



AGENDA

LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025

12:15 P.M.

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LRAPA

1010 Main Street

Springfield, Oregon 97477

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CALL TO ORDER:

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** (12:15 p.m.)
2. **Adjustments to Agenda** (12:15 p.m.)
3. **Public Participation (time limited to three minutes per speaker)** (12:20 p.m.)
 - A. **Comments on an Item on Today’s Agenda**
 - B. **Comments on a Topic Not Included on Today’s Agenda**
(Note: This is an opportunity for the public to bring up unscheduled items. The Board may not act at this time but, if it is deemed necessary, place such items on future agendas. Issues brought up under this agenda item are to be limited to three minutes speaking time by the person raising the issue. If additional time is necessary, the item may be placed on a future agenda.)
4. **Comments from Board Members** *(Note: This is an opportunity for Board Members to bring up unscheduled items regarding today’s public comments, and/or written/electronic comments they have received. The board may not act at this time but if it deems necessary place such items on future agendas.)*
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (12:25 p.m.) Action
 - A. Heather Gravelle
 - B. September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - C. Board Discussion
6. **Citizens Advisory Committee** (12:30 p.m.) Action
 - A. Kelly Wood
 - B. Report & Application of Jo Rodgers
 - C. Discussion

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| 7. Approval of Financial Report (12:40 p.m.) | <i>Action</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Christina Ward B. August 2025 Financial Reports C. Board Discussion | |
| 8. Federal Grant Status Update (12:50 p.m.) | <i>Information</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Travis Knudsen & Christina Ward B. Report C. Board Discussion | |
| 9. FY'27 Local Dues Adoption (1:00 p.m.) | <i>Action</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Travis Knudsen B. Report C. Board Discussion | |
| 10. Smoke Management Season Update (1:20 p.m.) | <i>Information</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Travis Knudsen B. Report C. Board Discussion | |
| 11. Osprey Hollow Air Quality Complaints (1:30 p.m.) | <i>Information</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Travis Knudsen B. Report C. Board Discussion | |
| 12. Directors Report (1:50 p.m.) | <i>Information</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Travis Knudsen B. Report C. Board Discussion | |
| 13. Adjournment (2:00 p.m.) | |

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
MEETING VIA TEAMS / LRAPA OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD OREGON**

ATTENDANCE	
BOARD PRESENT:	STAFF PRESENT:
Howard Saxion, Chair	Travis Knudsen, Executive Director
David Loveall, Vice-Chair	Lance Giles, Technical Services Manager
Bryan Cutchen	Max Hueftle, Operations Manager
Jared Hensley	Rachelle Nicholas, Administrative Manager
Matt Keating	Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs and Project Manager
Michael Johnston	Colleen Wagstaff, Enforcement Manager
Dylan Plummer	Christina Ward, Finance Manager
Jim Settelmeyer	Heather Gravelle, Environmental Coordinator
Alan Stout	Marcia Miller, Permit Writer
	Jaime McEvoy, Environmental Coordinator
	Mandy Ramirez, Field Inspector/Compliance Officer
	Robbye Robinson, Finance Specialist
BOARD ABSENT/EXCUSED:	OTHERS PRESENT:
None	Kelly Wood, Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
	Jim Daniels, CAC Member
	JoJo Breslin
	Rebecca Chapman
	Michael Zhang
	Kaylee Sweet
	Laura Colby
	Charmane Landing
	Teresa Mueller
	Christian Winter
	Matt Ciaston
	Raevyn Thompson
	Jack Dodson
	Victoria (last name unknown)
AGENDA	ACTION
REGULAR MEETING	
1. Call to Order.	Chair Howard Saxion called the regular meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda.	None.
<p>3. Public Participation.</p> <p>A. Comments on an Item on Today’s Agenda.</p> <p>B. Comments on a Topic Not Included on Today’s Agenda.</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Travis Knudsen, Executive Director, shared there were people present at the Board meeting to provide input regarding the proposed e-commerce facility permit. He explained LRAPA's three-tier regulatory authority under the Clean Air Act and noted that LRAPA's Title 20 requires indirect source permits for facilities with over 250 parking spaces (more stringent than the state's 800-space threshold). While the Board sets local standards, neither the Board nor Director can unilaterally deny permits that meet regulatory requirements.</p> <p>The facility's public comment period generated over 300 comments, which staff is reviewing for substantive regulatory concerns and discussing potential permit modifications with the applicant. The public comment process exists due to Lane County's stricter standards and would not occur outside the county. No formal response to comments is ready, and the permit review remains ongoing.</p> <p>Chair Saxion then called upon both in-person and online participants who had signed up to testify regarding the Amazon e-commerce facility permit:</p> <p>Raevyn Thompson, Opposed. Cited studies from California (2021) showing Amazon distribution centers ranking highest in toxic emissions, and Washington state (2023) study finding increased air pollution exposure within 2 miles of delivery hubs. Raised concerns about traffic impacts (2,592 trips per day, one vehicle every 20 seconds for 20 hours), VOC emissions from trucks, and poor working conditions at Amazon facilities. Suggested considering electric vehicle requirements similar to California.</p> <p>Jack Didson, Opposed. Supported maintaining Lane County's stringent air quality requirements (250 parking space threshold vs. state's 1,000). Noted Eugene already deals with air pollution from wildfire smoke and other sources. Urged LRAPA to enforce existing strict air requirements on the proposed e-commerce facility, emphasizing the need to avoid additional air pollution and traffic impacts.</p> <p>JoJo Breslin, Opposed. Works at a local cancer clinic and has firsthand knowledge of healthcare system strain. Concerned about over 2,500 vehicle trips per day adding to on-road emissions, which already rank as the third-highest cancer-</p>

causing factor locally (behind secondary emissions and biogenics). Emphasized environmental impacts on watershed and urged deeper examination of the permit.

Rebecca Chapman, Opposed. 325,000+ sq ft facility on 84 acres of farmland near Eugene airport, paving over 9 acres of wetlands, with 4 of 18 permits already approved. Facility would have 1,000 delivery truck parking spaces, 368 worker spaces, generating 2,592 daily trips for 20 hours/day, increasing Highway 99 traffic by 16%.

Cited air pollution concerns: 20 tons of particulate emissions and 39 tons of volatile organic compounds (including formaldehyde) annually. Noted Willamette Valley's vulnerability to heat domes, inversions, and wildfire smoke that cause pollution to stagnate. Mentioned additional concerns about road damage, air/highway traffic increases, and noise/light pollution affecting wildlife and local farms.

Kaylee Sweet, Opposed. Manages Native Foods Nursery employing 3-10 seasonal workers who work entirely outdoors. Business struggles to compete with immediacy culture while maintaining worker safety. When air quality exceeds safe levels, they must send employees home, sometimes for a week or more, preventing order fulfillment.

Concerned that increased ground and air traffic from the facility would worsen air quality and directly impact their ability to operate safely. Spoke on behalf of blue-collar workers county-wide who work outdoors.

Director Stout asked **Ms. Sweet** what criteria they use to determine safe working conditions for outdoor employees and whether they follow a specific air quality index (AQI).

Ms. Sweet responded that she provides masks for workers when the air quality is around 80 AQI, advises workers not to come in when the air quality exceeds 100 AQI, and mandates no work when AQI reaches 140 or higher.

Charmane Landing, Opposed. Eugene markets itself as "Track Town USA" with international visitors, and summer winds come from the north, making pollution reduction important since the air is already "murky" when driving in from coast/mountains.

Questioned whether the e-commerce facility would involve planes flying in, noting that a \$400,000 airport grant to study carbon emissions and reduction recommendations was denied under the new administration.

