

ECOS Climate Committee Meeting: November 24, 2025; 6 PM start
Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) Executive Officer Dr. Alberto Ayala
Hybrid meeting:

In-person at Mogavero Architects, 1331 T Street, Sacramento (*drinks/snacks starting at 5:30*);
and Zoom - Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6656164155> | To phone in: 669-900-6833, Meeting
ID: 665 616 4155

Alberto will discuss the following topics and welcome questions. Please join the discussion!

Alberto joined our air district 8 years ago after 17 years at the State Air Resource Board (CARB) where he directed regulations for vehicle emissions reductions and electrification.

Recently, the Sacramento region met the federal 8-hour ozone standard for the first time, for which Alberto accepted an award from Breathe California Sacramento Region.

Here's what we'll discuss:

- Impact of recent federal actions on our air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) progress
 - EPA's Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and GHG Vehicle Standards [*so that feds won't act to limit climate change, and prevent California from requiring cleaner cars*]
 - Recission of promised funds: Community Pollution Reduction Grants, and Sacramento Regional Climate Resilience Plan [*funds were promised last year to our region for projects such as handling ag and forest waste – how can we move ahead without those funds?*]
- Fine particulate matter levels (P2.5) are highest this time of year: How can we reduce their levels? [*PM2.5 causes more health problems here than any other pollutant; e.g., heart disease*]
- Ultrafine PM: What is their health threat, and what should we do about them? [*these tiny particles appear to be the most health-threatening – from sources like diesel exhaust and wildfires*]
- SMUD's methane emissions [*methane is a far more potent GHG than carbon dioxide*]
- Community Air Monitoring [*AQMD found high levels of PM2.5, cancer-causing diesel exhaust and aldehydes in South Sacramento (Florin/Route 99 environmental justice area) – what to do now?*]

Updates: [*Add your own for us to hear!*]

- Caltrans' plan to add lanes to I-80 in Yolo County [*ECOS appealing court decision denying our lawsuit*]
- Sacramento County's Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force – *what's next for plans to cut GHG?*
- Sales Tax to Fund Transit – plans for Citizens' Initiative for 2026 Ballot: – *how can we help?*
- Biomass & Beyond: Growing a Resilient Regional Bioeconomy (recent Valley Vision event) [*we have a lot of dead trees in the Sierras, and much agricultural waste – we must do better than burn them!*]
- Airport South Industrial Project – diesel exhaust near school! *City Council hearing Dec. 2*
- Upper Westside Project – *County postponed approval after City Council letter of concerns*
- SMUD's 2030 zero-carbon goal, and proposed Coyote Creek solar project [*Supervisors vote Nov 18*]