

SCAQMD Governing Board Meeting – August 2025

Public Comments

NOTE: Depending upon the crowd in attendance, members of the public will have between one and three minutes each to speak on items. We have geared remarks to two minutes.

General Business Perspective:

Good morning. My name is (NAME), and I'm here to speak in support of the proposal presented by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. I am here on behalf of (outline the organization you represent, the number of people involved, and a compelling statistic relevant to the issue).

As business leaders who are deeply involved with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, there is no question about our Ports' significant economic impact on Southern California, the state, and the nation. Our facilities – powered by the men and women who work here – represent crucial drivers of jobs, trade, and economic growth that support countless businesses and families in our region.

What the ports have put forward is a pragmatic approach to solving the nexus between protecting a regional economic driver, infrastructure investment, and cleaning the air around the Ports. It builds on the tremendous improvements already realized through the Clean Air Action Plan.

We respectfully ask you to pause the rulemaking and direct AQMD staff to negotiate with the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, as well as both Ports on a cooperative agreement that could be delivered to the Harbor Commissions and AQMD Board by October

This proposal, a collaborative approach, is far superior to a vague rule. The Ports' approach involves all stakeholders—businesses, labor, SCAQMD, the Cities of LA and Long Beach and the ports themselves—rather than a command and control rule that creates uncertainty, increases costs, disrupts our economy, and undermines current environmental efforts.