	<p>Asked whether LRAPA would take over or fund such a pollution study, or if it wouldn't happen at all.</p> <p>Teresa Mueller. Opposed. Explained they did not plan to speak but provided a brief visual comment displaying a sign that read "Scram, Amazon."</p> <p>Chair Saxion thanked attendees for participating in the meeting and providing valuable public comment.</p> <p>Mr. Knudsen noted that people could sign up for the LRAPA newsletter, which includes all stationary source permits applications and opportunities for feedback. He explained public engagement was highly valued and that comments received would become talking points with the applicants.</p>
<p>4. Comments from Board Members.</p>	<p>Director Cutchen asked to take a moment to remember 9/11, honoring those we lost and reflecting on our nation's resilience.</p> <p>Director Plummer thanked those who attended the meeting to testify and those who submitted testimony regarding the Amazon e-commerce facility. He voiced his opposition to the facility, noting nearly 350 public comments against the project - the highest engagement in his three years on the board.</p> <p>Director Plummer cited environmental justice concerns for West Eugene's diverse, low-income communities who already face disproportionate pollution impacts. He noted Amazon's labor practices and called for permit rejection or requiring 100% electric fleet commitments. He suggested developing indirect source rules for warehouses similar to California's South Coast Air Quality Management District.</p> <p>Director Lovell supported the economic development opportunity, referencing a 1980s situation when Lane County rejected an aircraft manufacturer promising 1,000 family wage jobs due to nuclear-free zone policies.</p> <p>Director Lovell noted current financial challenges, including the county's \$6.8 million deficit, Eugene's \$15 million deficit, and Oregon ranking 39th out of 50 states for attracting new business. He stated that dismissing this development could be short-sighted given timber revenue losses. He added that AQI data showed Lane County only exceeded the moderate air quality index once in the past year.</p>

	<p>Director Keating thanked the public for their participation, noting this was the highest level of engagement he had seen in many years on the board.</p> <p>Director Keating raised a separate issue unrelated to the e-commerce facility, sharing anonymous complaints from Northeast Eugene residents about noxious chemical odors causing burning eyes, noses, and coughing. The residents believe the source is gravel operations at 3600 Wildish Lane, adjacent to the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers.</p> <p>Director Keating read the residents' concerns about dust, diesel exhaust, and pollution from heavy industrial traffic on North Delta Highway, as well as questions about permit renewals for sand and gravel extraction and asphalt operations. He requested this to become a future agenda item or that staff provide more information on the matter.</p>
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes.	<p>MOTION: Director Loveall moved, and Director Keating seconded to approve the July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
6. Citizens Advisory Committee.	<p>Kelly Wood, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), provided the Board with an overview of the July 29, 2025 CAC meeting.</p>
7. Approval of Financial Reports.	<p>Christina Ward, Finance Manager, presented the Board with the June and July 2025 financial report.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Loveall moved, and Director Cutchen seconded to approve the June and July 2025 Financial Reports. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
8. Federal Grant Status Update.	<p>Mr. Knudsen provided the Board with the monthly status update on LRAPA's federal grant programs. Key highlights included:</p> <p>Financial Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAG 1.0 Grant (ending November 2025): \$713,564 remaining of original \$4.94 million, with only 0.7% awaiting federal reimbursement • TAG 2.0 Grant (through August 2026): \$2.33 million remaining of original \$2.74 million, with only 0.2% awaiting reimbursement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJG2G Grant: Officially terminated by EPA on March 21, 2025, with final closeout completed and all reimbursements received as of August 28, 2025 <p>Both active grants remain well within the Board's established criteria of keeping no more than 25% of grant totals tied up in contractor payments or pending federal drawdowns. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>9. FY 27 Local Partner Dues Calculation Review.</p>	<p>Mr. Knudsen presented the proposed partner dues calculations for Fiscal Year 2027, explaining that this follows the methodology adopted by the Board in February 2025 using Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments. The proposal includes a 3 percent increase based on July 2025 CPI data.</p> <p>Director Keating noted the disparity in dues between jurisdictions and requested time to review the proposal with Eugene City Council and staff. He also asked for materials showing return on investment for each jurisdiction to help justify dues to their respective governing bodies.</p> <p>Mr. Knudsen explained that partner dues help LRAPA meet federal maintenance of effort requirements, demonstrating \$1.4 million in annual non-federal spending to maintain access to approximately \$350,000 in EPA grants.</p> <p>After further discussion, the Board reached consensus to defer action until the October meeting to allow members time to review the proposal with their respective jurisdictions.</p>
<p>10. Resolution 25-04 Board Designated LGIP Account.</p>	<p>Mr. Knudsen provided an overview of Resolution 25-04 establishing a Board Designated Reserve Account with the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to address LRAPA's PERS unfunded actuarial liability of \$374,655.</p> <p>Ms. Ward noted that PERS doesn't recommend a side account for LRAPA's relatively small liability and that LGIP offers better interest earnings.</p> <p>Director Keating asked whether other boards within the state have similar flexible accounts attached to PERS liability. Ms. Ward responded that she couldn't answer definitively as she hadn't researched this approach elsewhere but explained the various options LRAPA had considered and why they selected the LGIP approach over establishing a direct PERS side account.</p> <p>Director Keating expressed appreciation for the account's flexibility but voiced concerns about future boards</p>

	<p>potentially redirecting funds away from the PERS liability purpose. Mr. Knudsen addressed these concerns by emphasizing that the annual September review process would provide structure and continuity through organizational transitions.</p> <p>Ms. Ward clarified that the funds are unappropriated reserves requiring board action and budget appropriation to spend.</p> <p>MOTION: Director Loveall moved, and Director Cutchen seconded to approve Resolution & Order 25-04, establishing a Board Designated Reserve Account with the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) in the amount of \$374,655. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>11. Permitting & Federal Standards Rulemaking.</p>	<p>Mr. Knudsen and Max Hueftle, Operations Manager, presented a rulemaking proposal to update LRAPA's permitting requirements, federal standards, and associated fees.</p> <p>The rulemaking is driven by DEQ's August 15, 2025 adoption of updated federal standards, EPA requirements for Title 36 excess emissions rules approval, and the elimination of federal funding from EPA's 105 workplan for greenhouse gas programs.</p> <p>Key Proposed Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete repeal of outdated Title 30 (Incinerator Regulations) and Title 39 (PM10 Contingency Plan) • Updates to multiple titles for federal standard alignment and administrative cleanup • Fee structure adjustments including greenhouse gas reporting fees and gasoline dispensing facility reclassification <p>The fee adjustments address lost federal funding and align with DEQ's current structure. The changes are projected to generate approximately \$36,811 from revised GHG reporting fees and \$47,000 from reclassifying gasoline dispensing facilities, with additional revenue from a new Basic ACDP source category. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>12. Director's Report.</p>	<p>Mr. Knudsen provided a detailed review of the July and August 2025 Directors Reports. Highlights include air quality and operations; key achievements; community engagement; program performance and September priorities.</p>

13. Adjournment of LRAPA Board Meeting.

Chair Saxion adjourned the LRAPA Board meeting at 2:00 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Heather Gravelle)



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2025
MEETING VIA TEAMS / LRAPA OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD OREGON**

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE	
COMMITTEE PRESENT:	LRAPA STAFF PRESENT:
Kelly Wood, Chair	Travis Knudsen, Executive Director
Evelina Davidova-Kamis, Vice-Chair	Max Hueftle, Operations Manager
Jim Daniels	Rachelle Nicholas, Administrative Manager
Peter Dragovich	Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs & Project Manager
Michael Koivula	Heather Gravelle, Environmental Coordinator
COMMITTEE ABSENT/EXCUSED:	OTHERS PRESENT:
Chris Cline	None
Ben Larson	
Paul Metzler	

