Chair Eisenberg opened public comment; one public comment was heard.

A discussion was initiated by Chair Eisenberg with the members and staff.

No action was taken.

5B. Receive a presentation by Erik de Kok, Ascent Environmental Inc., on the proposed Implementation Plan for the Napa RCAAP.

Staff Request: Receive a presentation.

Erik de Kok from Ascent Environmental Inc. presented the item.

Chair Eisenberg opened public comment; two public comments were heard.

A discussion was initiated by Chair Eisenberg with the members and staff.

No action was taken.

5C. Approve the proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26/27) of \$248,955 for program administration of the Climate Action Committee (CAC), outreach, engagement, and RCAAP related projects with an additional cost of \$181, 986 for a regional RCAAP implementation plan for a grand total of \$430,941.

Staff Request: Approve the proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26/27).

Jesse Gutierrez presented the item.

Chair Eisenberg opened public comment; no public comments were received.

Chair Eisenberg initiated a discussion with the members and staff.

Motion by Member Alessio to approve the proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) as presented, seconded by Member Gallagher

Result: Motion Carried (9-0)

Yes Joseph, Lamattina, Gift, Alessio, Gallagher, Deasy, Reeves, Narvaez, Eisenberg

No: None

6. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Gallagher reported that there is a community-wide housing summit on May 26, 2026, at Redwood Credit Union from 1:00 – 5:30pm and is being sponsored by Gen H Housing.

Member Narvaez reported that Napa Bike Fest will be held on May 3rd at 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Oxbow Commons.

Chair Eisenberg reported that there will be a fundraising campaign for finishing the Vine Trail.

Member Joseph and Member Lamattina announced the groundbreaking of the Napa River Ecological Center on May 6th from 10:00-11:00am at Wetlands Edge.

Ryan Melendez announced a sustainability workshop at the Yountville Library on May 1st from 12:00-2:00pm.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Gallagher requested to have a presentation on Air District rule changes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.



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File ID #: 26-1267

TO: Napa County Climate Action Committee

FROM: Brian D. Bordona, Director of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services

REPORT BY: Ryan Melendez, Planner II, Sustainability

SUBJECT: Presentation on Bay Area Air District's Rules 9-4 and 9-6, relating to emissions reduction of nitrogen oxides from residential and commercial furnaces and water heaters in buildings in the Bay Area

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation on the Bay Area Air District's Rules 9-4 and 9-6, relating to emissions reduction of nitrogen oxides from natural gas-fired furnaces and water heaters in buildings in the Bay Area.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Bay Area Air District's Rule 9-6: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Boilers and Water Heaters was first adopted over thirty years ago and later amended in 2007. Rule 9-6 was established to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from residential water heating. Rule 9-4: Nitrogen Oxides from Fan Type Residential Central Furnaces was also originally adopted over thirty years ago and applies to small residential and commercial furnaces. Together, these rules form a key part of the Air District's strategy to reduce emissions from buildings. In recent years, staff have been evaluating updates to both rules to reflect new technologies and support the region's clean air and climate goals.

In March 2023, the Air District Board of Directors adopted amendments to existing Rules 9-4 and 9-6. These rules govern point of sale emission standards for small, typically residential and commercial, water and space heating systems. Emissions of nitrogen oxides impact local and regional air quality and contribute to the formation of ozone and secondary particulate matter. These requirements include zero NOx emissions standards with future implementation dates beginning in 2027, 2029, and 2031, depending on size and equipment type. These requirements apply only upon burn out of one's current equipment. Any equipment manufactured after the new implementation date will be subject to the new standards.

In December of 2024, Air District staff presented an informational update on the implementation readiness of the zero NOx requirements for residential water heaters (Rule 9-6) to the Air District Board of Directors which was informed by an Implementation Working Group (IWG) comprised of over 40 stakeholders. Air District staff is currently working on further amendments to Rule 9-6 to address implementation and affordability

concerns.

In April of 2025, Air District staff presented to the Stationary Source Committee to share proposed next steps and potential flexibilities and amendments to Rule 9-6 (2027 compliance date) based on the IWG's findings. The second phase of the IWG is currently meeting and is focused on furnaces Rule 9-4 (2029 compliance date).

Jennifer Lam, a manager in Regulatory Development at the Bay Area Air District, will present the development processes of Rules 9-4 and 9-6 and upcoming regulatory compliance updates.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.



Zero-NO_x Building Appliance Rules Overview

Napa County Climate Action
Committee

June 26, 2026

Jennifer Lam

Manager, Regulatory Development, Bay Area Air District



Bay Area Air District

- Formed in 1955 by the California Legislature
- Regulates stationary sources of air pollution in the 9-county Bay Area
- Governed by Board of Directors
 - 24 locally elected representatives from each county
 - 4 from Santa Clara County



Background

Air pollution, building appliances, and Rule 9-6 (small water heaters)

Air Pollution and Public Health

Air pollutants include:

