

Sac Metro Air District
State Legislative & Political Briefing
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Arc Strategies



2025-26 STATE BUDGET

- \$321.1B in total spending
- \$15B in reserves:
 - \$11.2B in Rainy-Day Fund
- Deficit \$20B
 - Possibly higher next FY
 - \$6.5 billion bond funds from Prop 2 (Education Infrastructure) + Prop 4 (Climate bond)
- Does NOT account for federal cuts



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Air Quality

- \$132 million one-time from the Air Pollution Control Fund for the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project
- \$2.3 million ongoing from the Air Pollution Control Fund to implement E15 Transportation Fuel Blend



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Wildfires

- \$1.54B cost responsibility from GF to GGFRF for CalFire
- \$31.5M for CalFire training center
- \$39M GF for Transition of Seasonal Firefighters to Permanent Firefighters in 2025-26 and \$78M General Fund in 2026-27
- A reversion of Home Hardening \$13M GF



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AB 617

- Trailer Bill Language Efforts:
 - Advocate for sustained funding for the implementation and incentive provisions for AB 617 CAP
 - Working within the AB 617 Sacramento community
- Timing: September 12th



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Clean Cars 4 All

- Early action budget allocation
- Trailer bill language in the 2025–26 State budget:
 - Allows \$ to be allocated to disadvantaged communities
 - Unlocks unspent funds from prior years, allowing CARB to direct funds to districts with immediate need and efficiency
 - Provides flexibility to match funds
 - Transparency/accountability



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- Two Sac Metro Air District Priorities:
 - Fully implement the reallocation authority: “You don’t use it, you lose it” to air districts with demand and pending applications
- Secure multi-year funding:
 - Start-and-stop funding disrupts delivery and creates uncertainty

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SB 88 (Caballero)

- Sac Metro Air District sponsored legislation (with Placer County Air Pollution Control District)
 - Requires CARB to develop methods/protocols to quantify the avoided emissions and beneficial uses of forest and agricultural biomass
 - Directs CAL FIRE to require forest health projects to include a resource disposal component
 - Directs the CEC to include biomass derived low- and negative-carbon fuels in certain reports

QUESTIONS

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