AGENDA	ACTION
REGULAR MEETING	
1. Call to Order/Agenda Review.	Chair Kelly Wood convened the regular meeting at noon.
2. Public Participation.	None.
3. Approval of June 24, 2025.	MOTION: Jim Daniels moved, and Michael Koivula seconded to approve the June 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Meeting Overview.	Travis Knudsen , Executive Director, provided the Committee with updates from the July 10, 2025 LRAPA Board meeting. Topics included the Executive Director’s performance review, PERS liability management, and legislative updates.
5. LRAPA 2024 Annual Report Review.	The Committee reviewed the 2024 LRAPA annual report and provided positive feedback. Members appreciated the formatting and noted that the information was

	<p>comprehensive, accessible and the executive summary effectively highlighted key activities.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding public misconceptions and the need for education about odors (not all are toxic), dust types (not all are silica-related), and the difference between water vapor and smoke emissions.</p> <p>The Committee suggested including educational materials about common misconceptions in future annual reports.</p>
6. Upcoming CAC Topics.	<p>Upcoming CAC topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC Bylaws & Orientation Materials Review • Supplemental Environmental Projects • Rulemaking Updates: Titles 15 & 43 • Smoke School • Public Outreach
7. Roundtable.	<p>Mike Koivula noted that asbestos violations by commercial contractors were surprising, and Mr. Knudsen highlighted the importance of continued inspections and education to address any compliance issues.</p> <p>Chair Wood reported there would not be an August meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Agenda items will include CAC bylaws and orientation materials review.</p>
8. Adjournment.	<p>Chair Wood adjourned the Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.</p>

(Minutes recorded by Heather Gravelle)

Citizens Advisory Committee Application

Name: Jo Rodgers – Public Health

In your view, what should be the primary focus of an advisory committee in influencing environmental policy? Identifying gaps/dangers that need more systematic attention and potential policy change to address; bring a lived experience and/or professional expertise to the table.

What motivates you to join the advisory committee, and what unique contributions do you envision making? I have focused much of my attention on mitigating the health impacts of wildfire smoke in my work in the Emergency Preparedness program at LCPH. Working with others in the air quality field would be rewarding and would help me gain more knowledge and tools to do my job and also allow me to share my perspective and expertise to help better protect our community members, esp. those most at risk, from the impacts of air pollution driven by climate change.

Please describe your level of familiarity with LRAPA, including any specific areas of interest? I have worked closely with both Travis and Matt in several instances and contexts, most recently in the development of guidance for childcare/daycare programs to protect kids from wildfire smoke at different AQI levels.

Are you involved in any other advisory boards, committees, neighborhood associations, or other community group? If so, please specify and describe your role and responsibilities in these organizations? None to note at the current moment.

What specific factors or aspects do you think are most important to consider when assessing how well LRAPA is doing its job? How holistic of a view does LRAPA have of the impacts on the airshed, including environmental justice considerations (e.g., looking at where air pollution is happening and who is most directly impacted by it and how much voice they have at the table)? what are "optional" sources of pollution versus unavoidable and how are they accounted for collectively? how engaged with the public is LRAPA in its communications and soliciting of input/feedback/concerns? how much effort is put towards seeking out community input, esp from marginalized groups and/or in rural communities?

How do you keep yourself informed about the latest changes and updates in air quality regulations? I am on several listserves (EPA, California Air Resources Board, PurpleAir, AirGradient) and a member of groups focused on air quality; I regularly attend meetings on the topic in the community (e.g., Smoke Calls, NW Communicators) and have convened meetings of partners to discuss this around the county; attend webinars regularly to learn more about different aspects of air quality, often with an element of regulation included.

Please provide a brief overview of your professional, educational, and volunteer experiences, focusing on how these experiences equip you to contribute to the Committee's work. Professionally, as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Outreach Coordinator for Lane County for the last three years, I have focused much of my time on the topic of air quality, specifically looking at wildfire smoke. As previously mentioned, I have attended numerous webinars and meetings on the topic, have learned and collaborated with LRAPA on projects, and have developed risk communications and done community outreach on the topic across the county. I have presented to medical providers, patients at the Community Health Clinics, CBOs, community events, and other venues on numerous occasions on air quality awareness and mitigating health impacts from poor AQI.

I have a Masters in Environmental Studies from the UO with a focus on community education and social change as well as a background in ecology and climate science. Before working at the County, I worked for numerous nonprofits in the area related to, ultimately, the broad goal of community resilience and community health which relates to the changing factors impacting air quality in Lane County.

I am happy to provide more information, including my resume, if that would be helpful in the consideration of my application. I will also note that I am stepping up to this Committee in part because of the staffing changes that have occurred at the County, including the change in position for Teresa Roark who was serving on the CAC until June 2025.



	FY 24-25 YTD Actuals as of Aug 2024	FY 25-26 YTD Actuals as of Aug 2025	FY 25-26 Adopted Budget	FY 25-26 Budget Variance	FY 25-26 % of year elapsed (target %)
General Fund					
Revenues					
Federal & State Revenues	10,677	2,825	1,163,514	(1,160,689)	
Local Dues	77,800	211,807	211,807	0	
Permit Fees	256,424	318,234	1,399,447	(1,081,213)	
Other Revenues	22,019	219	106,500	(106,281)	
Transfers from Title V, Grant Fund, and AirMetrics	0	0	140,000	(140,000)	
Total Revenue Received	366,920	533,085	3,021,268	(2,488,182)	
Expenditures ^					
Personnel Services	325,278	332,024	2,073,925	16%	17% ¹
Materials & Services	124,155	59,694	1,048,891	6%	17%
Capital Outlay	62,076	0	280,000	0%	17%
Contingency	0	0	100,000	0%	17%
Total Expenditures	511,508	391,718	3,502,816	11%	17%
General Fund Net	(144,588)	141,367	(481,548)		
Special Revenue (Title V)					
Revenues					
Permit Fees - Title V	793,660	859,911	859,911	0	
Total Revenue Received	793,660	859,911	859,911	0	
Expenditures ^					
Personnel Services	87,775	77,177	523,525	15%	17% ²
Materials & Services	524	0	16,942	0%	17%
Transfers to Gen Fund	0	0	115,000	0%	17%
Contingency	0	0	22,000	0%	17%
Total Expenditures	88,299	77,177	677,467	11%	17%
Special Revenue Net	705,362	782,734	182,444		
Grant Fund					
Revenues					
EPA TAG 1&2, and EJG2G	0	10,882	2,784,449	(2,773,600)	
Total Revenue Received	0	10,882	2,784,449	(2,773,600)	
Expenditures ^					
Personnel Services - All Grants	20,946	15,175	136,948	11%	17%
Materials & Services - All Grants	83,902	135,654	2,642,244	5%	17%
Capital Outlay - All Grants	24,946	0	0	0%	17%
Transfers to Gen Fund - All Grants	0	0	25,000	0%	17%
Contingency - All Grants	0	0	0	0%	100%
Total Expenditures	129,794	150,828	2,804,192	5%	17%
Grant Fund Net	(129,794)	(139,946)	(19,743)		
Total Expenditures - ALL FUNDS Consolidated	729,601	619,723	6,984,475	9%	17%
ALL FUNDS Net	430,979	784,155	(318,847)		

* % Spent is YTD Actuals divided by total FY Budget.: **Red:** 91% & above / **Yellow:** 81%-90% / **Green:** up to 80%
 Column with % of Year Elapsed is Budget Variance % divided by time elapsed %: **Red: 91% & above / **Yellow:** 81%-90% / **Green:** up to 80%

Footnotes:

1. The General Fund Personnel Services line item is at 94% of our targeted amount of 17% for August. It is expected that this line item will remain under budget for the year.
2. The Special Revenue (Title V) Fund Personnel Services line item is at 87% of our targeted amount of 17% for August. It is expected that this line item will remain under budget for the year.



LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY MEMORANDUM

To: Howard Saxion, Chair and LRAPA Board Members

From: Travis Knudsen, Executive Director

Date: October 9, 2025

Subject: Monthly Status Update - Federal Grant Programs – as of 9/30/2025

STAFF REPORT

ISSUE STATEMENT

This staff report provides the ongoing status update on LRAPA's federal grant programs as directed by the Board. The report includes financial information and progress updates for the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) grant and Targeted Airshed Grants (TAG) supporting work in the Oakridge-Westfir area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Following the Board's direction, LRAPA continues to administer federal grant programs provided that: (1) LRAPA maintains an active Terms and Conditions agreement for each grant, and (2) no more than 25% of any grant total is tied up in contractor payments or awaiting federal drawdowns.

FINANCIAL STATUS as of 9/30/2025

- **Targeted Airshed Grant 1.0** (November 2019 – November 2025)
 - Total grant amount: \$4,938,190
 - Spent to date: \$4,557,381.85
 - Remaining grant balance: \$380,808.15
 - Awaiting federal reimbursement (as of 10/3/25): \$279,619.84
 - Percentage of grant awaiting reimbursement: 5.7%

- **Targeted Airshed Grant TAG 2.0** (January 2022 – August 2026)
 - Total grant amount: \$2,739,425
 - Spent to date: \$405,131.19
 - Remaining grant balance: \$2,334,293.81
 - Awaiting federal reimbursement (as of 10/3/25): \$6,877.93
 - Percentage of grant awaiting reimbursement: 0.3%

- **EJG2G Grant – Terminated on 3/21/2025** (July 2024 – ~~June 2027~~ March 21, 2025)
 - Total grant amount: \$997,622
 - Spent to date: \$46,976.47
 - Remaining grant balance: \$0
 - Awaiting federal reimbursement (as of 9/3/25): \$0
 - Percentage of grant awaiting reimbursement: 0%
 - **IMPORTANT UPDATE** (March 21, 2025): *The EJG2G grant has been officially terminated by the EPA. The final closeout documentation has been received by the EPA and the final grant reimbursement amounts have been received by LRAPA as of 8/28/25.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item, and no formal motion is required. Staff recommend that the Board review this monthly progress update and note the termination status of the EJG2G grant.



**LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY
MEMORANDUM**

To: Chair Howard Saxion, and LRAPA Board of Directors

From: Travis Knudsen, Executive Director

Date: October 9, 2025

Subject: FY27 Partner Dues; Board Action

STAFF REPORT

ISSUE STATEMENT

The Board must adopt the Partner Dues for FY '27 to meet the IGA requirement of notifying partners by April 15, 2026. This action follows the Board's informational review at the September 11, 2025 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the September 11, 2025 Board meeting, staff presented the calculated FY '27 Partner Dues using the Board-approved methodology adopted in February 2025. The methodology applies the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lane County to adjust the base cost per person annually.

LRAPA's IGA between partners outlines specific requirements and timelines for the dues process:

- By March 1: Board estimates total operational funding needs
- By April 15: Board notifies partners of estimated budget and apportionment
- By June 30: Board adopts approved budget for the following fiscal year
- July 15 and December 15: Semi-annual payments due (unless alternative schedule arranged)

FY '27 PARTNER DUES CALCULATION

	2024 Population	Oregon's July 2025 CPI 12 Mo Change	Cost per person for '27	FY '27 Partner Dues
City of Eugene	178,786	3%	\$ 0.57	\$ 102,324.56
City of Springfield	61,182	3%	\$ 0.57	\$ 35,016.28
City of Cottage Grove	10,690	3%	\$ 0.57	\$ 6,118.21
City of Oakridge	3,158	3%	\$ 0.57	\$ 1,807.42
Lane County	128,580	3%	\$ 0.57	\$ 73,590.17
Totals:				\$ 218,856.63

NOTES:

Population numbers are taken from the US Census Bureau, with the most recent data published as of 7/1/2024. Updated population estimates will be published in May 2026.
Lane County's population number is 382,396, for the purpose of this calculation, the population of each of the city partners is deducted from the Lane County population.
The average cost per person in FY '26 is \$0.556.
The formula used to determine the cost per person for FY '27 is $\$0.556 \times (100\% + \text{CPI})$
The formula used to determine the FY '27 partner dues is $\text{Population} \times \text{Cost per person} = \text{Total annual dues}$.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Board adopt the FY '27 Partner Dues as calculated and direct staff to:

1. Formally notify all partner jurisdictions following Board approval
2. Work with partners on payment scheduling preference (must be paid in full by Dec. 15, 2026)
3. Provide updates to the Board on partner dues collection status

BOARD MOTION OPTIONS

Primary Motion: I move to adopt the FY '27 Partner Dues as presented, totaling \$218,856.63, and direct the Executive Director to notify all partner jurisdictions.

Alternative Motion, Deferral: I move to defer action on the FY '27 Partner Dues to the November Board meeting to allow additional time for partner consultation and feedback.



LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY MEMORANDUM

To: Howard Saxion, Chair and LRAPA Board Members

From: Travis Knudsen, Executive Director

Date: October 9, 2025

Subject: Smoke Management Season Update

STAFF REPORT

ISSUE STATEMENT

This report covers LRAPA's smoke management activities for the 2025 season, including outdoor burning program status, wildfire smoke impacts on Lane County air quality, and coordination with state and local fire authorities regarding the extension of burning restrictions through October 15, 2025.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

LRAPA regulates outdoor burning in Lane County under title 47 to protect air quality and public health. The agency maintains authority to determine when burns can occur, aiming to allow burning whenever possible while preventing air quality deterioration. The typical fall outdoor burning season runs October 1 through October 31; however, 2025 has seen persistent drought conditions and extended wildfire danger.

Lane County experienced its driest year-to-date period from January through August 2025 in 131 years of record-keeping, with a precipitation deficit of 3.86 inches below normal. This extreme dryness, combined with 70% of Oregon still experiencing drought conditions as of late September, prompted coordinated action between the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Lane County Fire Defense Board, and LRAPA to extend outdoor burning curtailment through October 15, 2025.

WILDFIRE SEASON IMPACTS

The 2025 Oregon wildfire season showed significant improvement from 2024's record-breaking devastation, with approximately 322,000 acres burned statewide, an 83% reduction from the previous year's 1.9 million acres. Despite this improvement, Lane County faced notable air quality challenges from several fires:

Major Fire Impacts

- **Emigrant Fire:** The most significant impact came from this 30,500-acre lightning-caused fire in the Willamette National Forest beginning August 24. This fire became the primary source of smoke impacts for eastern Lane County communities throughout late August and September.
- **Foley Ridge Fire:** Starting September 6 seven miles east of McKenzie Bridge, this 485-acre fire prompted Level 2 evacuations and contributed to regional smoke.
- **Aubrey Mountain Fire:** Though contained to 35 acres east of Oakridge, it still triggered Level 3 evacuations and Highway 58 closures.

Air Quality Impacts

Eastern Lane County bore the brunt of smoke impacts during the 2025 season. Oakridge and Westfir experienced hazardous conditions with AQI values likely exceeding 300 during the September 2-4 period when smoke from the Emigrant Fire settled in these mountain communities. In contrast, Eugene-Springfield maintained mostly moderate air quality conditions even during peak smoke events.