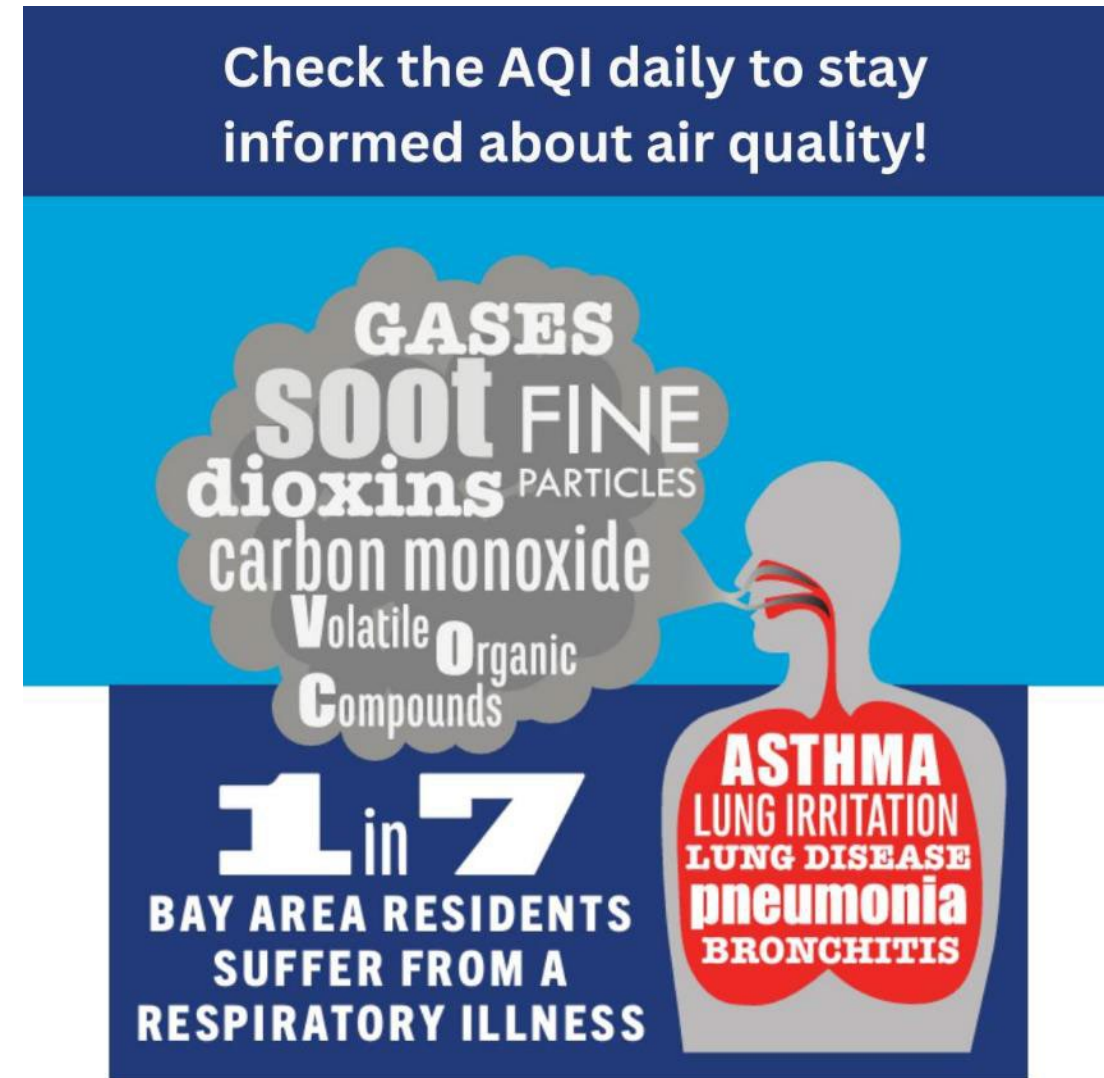
- Particulate matter
- Toxic air contaminants
- Chemicals that form ozone

Air pollution has been linked to:

- Asthma
- Bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Heart attacks and strokes

Increasing evidence of a link to:

- Diabetes
- Dementia



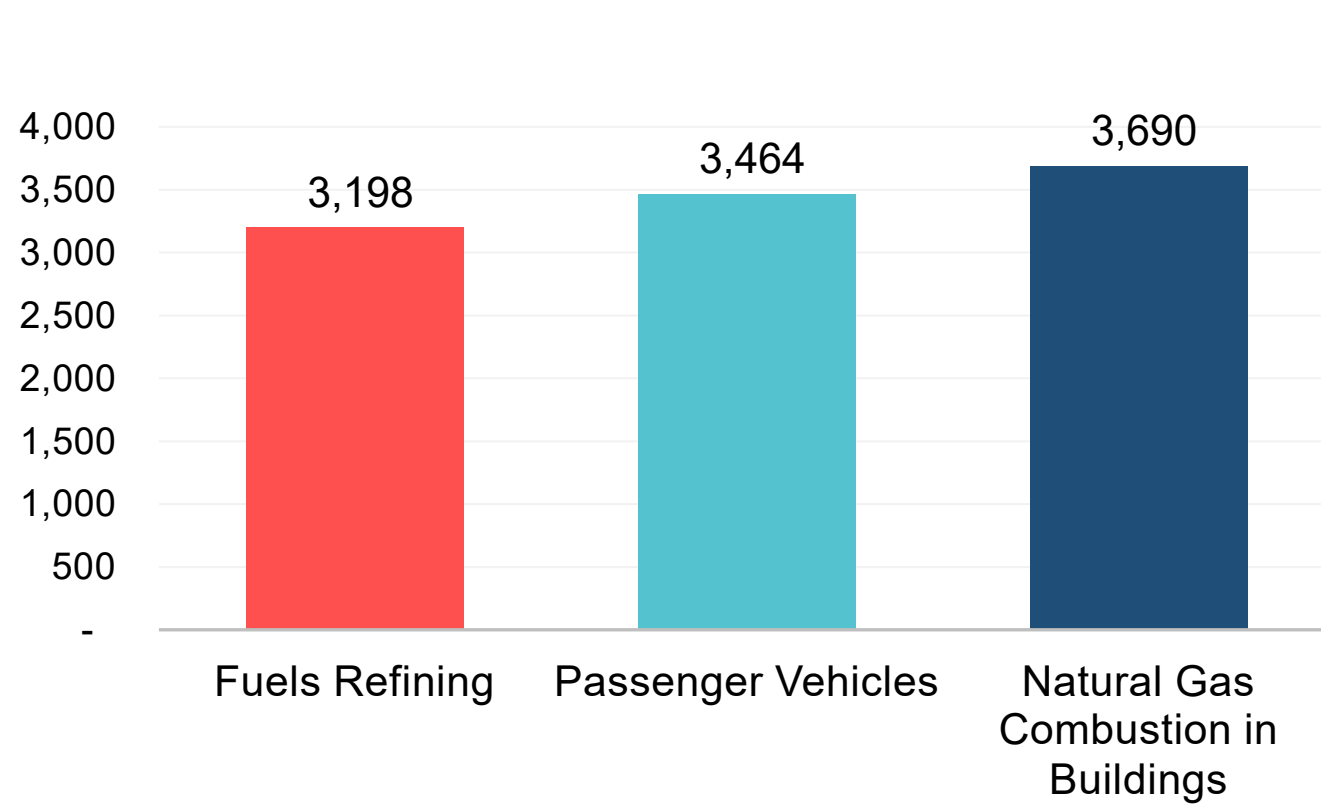
Check the AQI daily to stay informed about air quality!

