

Proposed

Public Meeting to Consider two Proposed New Members for the California Air Resources Board's Research Screening Committee

Resolution 26-11

September 24, 2026

Agenda Item No.: 26-6-1

Whereas, sections 39600 and 39601 of the Health and Safety Code authorize the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) to adopt standards, rules, and regulations and to do such acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Board by law;

Whereas, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 39705 (a), CARB has been authorized to appoint a Research Screening Committee (RSC) of eleven members;

Whereas, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 39705 (b), the RSC shall be composed of qualified experts (e.g., physicians, scientists, engineers, and others that are informed by their academic background, occupation, and lived experience) and tasked with providing robust scientific peer review for CARB's research projects to effectively advise on CARB's health, environmental justice, air quality, and climate research;

Whereas, the RSC currently has multiple vacancies due to member retirements and transitions to other duties. In addition, the expansion of CARB's legislatively mandated responsibilities and programs over the past few decades requires new areas of expertise to be represented in the RSC to support the emerging needs of CARB's research program;

Whereas, CARB initiated a public process to seek nominations and applications to fill priority knowledge gaps. The solicited areas of expertise important to CARB's research included: air emissions and measurement; agriculture and natural working lands; climate science and impacts; community-based research; economics; fire science; public health; and urban planning;

Whereas, the incorporation of the new RSC members, Dr. Antonio Bento and Dr. Jonathan Wang will contribute to the diverse expertise of the RSC;

Whereas, staff has proposed the recommendation to approve the new RSC members, as set forth in the report released to the public on September 14, 2026;

Whereas, staff has determined that the proposed recommendation to approve the new RSC members is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) because the record

evidence shows with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed activity may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby approves the recommendation to ratify the new RSC members, Dr. Antonio Bento and Dr. Jonathan Wang.