PRESCRIBED BURNING

LRAPA partnered with the Rivers to Ridges (R2R) ecological burn group to issue a wholistic prescribed burning permit for 85 units totaling (approximately) 1,456 acres across the Willamette valley. The permit specifies air quality parameters, wind direction, and requires fire district pre-approval before initiating a burn. As of this report, 6 units have successfully burned over 18 acres.

LRAPA also hosted the monthly R2R preparation meetings in 2025 at our Springfield office with 20 or more partner members attending in-person and more online.

AIR QUALITY ADVISORIES AND RESPONSE

LRAPA issued three air quality advisories during the 2025 season:

- August 22-25: Southern Willamette Valley advisory for ozone
- September 2-7: Eastern Lane County advisory for PM2.5/wildfire smoke (longest continuous advisory at 5 days)
- September 29-30: Western Lane County advisory for PM2.5/wildfire smoke. Intermittent smoke for Eugene Springfield Area and eastern Lane County

The agency participated in seven Oregon Wildfire Response Protocol meetings between July and September, coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies during significant smoke events. LRAPA's monitoring network, comprising 8 regulatory-grade stations and over 90 commercial-grade particulate matter sensors, provided real-time data essential for public health protection.

Air Quality Summary (July-September 2025):

Site	“Good” days	“Moderate” Days	“USG” Days	“Unhealthy +” Days
Eugene/Springfield	88	4	0	0
Oakridge	77	13	2	0
Cottage Grove	86	6	0	0

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

LRAPA's public communication efforts during the 2025 smoke season demonstrated extensive engagement:

Key Outreach Initiatives: There is a unique challenge to wildfire smoke outreach. Community members are less likely to engage with wildfire smoke materials until smoke is actively affecting them. This makes it important to ‘time’ the release of wildfire preparedness information to become available just when people are looking for it.

In early June LRAPA participated in Smoke Ready Week, using social media and direct email to share the S.M.O.K.E. acronym, which helps families remember the simple preparation steps for wildfire season. In early August the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care featured an Air Quality Index tool for children under 5 with every child-care provider in the state. This AQI resource was developed between LRAPA and the Lane County Public Health Department with the goal that it was both easy to read and had an emphasis of being health protective.

In late August, just days after lightning started the Emigrant Fire near Oakridge, LRAPA sent our third quarter newsletter focused on wildfire smoke preparedness. The timing proved ideal. The newsletter saw exceptional readership and came less than a week before our first smoke advisory.

LRAPA staff coordinated with DEQ, the National Weather Service and Oregon Health Services during wildfire response calls to develop air advisories based on fire and weather activity. This coordination ensured clear, consistent messaging to affected communities. We distributed advisories through social media and our email list, and local media coverage helped expand our reach.



At September's Springfield Block Party, LRAPA staff connected with more than 600 community members, promoting air quality resources including AQI apps, explaining how to read the AQI scale, wildfire readiness steps, and raising awareness about our agency's mission to protect Lane County's air.

LRAPA Email List Subscription Growth: LRAPA public affairs has been strategically working to increase the number of recipients on our email list by encouraging community members to sign up and by providing helpful and engaging content. In 2025 we've had 139 email signups of which, 58 or 42% joined the list between July to September. The grand total of active recipients sits at 1,114. Our goal is to grow the list to 1,500 in 2025.

OUTDOOR BURNING PROGRAM STATUS

LRAPA's outdoor burning program for the 2025-2026 season remains curtailed through October 15, 2025, due to continued elevated fire danger.

MOTION OPTIONS

This is an informational update to inform Board discussion. No formal motion is required.



LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY MEMORANDUM

To: Howard Saxion, Chair and LRAPA Board Members

From: Travis Knudsen, Executive Director

Date: October 9, 2025

Subject: Osprey Hollow Air Quality Complaints

STAFF REPORT

ISSUE STATEMENT

This staff report addresses air quality complaints from Osprey Hollow area residents in northeast Eugene, presented by Board Member Matt Keating during the September 2025 meeting. Residents report experiencing noxious chemical odors, fugitive dust, and health impacts that they attribute to gravel extraction, asphalt production, and concrete batching operations in the area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

From July 1 through October 1, 2025, LRAPA received 11 air quality complaints from 6 unique complainants in the area. The residents report experiencing:

- Chemical odors during nighttime hours causing eye, nasal, and respiratory irritation
- Fugitive dust, silica particles, and diesel exhaust coating homes, yards, and vehicles
- Heavy truck traffic on North Delta Highway through residential areas
- Environmental concerns regarding gravel extraction near the Willamette and McKenzie River

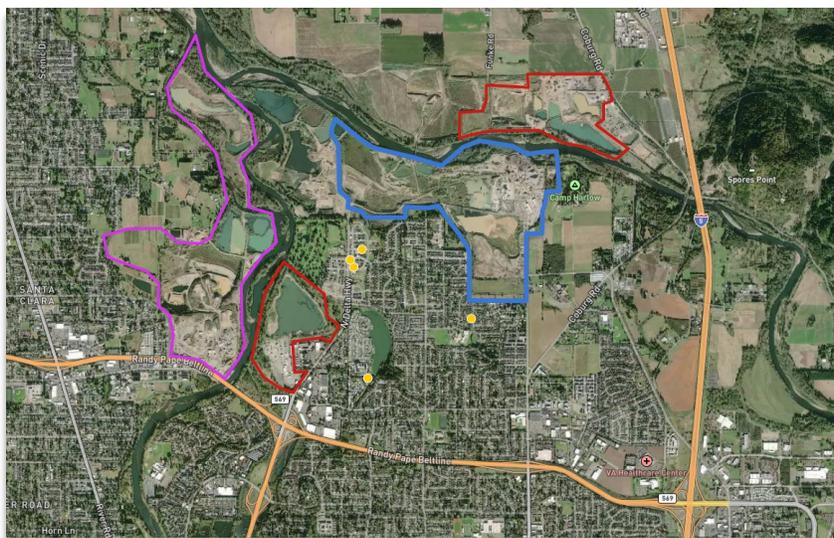


Figure 1: Map of complaint locations and industrial facilities in the Osprey Hollow area. Yellow dots indicate air quality complaints received from July-October 2025. Colored boundaries show approximate facility locations: Blue, Wildish Building Materials; Red, Riverbend Materials; Purple, Delta Sand & Gravel



The primary industrial sources identified in the complaints include:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Permit Type</u>
Wildish Building Materials	Rock crushing, concrete, asphalt	Two Standard ACDPs and one General ACDP
Riverbend Materials	Rock crushing, concrete, asphalt	General ACDP
Delta Sand & Gravel	Rock crushing, concrete	Standard ACDP

Initial Investigation Findings

Staff's investigation has focused on multiple potential sources for the reported issues. While underground quarrying operations minimize ground-level dust from extraction itself, our assessment indicates that material transport is a primary contributor to the fugitive dust complaints. Specifically, dust and debris from uncovered or inadequately covered truck loads traveling on North Delta Highway is an observable issue.