GASES
SOOT FINE
dioxins PARTICLES
carbon monoxide
Volatile Organic
Compounds

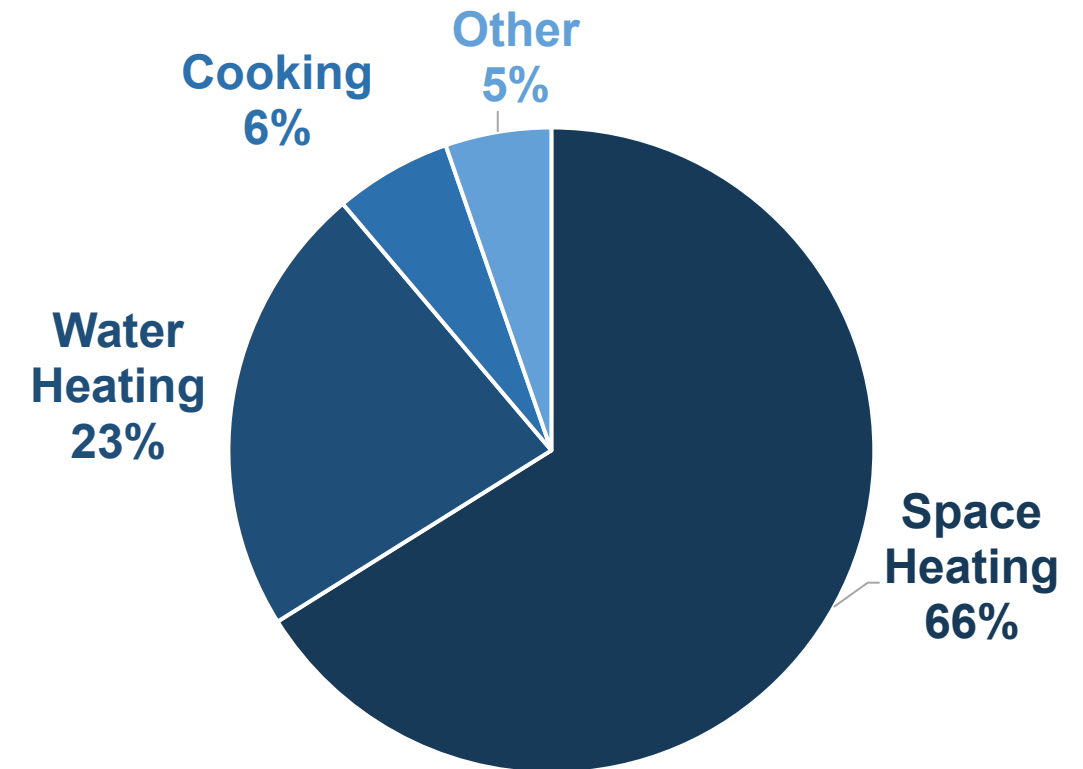
ASTHMA
LUNG IRRITATION
LUNG DISEASE
pneumonia
BRONCHITIS

1 in **7**
BAY AREA RESIDENTS
SUFFER FROM A
RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Residential Appliance Emissions



2019 Air District NOx Emissions (tons)



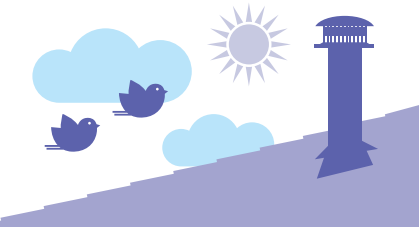
2019 Air District Residential Natural Gas Combustion NOx Emissions

Major Health Benefits from Rules 9-4 and 9-6

These appliance rules help improve regional air quality by reducing pollution from furnaces and water heaters.

Cleaner outdoor air

Less NO_x and PM_{2.5} from venting



Lower pollution means lower exposure to fine particles (PM_{2.5}).

Cleaner Bay Area communities

Biggest PM_{2.5} reductions in communities of color and overburdened neighborhoods



Reducing PM_{2.5} and NO_x exposure can prevent dozens of early deaths every year in the Bay Area.

Up to 85 early deaths avoided
each year from cleaner air



Health improvements from cleaner air avert unnecessary costs from health impacts.

Up to \$890M

Annual health benefits saved in avoided illnesses, hospital visits, and early deaths



Appliance Rules Basics

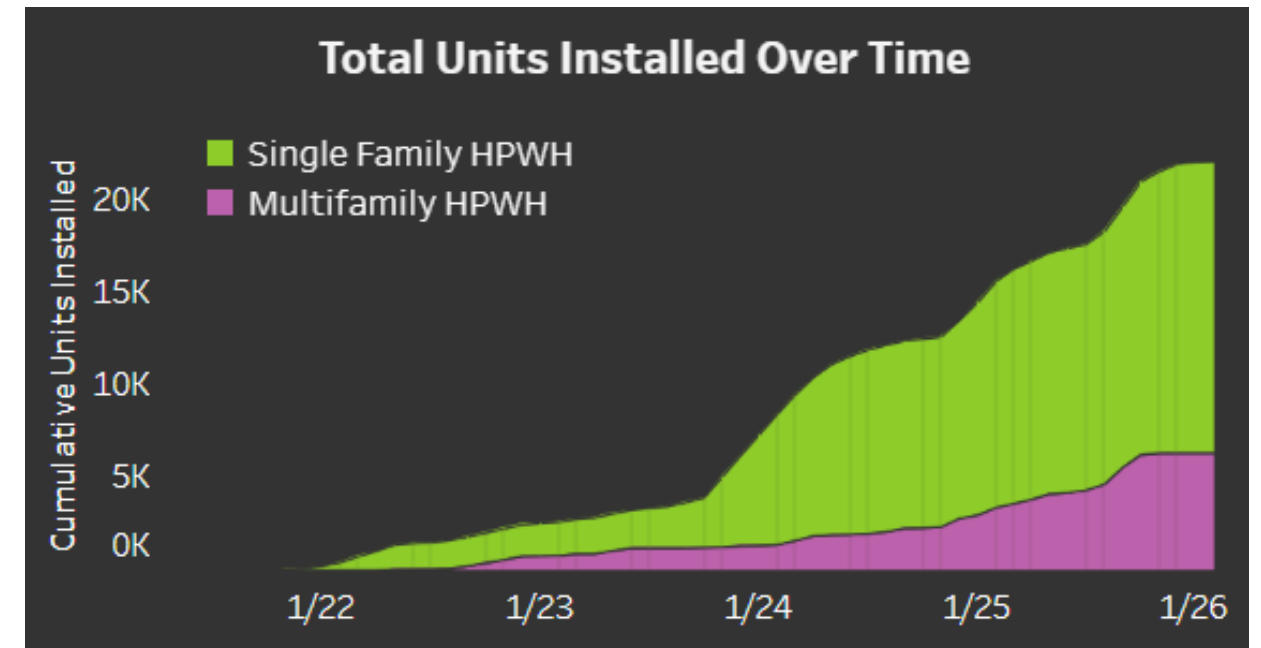
- Rules 9-4 and 9-6 have been in place for decades
 - ONLY covers **space heating** (9-4) and **water heating** appliances (9-6)
 - Does **not cover** stoves, ovens, fireplaces, and clothes dryers
- Zero-NOx standards have **gradual** phase-in: immediate replacement not required
 - Applies to new sales or installations after compliance dates
 - Upon space and water heating appliance **burn-out**, replacement needs to be zero NOx after compliance date
 - Homes can keep and repair current gas space and water heating appliances until they need to be replaced
- **Technology neutral:** Rule does not mandate any specific type of appliance, just that equipment meets zero-NOx standard.



