

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2024, at 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
5101 NE 82nd Ave Ste 102
Vancouver, WA 98662

This meeting will be held by video conference using Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154159897>

Meeting ID: 821 5415 9897

Or call in by phone (669) 900-9128.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- III. Board of Directors Minutes
Board of Directors Minutes – September Meeting
- IV. Changes to the Agenda
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Vouchers
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Monthly Activity Report
- V. Info Items & Public Comment
Presentation – SWCAA’s Proposed Changes to SWCAA 400 "General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources" (Attachment A)
- VII. Public Hearing
None
- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business
None
- IX. Executive Director’s Report
 - A. **Report: In 2023, Canadian Wildfires Released as Much Carbon as India (August 27,**

2024) - A new study in the peer-reviewed journal Nature has found that Canada’s record 2023 wildfire season emitted more CO₂ than all but 3 countries. Between May and October 2023, boreal forest fires burned 37 million acres, about 4 percent of the nation’s forests, and emitted 647 million metric tons of CO₂. These wildfire-related emissions were more than four times larger than Canada’s annual fossil fuel emissions, and greater than those of Germany, Japan and Russia – equaling India’s and second only to those of the US and China. The 2023 fire season was the hottest and driest in the 44-year record examined in the study. “We find that widespread hot–dry weather was a principal driver of fire spread, with 2023 being the warmest and driest year since at least 1980. Although temperatures were extreme relative to the historical record, climate projections indicate that these temperatures are likely to be typical during the 2050s, even under a moderate climate mitigation scenario,” the study concluded. For further information: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-024-07878-z>

B. New Jersey, New Mexico and North Carolina Petition EPA to Add Four PFAS Chemicals to Clean Air Act HAP List (August 29, 2024) - A group of three states has petitioned EPA to add four specific per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) under the Clean Air Act (CAA). New Jersey’s, New Mexico’s and North Carolina’s environmental agencies have submitted a joint petition to EPA requesting that the following be added to the CAA Section 112 HAP list: PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid), PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid), PFNA (perfluorononanoic acid) and GenX (HFPO dimer acid). In the petition, the states outlined the need for PFAS emission standards to prevent the spread of PFAS contamination, noting that EPA has not established an air pollution control program for PFAS, and “PFAS emissions in ambient air remain largely unmeasured and unregulated.” They note that EPA has begun regulatory action related to PFAS under several other federal environmental laws and urged EPA to initiate action under the CAA as well. For further information: https://www.deq.nc.gov/air-quality/pfas-hap-petition/open?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

C. DOT Releases \$521 Million For EV Charging Infrastructure (August 26, 2024) - In the latest round of funding releases from the \$7.5 billion for the construction of EV chargers authorized by the November 15, 2021, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the U.S. Department of Transportation has issued \$521 million in funding for 51 new projects. These will result in 9,200 EV chargers nationally, with \$321 million for 41 community projects and \$200 million for 10 projects on high-traffic routes along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. The biggest grant, \$102 million, will go to build heavy-duty chargers and hydrogen fueling stations along 2,500 miles of highway in California, Oregon and Washington state. For further information: <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/investing-america-number-publicly-available-electric-vehicle-chargers-has-doubled>

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues
As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings
A. SWCAA Fee Increase Proposal
B. SWCAA 460 Air Toxics Rulemaking Proposal
C. Member at Large Appointment

XII. Adjourn

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- (2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.