Regarding the odor complaints, preliminary analysis shows that the timing of some odor reports does not align with the known and confirmed operational hours of the asphalt plant. The source of these odors is unclear.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

LRAPA's authority includes:

- **Title 48 (Fugitive Emissions):** Requires reasonable precautions to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne; allows requiring control plans
- **Title 37 (Air Contaminant Discharge Permits):** Sources operate under ACDPs with fugitive emission and nuisance conditions
- **Title 49 (Nuisance):** Prohibits nuisance-causing air contaminants; voluntary Best Work Practices Agreements available

CURRENT EFFORTS AND ACTIONS

While land use decisions have created a close interface between industrial and residential areas, LRAPA's mandate is to manage the resulting air quality impacts. To that end, LRAPA is taking the following actions:

1. **Reviewing Fugitive Dust Control Plans:** Evaluating facility fugitive emissions plans, focusing on truck load covering requirements. Working with operators to incorporate or emphasize these provisions.
2. **Documenting Complaints:** Systematically collecting complaint data to identify patterns and inform potential voluntary Best Work Practices Agreements if warranted.
3. **Maintaining Stakeholder Engagement:** Balancing communication between residents and permitted facilities to support compliant operations while acknowledging community impacts.

Throughout LRAPA's regulatory oversight, both routine and in response to these recent complaints, the identified businesses have demonstrated cooperation and responsiveness to the agency's inquiries and recommendations.

LRAPA remains attentive to community concerns while working within existing regulatory frameworks to identify mutually beneficial solutions.

MOTION OPTIONS

This is an informational update to inform Board discussion. No formal motion is required.



Director's Report for September 2025

Meeting Date: October 9, 2025
Department: Director's Office
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Agenda Item No.12
Staff Contact: Travis Knudsen
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I. EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Key accomplishments, challenges, and priorities from the past month.

September showcased LRAPA's commitment to protecting public health through responsive air quality management and meaningful community engagement. Air quality remained predominantly "Good" across Lane County, though the month brought multiple wildfire smoke intrusions requiring three separate air quality advisories affecting different regions of the county.

A milestone was reached on September 24th when LRAPA issued the e-commerce facility Indirect Source Construction Permit (ISCP) after careful consideration of over 300 public comments and numerous emails. The approval includes significant new requirements developed in response to community feedback, securing commitments for electric vehicles and future fleet electrification that will provide lasting air quality benefits for Lane County. To ensure transparency, staff developed comprehensive supplemental materials including a presentation video explaining the decision, which were posted online and sent directly to all who contacted LRAPA about the permit.

Wildfire smoke management remained a priority throughout September, with advisories issued for Eastern Lane County (September 2-7) and Western Lane County with intermittent impacts to Eugene/Springfield (September 29-30) due to the Moon Complex Fire and ongoing Emigrant Fire. These smoke events led LRAPA to delay the outdoor burning season opening from October 1st to October 15th. The Agency participated in multiple Oregon Wildfire Response Protocol meetings to coordinate regional response efforts.

Community partnerships were strengthened through recognition at the Long Tom Watershed's annual dinner on September 25th, where LRAPA was honored alongside Willamalane and the City of Eugene as dedicated leaders of the Rivers to Ridges ecological burning partnership. Staff also participated in the Eugene Chamber Policy Forum on wildfire management and prepared for Jerry's Fire Safety Saturday in early October.

Organizationally, the Agency made strategic adjustments to finance department staffing, hiring a temporary payroll specialist to support restructuring from a three-person to a two-person department while maintaining operational capacity. Interviews were scheduled for the Environmental Engineer/Specialist position to bring staffing to approximately 89% capacity. Progress on LINFO database enhancements faced temporary delays due to LCOG's developer vacancy, but LRAPA secured GitHub access and identified a promising freelance developer candidate with valuable institutional knowledge from prior LRAPA employment.

On October 1st, the federal government entered a shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations. While LRAPA's Section 103 and 105 grant payments are frozen during the shutdown, the agency maintains adequate reserves to continue operations without immediate disruption. The financial impacts are not expected to affect LRAPA's current fiscal year, though the agency is closely monitoring the situation and developing contingency plans for extended scenarios.

II. PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH & SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Aligns with Customer/Stakeholder Perspective of the Balanced Scorecard framework and LRAPA's current goals 1, 2, and 5 which focus on public health protection, community engagement, and stakeholder relationships.

II.A. Air Quality Status & Trends for September 2025

These metrics support **Goal 1 (Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education)** and **Goal 4 (Regional Air Monitoring and Analysis)**, tracking our performance against targets for "Good" and "Moderate" AQI days, data completeness, and timely reporting).

September 2025

Site	Date	Max AQI	Pollutant
Eug/Spfld	4-Sep-25	74	PM
Oak	4-Sep-25	153	PM
CottGrv	28-Sep-25	90	PM

AQI	Eug/Spfld	Oak	CottGrv	AQI Range	PM2.5 Range, ug/m3	Ozone Range, ppb
Good	18	21	21	0-50	0-9	0-54
Moderate	12	7	9	51-100	9.1-35.4	55-70
USG	0	1	0	101-150	35.5-55.4	71-85
Unhealthy	0	1	0	151-200	55.5-125.4	86-105
Very Unhealthy	0	0	0	201-300	125.5-225.4	106-200
Hazardous	0	0	0	301+	225.5+	201+

Attachment No. 1: Air Quality Index (AQI) charts for Lane County (September 2025)

Attachment No. 2: PM2.5 index charts for Lane County (September 2025)

II.B. Community Response & Complaint Resolution

This section supports **Goal 1 (Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education)** metrics for complaint response to demonstrates our commitment to addressing community concerns promptly and effectively.

The number of unique complainants is noted in "(#)"

September 1 - September 30, 2025		Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Smoke complaints: 26		Dust	17	26	12	7	8	10
13 - Outdoor Burning (9)		Ag Burning / Spraying	2	7	2	3	3	22
2 - Recreational Fire (2)		General Air Quality	4	8	1	25	32	28
8 - Home Wood Heating (5)		Home Wood Heating	74	57	67	52	39	44
3 - Wildfire (3)		Industry	100	336	198	97	75	97
Industry: 7		Outdoor Burning	423	243	292	254	253	187
5 - International Paper (3)		Slash Burning	12	10	6	12	9	1
1 - Wildish Land Co.		Asbestos	15	9	22	10	12	19
1 - St. Vinnies Mattress Recycling		Miscellaneous	44	31	80	62	91	68
Asbestos: None		Unknown	74	71	45	65	79	123
Miscellaneous: 15		Total:	765	798	725	587	601	599
12 - Unknown Odor (9)		*Notes: LRAPA received 48 complaints in September, down 58% from 114 in July-August. Unknown odor complaints dropped from 55 to 12. Smoke-related complaints were the largest category with 26 complaints, primarily from outdoor burning and home wood heating.						
2 - Generator Odor (1)								
1 - Rotten Egg Odor								
Total: 48								

II.C. Smoke Management & Wildfire Resilience

This section aligns with **Goal 2 (Enhanced Wildfire Smoke Preparedness)**, tracking our smoke monitoring, advisory issuance, and coordination with state agencies, as well as smoke management activities for outdoor burning and home wood heating.

Outdoor Burning, 2025-2026 Season

LRAPA regulates outdoor burning in Lane County to protect air quality and public health. Under Title 47, LRAPA has authority to regulate open burning practices, including determining when burns can occur. LRAPA aims to allow burning whenever possible while preventing air quality deterioration. Outdoor burning is only curtailed when monitoring or forecasts show potential for unhealthy air quality impacts.

Periods of Curtailment				
Start	End	Areas	Curtailment	Reason
N/A	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-

Home Wood Heating, 2025-2026 Season

LRAPA regulates home wood heating under Title 16 to reduce PM2.5 emissions during periods of poor air quality. An advisory system (Yellow/Red Days) indicates when curtailment is needed. Yellow Day advisory request voluntary curtailment of wood burning except for those who depend on it as their primary heat source. Red Day advisories prohibit visible smoke from chimneys, with exemptions for economic hardship. Like outdoor burning, LRAPA only issues wood burning curtailment when air quality monitoring or forecasts indicate potential health impacts.