Source: Canva.com

Zero NOx Water Heater Technology is Widely Available

- Diverse technology options available for installation
- 20,000+ units installed in the Bay Area and growing



Source: [TECH Public Reporting Heat Pump Data Visuals](#)

Rule 9-6 for Small Water Heaters

- Current compliance start date: January 1, 2027
- Implementation Readiness report (December 2024)
 - Bay Area average incremental cost of zero-NOx heat pump water heaters (HPWH) is:
 - \$1,800 (vs. new gas tankless)
 - \$3,500 (vs. new gas tanked)
 - New 120-volt “plug-in” HPWHs and “watt diet” strategies can help manage and lower costs
 - Installations requiring extensive work need flexibility
 - Appliance relocation, electric panel upsizing
 - Emergency replacements
- Board of Directors currently considering flexibility amendments (covered in following slides).



Rule 9-4: Furnaces

- Current compliance start date: January 1, 2029
- Focus of Implementation Working Group Phase 2
 - IWG Phase 2 will meet regularly through summer 2026
 - Public session on IWG Phase 2 findings is planned Fall 2026
- Implementation Readiness report due to Board of Directors by end of 2026
- Visit <https://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/rule-development/building-appliances> and hit “Subscribe” to receive updates.



Source: Canva.com

Current Status

Potential flexibility exemptions for Rule 9-6

Flexibility Concept #1: Project Constraints

Goal

- Alleviate financial burdens for certain conditions or applications known to result in higher costs and longer installation times.

Examples

- Electrical or space constraints
- Existing hydronic system (space and water heating combo units)
- High-heat demands (e.g. restaurants)

How it could work

- Licensed contractor certifies the project has a covered condition, then approval provided to purchase and install non-compliant equipment.

Flexibility Concept #2: Emergencies

Goal

- Support certain situations when gas equipment may be needed to provide hot water for the homeowner until a zero-NOx unit can be installed.

Examples

- Sudden equipment failure and/or home needs electrical service upgrade or additional construction.

How it could work

- Licensed contractors have access to non-compliant equipment that they can install on a temporary basis.

Flexibility Concept #3: Income Qualification

Goal

- Alleviate financial burdens for lower income property owners.

Examples of thresholds under consideration

- At or below 80% area median income (“AMI,” varies by county)
- At or below 250% Federal Poverty Guidelines OR housing cost-burdened (HCB)*

How it could work

- Homeowner or property owner provides information regarding their income and/or housing costs, receives approval for an exemption.

*HCB (defined for this purpose) is monthly rent/mortgage + taxes \geq 28% of monthly income.

Flexibility Concept #4: Very small capacity water heaters

Goal

- Accommodate for technology gap for very small-sized water heaters (i.e. lack of available zero-NOx options in market) and related space constraints in certain housing stock.

Examples

- Water heaters typically found in smaller housing units such as apartments, studios, and accessory dwelling units (ADU's)

How it could work

- Continued sales of very small capacity tanked water heaters.

