

17. Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD), including any supplemental materials, and take related actions, as outlined in the referenced budget documents, and as recommended by the County Executive Officer ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: County Executive Office

Subject: Proposed 2025-26 Budget for Monterey Bay Air Resources District

Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Formal Title: Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD), including any supplemental materials, and take related actions, as outlined in the referenced budget documents, and as recommended by the County Executive Officer

Recommended Action

Approve the 2025-26 Proposed Budget for the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, including any supplemental materials, as provided in the referenced budget documents:

- [Proposed Budget](#)

Executive Summary

The Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) supports work on behalf of the counties and cities in the district's tri-county area in lieu of each jurisdiction creating, operating, and maintaining its own air quality program.

Discussion

The mission of MBARD is to protect public and environmental health while balancing economic and air quality considerations. MBARD is responsible for protecting the air quality in the North Central Coast Air Basin, which includes the counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito. MBARD is responsible for air monitoring, permitting, enforcement, long-range air quality planning, regulatory development, education, and public information activities related to air pollution.

Budgeted funding will continue to support MBARD's work to protect air quality in the North Central Coast Air Basin. Funding is based on a per capita contribution paid by each city and county in the district's tri-county area in lieu of each jurisdiction creating, operating, and maintaining its own air quality program. The department Proposed 2025-26 Budget document is available online at: www.SCCVision.us

Financial Impact

The MBARD Proposed Budget includes \$70,107 in expenditures, funded entirely by a General Fund contribution, reflecting no change from the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted budget.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Sustainable Environment, Operational Excellence

Submitted By:

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Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.