Periods of Curtailment		
Areas	Yellow Days	Red Days
Eugene/Springfield	0	0
Oakridge	0	0

The home wood heating season, which had been closed during the summer months, officially reopened on October 1st. No curtailment days were needed in September as air quality conditions remained favorable throughout the month and the season was not yet open.

Outdoor Burning Letter Permits, 2025-2026 Season

LRAPA has authority to issue outdoor burning letter permits under Title 47. These permits allow specified burning that would otherwise be prohibited. This program also supports ecological benefits of prescribed fire while protecting public health through strict oversight and timing. LRAPA coordinates closely with land managers to ensure burns are conducted with minimal air quality impacts.

Permit No.	Issue Date	Permittee	Location	Material	Volume
20B25-06-01	June 30, 2025	River to Ridges Partnership	85 units in Lane County	Ecological Burning	1456 acres

Wildfire Smoke Intrusions & Air Quality Advisories

LRAPA participates in Oregon's Wildfire Response Protocol for Severe Smoke Episodes, a coordinated system that connects federal, state, and local agencies during significant smoke events. LRAPA's role includes issuing local air quality advisories, coordinating public health messaging, and representing Lane County's interests in state-level response planning.

Air Quality Advisories Issued			
Start Date	End Date	Areas Affected	Primary Pollutant
08-22-2025	08-25-2025	Southern Willamette Valley	Ozone
09-02-2025	09-07-2025	Eastern Lane County	PM2.5/Wildfire
09-29-2025	09-30-2025	W. Lane County & Intermittent Eug/Spring	PM2.5/Wildfire

Oregon Wildfire Response Protocol for Severe Smoke Episodes Meetings		
Date	Topic	Advisory Issued
07-11-2025	Prep for Coordination Calls	n/a
07-16-2025	Review Active Wildfires	No
08-22-2025	Ozone & Flat Fire	Yes
08-25-2025	Flat Fire, Emigrant Fire, & OR Fires	No
08-27-2025	Emigrant Fire, Flat Fire, & OR Fires	No
09-02-2025	Emigrant Fire & OR Fires	Yes
09-04-2025	Emigrant Fire & OR Fires	Yes
09-05-2025	Emigrant Fire & OR Fires	Yes
09-29-2025	Moon Complex Fire & Emigrant Fire	Yes

II.D. Community Outreach, Education, & Building Partnerships

This section supports **Goal 5 (Partnerships and Interagency Coordination)** metrics for partner engagement and stakeholder communication, strengthening relationships with stakeholders and enhancing public understanding of air quality issues.

Media Log			
Date	Media	Person	Topic
1/23/2025	KLCC	Rachael McDonald	Air stagnation and wood burning advisories
1/23/2025	KEZI	Ryan Bonham	Air stagnation and cleaner woodstove burning
1/28/2025	KEZI	Ryan Bonham	Air Quality Advisory E. Lane County and Red Advisory for Oakridge, Yellow EUG/Spring
2/28/2025	KEZI	Robert Desaulniers	Spring Outdoor Burning Season Opens and Tips on Safe Burning
2/28/2025	KMTR	News Staff	Spring Outdoor Burning Season Opens and Tips on Safe Burning
4/03/2025	Washington Post	Joshua Partlow and Amudalat Ajasa	EPA cutting more than \$1 Billion in EJ grant funds and impact on Lane County and other areas
4/24/2025	Lookout Eugene-Springfield	Ashli Blow	American Lung Association rates Eug./Spring 4 th worst air quality in US.
6/02/2025	KMTR	News Staff	End backyard burning June 7 th due to fire concerns
6/03/2025	Lookout Eugene-Springfield	Ashli Blow	Burn Ban to begin early in Lane County
6/17/2025	KXCR- Radio	Larry Bloomfield	30-minute live interview for Florence public radio that featured LRAPA to discuss Homewood heating, asbestos, and prepping for wildfire
6/20/2025	KMTR	Gold Meadows	50-acre agricultural fire in Junction City on Wednesday 6/18 and impacts on Eugene area causing poor air quality. LINK
6/30/25	KEZI	News Staff	Supplemental Environmental Project Re-launch LINK
6/30/25	KVAL	News Staff	Supplemental Environmental Project Re-Launch LINK
6/30/25	KMTR	Gold Meadows	Supplemental Environmental Project Re-Launch LINK
7/1/25	KCST 106.9 FM, KCFM 1250 AM,	George Henry	Supplemental Environmental Project Re-Launch LINK

Media Log			
Date	Media	Person	Topic
	104.1 FM & 103.1 FM		
7/2/25	KLCC	Karen Richards	Supplemental Environmental Project Re-Launch LINK
7/5/25	KLCC	Karen Richards	Air quality awareness during wildfire season LINK
7/8/25	Eugene Weekly	Christian Wihtol	E-Commerce shipping facility ISCP permit with LRAPA & possible Amazon site LINK
7/11/25	Register Guard	Alan Torres	E-Commerce shipping facility ISCP permit with LRAPA & possible Amazon site LINK
7/16/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Michael Zhang	E-commerce shipping facility ISCP w/ LRAPA LINK
7/16/25	KEZI	Israel La Rue	E-commerce shipping facility ISCP w/ LRAPA LINK
7/16/25	OR Dept. of Early Learning and Care	News Webpage	Outdoor AQ Guide from LCPH tool for use LINK
7/18/25	KLCC	News Brief	E-Commerce shipping facility ISCP w/ LRAPA LINK
8/4/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Michael Zhang	E-Commerce warehouse public comments on ISCP LINK
8/4/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Grace Chinowsky	Odors over the weekend smelling like dog feces LINK
8/5/25	KEZI	Israel La Rue	Odors of dog feces in Eug/Spring LINK
8/5/25	KMTR	Tiffany Lewis	Odors of dog feces in Eug/Spring LINK
8/5/2025	KPIC	Tiffany Lewis	Odors of dog feces in Eug/Spring LINK
8/19/25	KMTR	News Staff	Public Comments Open for Metro Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) LINK
8/22/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Grace Chinowsky	Foul Smell ends w/o clear culprit LINK
8/22/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Ashli Blow	Heat wave Smog in Eugene Springfield LINK
8/22/25	KMTR	News Staff	Heat wave Smog in Eug/Spring LINK
8/22/25	KVAL	News Staff	Heat wave Smog in Eug/Spring LINK
8/22/25	KLCC	Gabriella Sgro	Heat wave Smog in Eug/Spring LINK
9/2/25	KEZI	News Staff	Emigrant Fire Smoke Advisory E. Lane County LINK
9/2/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Michael Zhang	Emigrant Fire Smoke Advisory E. Lane County LINK
9/3/25	Register Guard	Hannarose McGuinness	Emigrant Fire Smoke Advisory E. Lane County LINK
9/3/25	Lookout Eugene Springfield	Ashli Blow	Emigrant Fire Smoke Advisory E. Lane County LINK
9/11/25	Eugene Weekly	Christian Wihtol	Residents object to purported Amazon facility. ISCP comments to LRAPA LINK
9/15/25	KLCC	Rebecca Hansen-White	Short Mtn. Landfill first in Oregon to utilize drones for GHG inspection LINK
9/19/25	KLCC	Karen Richards	Hazy Air in Eug/Spring Area LINK
9/25/25	Eugene Weekly	Christian Wihtol	LRAPA evaluates purported Amazon parcel-delivery center LINK
9/25/25	Register Guard	Alan Torres	e-commerce facility scores key permit LINK
9/26/25	KVAL	Khenedi Wright	Tips for smoke during prescribed fire season LINK
9/26/25	Lookout Eug. Spring	Michael Zhang	Permit Approved for E-Commerce Facility LINK
9/29/25	KLCC	News Staff	Air Quality Advisory for W. Lane County and Intermittent Eug/Spring LINK
9/29/25	KVAL	News Staff	Wildfire Smoke Air Advisory and Delay Outdoor Burn Season to 10/15 LINK
9/29/25	KMTR	News Staff	Wildfire Smoke Advisory and Delay Outdoor Burn till 10/15 LINK

Springfield Rotary Club (Wednesdays, Elk's Club)

Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs Manager, represents LRAPA as a member of the Springfield Rotary Club. This is a very active Club with over 85 members. The Club meets every Wednesday during lunch. At every meeting there is an opportunity to share important LRAPA news with the membership, in addition to building relationships with community leaders and other stakeholders across our community.