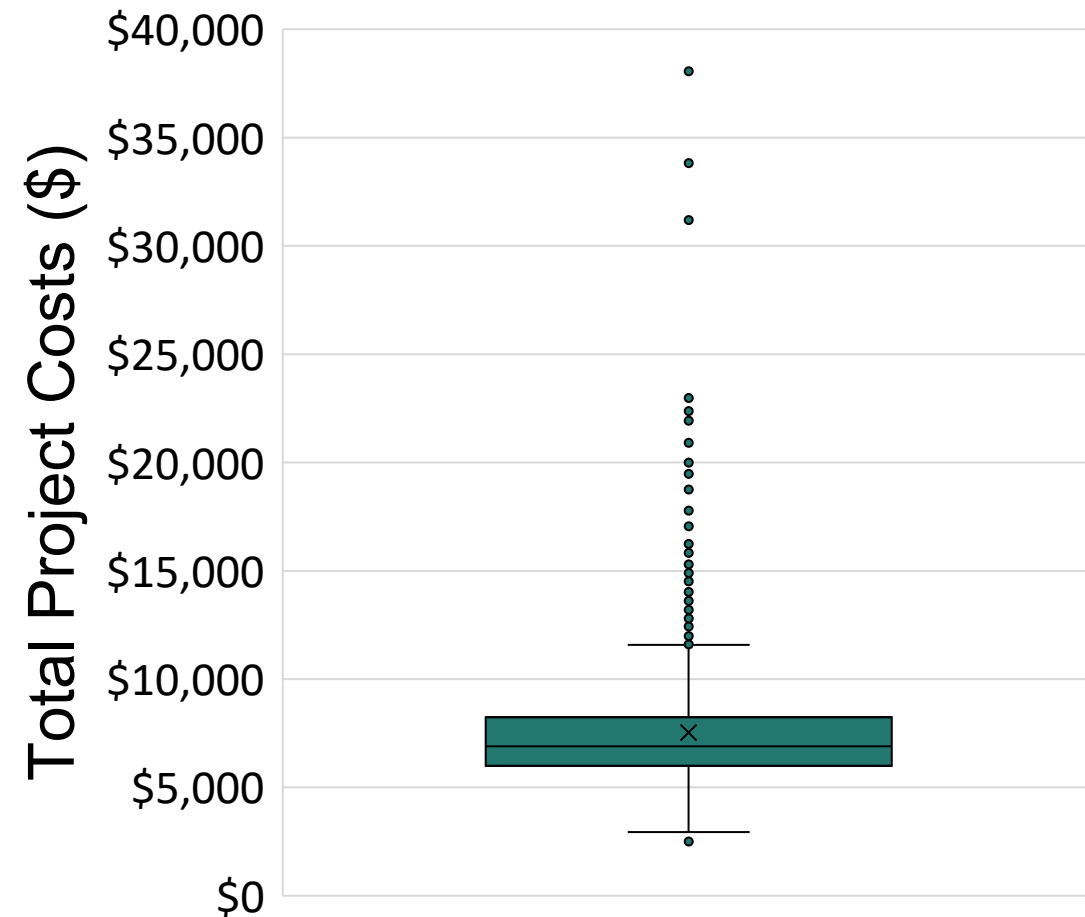
Timeline and Next Steps

June 2026	Rule 9-6 draft amendment language published for comment
November 2026	Rule 9-6 final amendments language brought to full Board of Directors
January 1, 2027	Rule 9-6 compliance start date, subject to change per flexibility exemptions process, outcomes and administrative requirements

Questions?

Backup Slides

Cost Distribution of Replacement Projects



Source: Appendix A of Staff Report: Informational Update on Rule 9-6 & TECH Clean CA December 2023

- Majority of ~4,000 Bay Area HPWH projects evaluated were close to the median and average of ~\$7,000 for total equipment and install costs
- Program data showed some outliers and high-cost projects due to:
 - Electrical upgrades
 - Water heater relocation

Learning and engagement: April 2023-present

Implementation Working Group (2023-2024)

- Multi-stakeholder process that met for over a year.
- Technical research on the market, costs, challenging installations, workforce, and grid impacts.

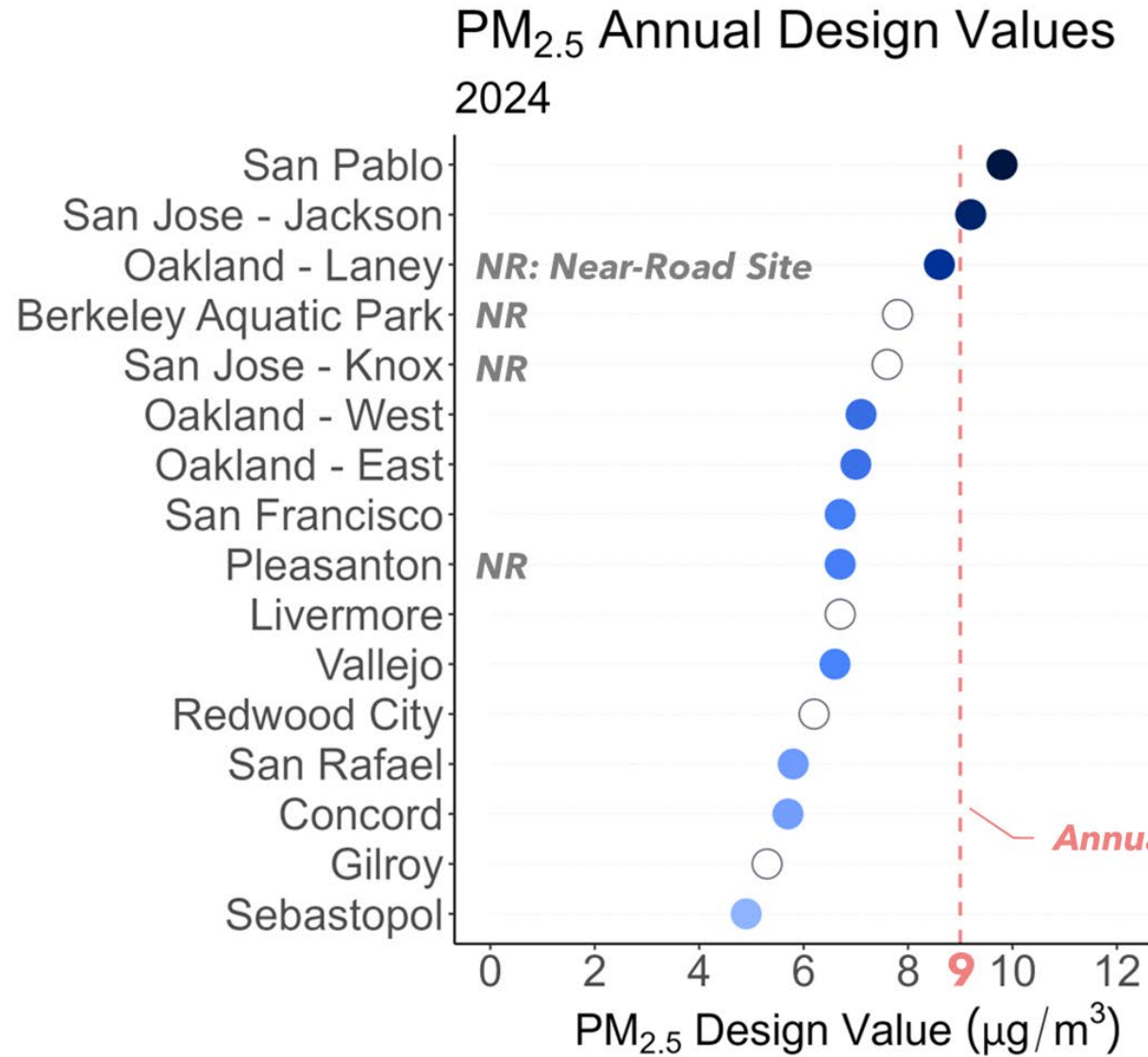
Updates to Air District Board of Directors

- December 2024 to full Board – interim readiness report on Rule 9-6 (small water heaters)
- Stationary Source Committee – initial exemption concepts (April and December 2025, low-income definitions (February 2026)
- Board of Directors (May 2026 and Fall 2026)

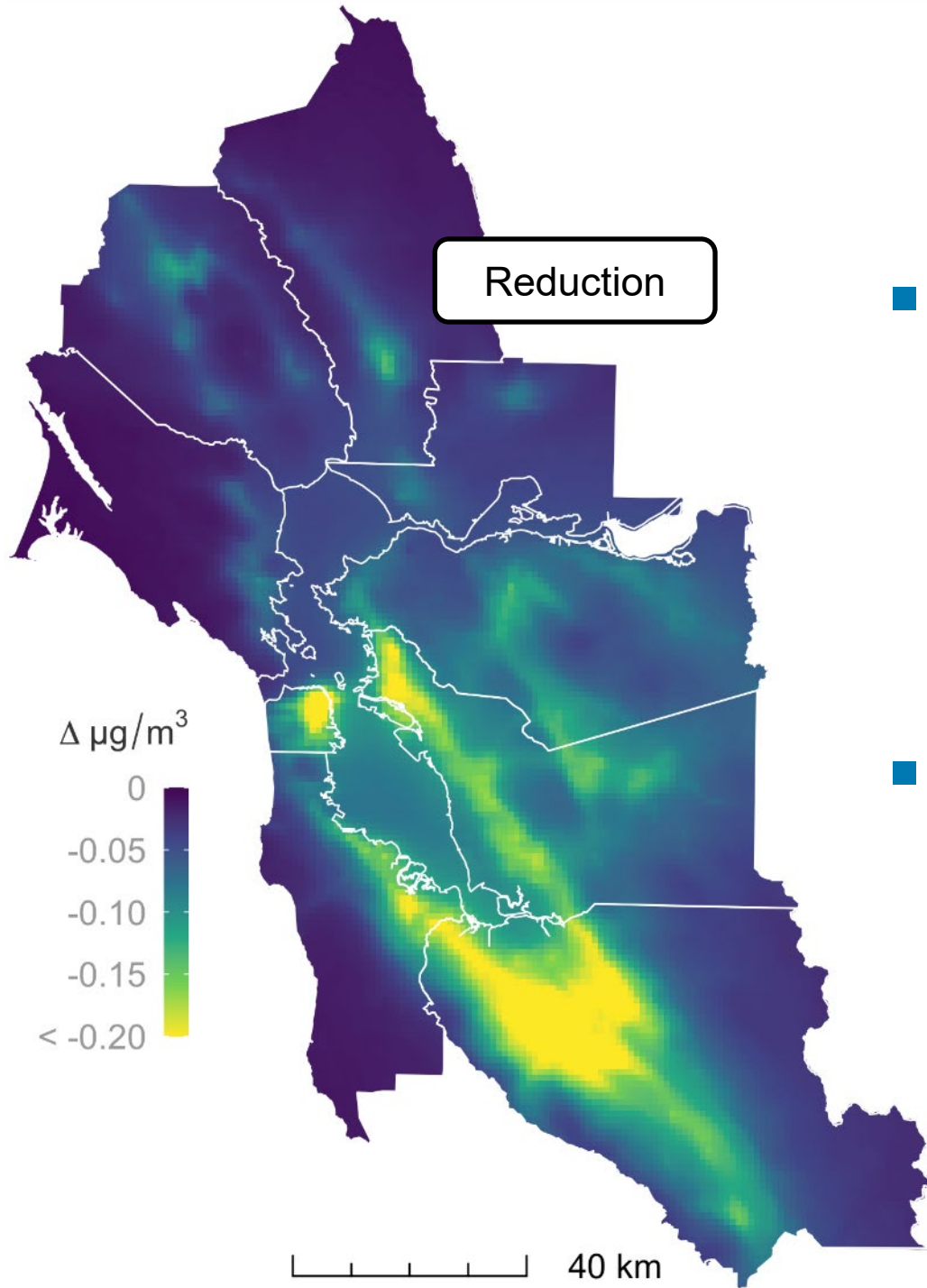
Public Involvement and Feedback

- November 2024 “learning session” (>100 attendees)
- Public comment and written comments for all Board and committee meetings.

Disparities in Annual Average PM_{2.5}

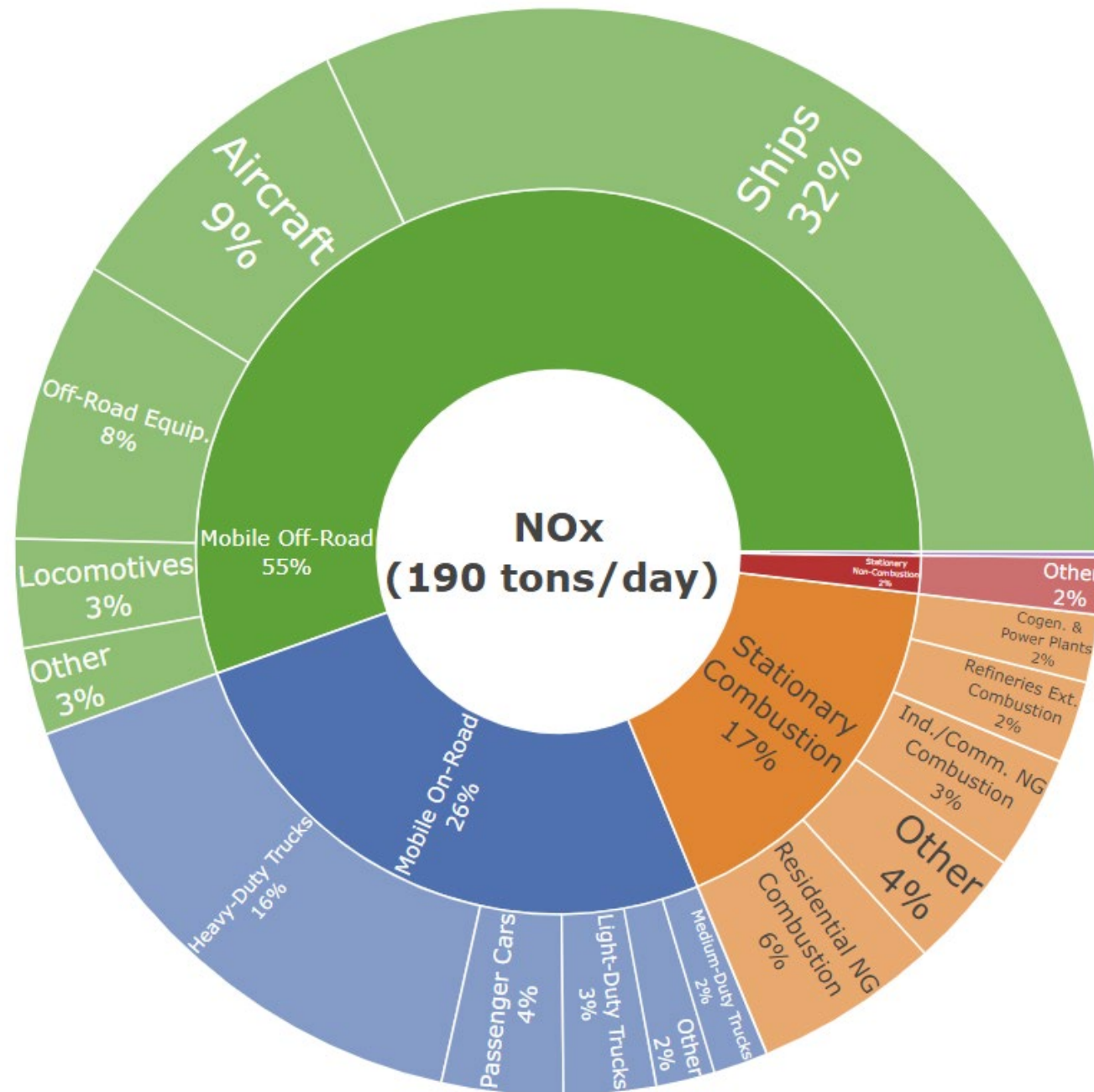


Modeled PM_{2.5} Reductions with Electric Appliances



- From elimination of **NO_x and PM_{2.5} emissions** from Bay Area natural gas-fired commercial & residential space/water heating appliances covered by Rules 9-4 and 9-6
- Reductions in total (primary and secondary) PM_{2.5} attributed to these appliances

Example of Source Contributions: NOx



Sub-sectors highlighted from 2022 emissions estimates

- Ships
- Heavy-duty trucks
- Aircraft
- Off-road equipment
- Residential natural gas combustion

Incentive Availability

- State, utility and local incentives are currently available
- Not enough current funding to cover incremental costs for all Bay Area low-income homes beyond the next few years

THE SWITCH IS ON

INCENTIVE LOOKUP FOR CUSTOMERS

Zipcode Water Heating

SEARCH

SEARCH
for local incentives by location, specialty and more.

CONNECT
with trusted contractors, in our contractor directory

(-) HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER

INCENTIVE TYPE ▾

REBATE
 FINANCING

EQUIPMENT TYPE ▾

Heat Pump Water Heater

INCENTIVE PROVIDER ▾

Source: www.switchison.org



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File ID #: 26-1263

TO: Napa County Climate Action Committee
FROM: Brian D. Bordona, Director of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services
REPORT BY: Ryan Melendez, Planner II, Sustainability
SUBJECT: Municipal Updates on Climate Action and Sustainability Activities: City of Calistoga

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from City of Calistoga staff and Chair of the Green Committee of the City of Calistoga on the progress of climate action and sustainability activities within the City of Calistoga's jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In 2021 and 2022, Napa County jurisdictions unanimously adopted resolutions or proclamations, declaring the existence of a Climate Emergency and calls for taking immediate action to mitigate climate impacts and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

While the CAC is a forum for regional coordination on climate action, the CAC is an advisory body to the individual member jurisdictions. CAC actions must then be considered and approved by the respective municipal hearing bodies for adoption, budgeting, and implementation.

Staff will include a standing item on the CAC agenda item during which municipal staff from the CAC member agencies will be invited provide updates on recent climate action and sustainability activities in their specific jurisdiction. This presentation item is designed to allow each member jurisdiction to highlight the progress they have made on CAC priorities and other climate action and sustainability activities.

At the February 2026 CAC meeting, County staff provided updates on climate action and sustainability-related activities.

At the April 2026 CAC meeting, City of Napa staff provided an update on recent or upcoming sustainability-related activities.

City of Calistoga staff and Antoinette Mailliard, Chair of the Calistoga Green Committee will provide an update on recent or upcoming sustainability efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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File ID #: 26-1308

TO: Napa County Climate Action Committee

FROM: Brian D. Bordona, Director of Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services

REPORT BY: Jesse Gutiérrez, Principal Planner, Sustainability

SUBJECT: Presentation and discussion on outreach and engagement strategies for the implementation phase of the Napa Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (RCAAP).

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation, discuss, and provide guidance on future outreach and engagement strategies for the implementation phase of the Napa RCAAP.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa County Regional Action and Adaptation Plan (RCAAP) is a multi-jurisdictional planning and engagement effort that aims to coordinate climate action and adaptation efforts and identify resource-sharing opportunities across the six jurisdictions in the County. While cities primary focus is on reducing emissions in on-road transportation and building energy, and adapting to climate change in urban areas, the County's primary focus will be on reducing agricultural and off-road transportation emissions, sequestering carbon, and supporting regional initiatives like diverting organics from landfills or enhancing wildfire resilience. Because emission reduction and climate adaptation strategies may differ across jurisdictions, feedback and engagement throughout the region are critical for implementing the RCAAP.

On April 24, 2026, the Climate Action Committee (CAC) adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 26/27) budget for program administration of the CAC, support for climate action and sustainability related projects, and adoption and implementation of the RCAAP. The adopted FY 26/27 budget includes estimated funding for staff time to shift from plan development to coordinating with all CAC member jurisdictions to prepare implementation approaches after RCAAP adoption. This will include collaboration and coordination amongst municipalities relying on the All Staff Working Group to facilitate the prioritization of RCAAP measures, cost and funding analysis, and community engagement and outreach.

The RCAAP is expected to be completed and brought forward to the six jurisdictional hearing bodies for adoption hearings in late summer/early fall 2026.

Successful implementation of the RCAAP will rely on continued participation from local government leadership and staff, communities, individuals, businesses, community organizations, professional and trade groups, advocacy organizations, and partners to help advance climate action and adaptation solutions across Napa County. Regional coordination with partners will facilitate regular sharing of updates on progress, funding opportunities, resources, and ways to participate. Many RCAAP strategies are also directly connected to communities, programs, and current and future incentives, making clear and accessible communication essential for equitable participation.

Engagement on the RCAAP will build on relationships established during the planning process while continuing to intentionally expand and reach communities that have been historically underrepresented. As implementation unfolds, ongoing community input will continue to shape climate strategies that respond to local needs and reflect the priorities of Napa County's diverse communities.

The adopted CAC budget for FY26/27 includes a placeholder amount of \$35,000 for outreach and engagement support to be provided by Napa Resource Conservation District and \$1,500 for the continued presence of the Napa County Climate Challenge online platform by BrightAction Communities.

RCAAP engagement to date

Throughout the RCAAP planning process, the project team sought input from community members to support the RCAAP in the following ways:

- Guide the identification of key priorities for climate action and adaptation efforts.
- Tailor strategies to address specific local challenges and opportunities.
- Shape the RCAAP to ensure actions benefit all members of the community.
- Ensure greater community support for implementation.

Community engagement for the RCAAP consisted of a variety of interrelated activities, including:

- Online survey - May to August 2024
- Website: <https://climateactionnapa.konveio.com/community-engagement-overview>
- Coordinated press releases and social media posts
- Tabling at community events
- Two Community meetings, one in-person and one virtual - July 2024
- Six Stakeholder focus group meetings - July/August 2024
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- Public hearings anticipated to be held by local municipalities during the final RCAAP adoption phase - Fall/Winter 2026.

Key Insights from 2024 Survey Results

- **Widespread Support:** Most respondents feel that climate change will negatively impact them, and that the government should take actions to help communities respond to and prepare for climate change. Many noted that a broad suite of actions will be necessary to respond to the scale of the challenge.

- **Urgency is Needed:** There is significant pressure from respondents to accelerate climate action, with many concerned about the pace of progress.
- **Economic and Development Concerns:** Respondents are concerned about the economic impacts of potential regulations on both individuals and small or local businesses. Several mentioned that they favor incentives over bans. Some noted that new development should be approached carefully so as not to strain the region's sustainability goals related to biodiversity protection, reducing vehicle miles traveled, and meeting electrification targets.
- **Energy Grid:** Many respondents see the need for electrification to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and want support (incentives, better infrastructure) to transition away from natural gas, as well as assurance that the grid will be stable and reliable.
- **Concern about Plastic:** Many respondents noted that they are concerned about how much plastic is part of daily life and desire for more efforts to reduce plastic use and improve plastic recycling.
- **Desire for Education and Community Participation:** Many respondents noted that they see a need for more education in our communities regarding climate change's impacts and what individuals can do to help the community be resilient. Several noted that they want to take action and are looking for guidance.
- **Focus on Ecosystem Health, Water, Fire:** Several respondents highlighted water management, forest health, biodiversity protection, and fire resiliency as critical areas that should receive more attention in Napa County.
- **More Work Needed to Understand Opinions of Demographic Diversity of our Community:** Relative to the make-up of our community, respondents were relatively older, more frequently female and white, and less frequently of Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin. Additional engagement is needed to better understand the opinions of community members in underrepresented demographic categories.

Focus Group Meetings

In a series of focused community engagement sessions, stakeholders from diverse backgrounds in Napa County shared their experiences and perspectives on climate impacts and resilience. Six focus group meetings took place in July and August 2024. Each session was attended by at least 3 community organizations. The groups were categorized into areas focused on Youth, Families, Public Health, Community Based Organizations, Groups Serving Multi-Language speaking audiences, and Agriculture and Grapegrowers.

The results of the primary community engagement activities to date, specifically the online survey, focus groups, and community meetings, are summarized in detail in the RCAAP Community Engagement Appendix A.

Guiding questions for today's CAC discussion

1. How do we build on the outreach and engagement that has taken place?
2. How can outreach and engagement be improved?
3. Should outreach and engagement be tailored for sustainability overall or for specific prioritized measures?
4. What type of engagement will be needed during the first 3 years of RCAAP implementation?
5. How do we consider vulnerable populations, equity, and environmental justice in decision making?
6. Should capacity building be a priority?
7. How do we best build trust with stakeholders?
8. Who are our strongest partners?

9. Who do we need to build partnerships with?
10. Are demonstration projects desirable?
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

RCAAP Outreach & Engagement



Climate Action Committee

June 26, 2026



Outreach and Engagement Discussion

- RCAAP Engagement to date
- Engagement Activities
- Key Insights from Opening Survey
- Outreach Discussion Guiding Questions



RCAAP Outreach and Engagement



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- Successful implementation of the RCAAP will rely on continued participation from local government leadership and staff, individuals, businesses, community organizations, professional and trade groups, advocacy organizations, and partners.
- Regional coordination with partners will facilitate regular sharing of updates on progress, funding opportunities, resources, and ways to participate.
- Many RCAAP strategies are directly connected to communities, programs, and current and future incentives, making clear and accessible communication essential for equitable participation.



RCAAP Outreach and Input



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Throughout the RCAAP planning process, the project team sought input from community members to support the RCAAP in the following ways:

- Guide the identification of key priorities for climate action and adaptation efforts.
- Tailor strategies to address specific local challenges and opportunities.
- Shape the RCAAP to ensure actions benefit all members of the community.
- Ensure greater community support for implementation.



Engagement Activities

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Survey Insights



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- Widespread Support for Climate Action
- Urgency is Needed
- Economic and Development Concerns
- Stable, Reliable, Clean Energy Grid
- Concern about plastic use in daily life
- Desire Education and Community Participation
- Focus on Health of Ecosystems
- Better Understand needs of Diverse Communities



Discussion Questions



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