E-Commerce Facility ISCP Decision Supplemental Materials (Sept. 24th, Online)

After receiving over 300 public comments and numerous emails about the e-commerce Indirect Source Construction Permit (ISCP) application, LRAPA approved the permit Sept. 24 with new requirements based on community feedback. Staff developed a presentation explaining the decision and posted it to YouTube. The video, final permit documents, and response to comments are available on [LRAPA's website](#). All who contacted LRAPA about the ISCP received an email with the decision and links to these materials to ensure they were the first to be notified about the decision.

LRAPA Recognized at Long Tom Watershed Annual Dinner (Sept. 25th, Bennett Vineyards)

Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs Manager, represented LRAPA at the Long Tom Watershed's annual dinner and board installation meeting. LTW recognized LRAPA, Willamalane and the City of Eugene as dedicated leaders of the Rivers to Ridges ecological burning partnership and celebrated the partnership with over 60 guests.

Eugene Chamber Policy Forum Breakfast: The Oregon Approach to Wildfire (Oct. 2nd, Eugene Country Club)

Matt Sorensen attended the Eugene Chamber's forum breakfast that convened three leading experts to explore why each year we see more frequent, more destructive events, including megafires, that devastate communities, damage our landscapes, strain public resources, and cloud our skies with hazardous smoke. But why are we seeing this increase in severity? What role do climate conditions, land management practices, and state and federal policies play in driving or curbing these outcomes?

Jerry's Fire Safety Saturday (Oct. 4th, Springfield Jerry's)

Travis Knudsen and Matt Sorensen hosted LRAPA's booth at the Springfield Jerry's parking lot along with 20 other community agencies to engage hundreds of community members and share information on how wildfires affect air quality and offered tips for residents to protect themselves during wildfire season. Additional information on asbestos regulations was shared as well. In exchange for signing up for the LRAPA email list participants were entered into a drawing for a HEPA air purifier.

III. MAINTAINING REGULATORY EXCELLENCE

Aligns with Internal Process Perspective of the Balanced Scorecard framework and LRAPA's current goals 3 and 4—ensuring compliance with air quality standards through effective monitoring, permitting, and enforcement.

III.A. Stationary Source Permitting Progress & Efficiency

This section supports **Goal 3 (Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education)** metrics for permit issuance timeliness, permit backlog rate, and area NAAQS compliance.

Permitted Sources

- Currently 15 sources hold a Title V operating permit in Lane County.
- Currently approximately 275 sources hold an ACDP.

Permits in Queue			
Category of Permit Activity	Title V	ACDP	Total In Queue
New	0	4	4
Renewals	1	15	16
Modifications	2	4	6
Constructions	-	1	1
Terminated Permits	-	-	-

Stationary Sources Permits Issued, Year-to-Date

- Title V Operating Permits: 2
- Air Contaminant Discharge Permits: 17

Permits on public notice from September 1 to September 30, 2025		
Source Name	Reason for Public Notice	Type of Permit
202537, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission – Eugene/Springfield Water Pollution Control Facility	Renewal.	Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (Standard ACDP) on public notice August 18 – September 22, 2025.
204740, Lane County Public Works - Waste Management Division: Short Mountain Landfill	Significant Modification to allow alternative surface emissions monitoring for methane using drones.	Title V Operating Permit Significant Modification on public notice September 9 – October 14, 2025.

Permit Backlog as of September 30, 2025			
Permit Type	Permits by Type	Permits Extended Administratively	Percentage of Total (%)
Title V	15	0	0%
Standard	24	5	21%
Simple	26	1	4%
Total	64	6	8%

III.B. Asbestos Program Oversight

This section supports **Goal 3 (Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education)** initiatives related to operating the asbestos program, including inspections and rule updates. LRAPA protects public health from asbestos hazards through effective oversight and education.

LRAPA administers the asbestos program in Lane County under title 43. This program regulates the handling, removal, and disposal of asbestos-containing materials to prevent public exposure to this

hazardous substance. LRAPA reviews asbestos survey reports, processes abatement notifications, conducts inspections, and enforces compliance with asbestos regulations to protect workers and the public.

Asbestos Notices		<i>Year-to-Date</i> ↓				
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Asbestos Abatement Notices	439	408	465	466	436	339

III.C. Enforcement

*This section supports **Goal 3 (Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education)** metrics for enforcement action resolution and evaluations completed. The enforcement program ensures that regulations are followed, and violations are addressed.*

LRAPA's compliance program ensures that air quality regulations are followed by stationary sources, asbestos contractors, and the general public. This section provides an overview of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period, including notices of non-compliance, civil penalties, and case resolutions.

Sep. 1, 2025 to Sep. 30, 2025					
Category of Violation	New	Follow-Up Action	Pending	Closed	Total
Asbestos	-	-	1	-	1
Industrial	-	-	-	1	1
Outdoor Burning	-	-	1	-	1
Fugitive Dust	-	-	-	-	-
Home Wood Heating	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	2	1	3

Attachment No. 3: September 2025, Enforcement Actions Detail Report.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Notices of Non-compliance and Warnings	15	21	24	19	9	16
Notices of Violation with Civil Penalties	26	17	24	15	5	12

IV. STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Aligns with Learning & Growth Perspective of the Balanced Scorecard framework and LRAPA's current goal 6—developing staff capabilities and improving operational systems.

IV.A. Staff Development & Agency Growth

This section supports Goal 6 (Organizational Excellence and Operational Efficiency) metrics focused on staff retention, professional development, and employee satisfaction, essential for achieving operational excellence.

LRAPA maintains a skilled workforce to carry out our mission of protecting air quality in Lane County. This section provides an overview of our current staffing levels, vacancies, and professional development activities. Our commitment to staff development ensures we have the expertise needed to address complex air quality challenges effectively.

Department	FTE	Vacancies
Administration	5.0	0.0
Operations	9.0	2.0
Finance	3.0	1.0
Technical services	2.0	0.0
Total	19.0	3.0
<i>Agency at 84% of staffing capacity</i>		

LRAPA currently maintains 19.0 FTE across four departments. We presently have 16.0 FTE filled, representing 84% of our authorized staffing capacity.

In September, the agency made a strategic adjustment to our finance department staffing approach. Rather than filling the Finance Specialist position as a permanent role, we hired a Payroll Specialist through a temporary contract arrangement for approximately six months at 12 hours per week. This contracted specialist will support our transition to restructure finance operations from a three-person to a two-person department, with responsibilities distributed between existing staff. This approach provides specialized expertise during the transition period while creating flexibility to redirect the FTE allocation to support other essential areas of the agency.

LRAPA continues active recruitment for an Environmental Engineer/Specialist position (1/2/3 level), with interviews scheduled for October 3rd.

The temporary finance arrangement, combined with filling the Environmental Engineer/Specialist position, will bring the agency to approximately 89% operational capacity while maintaining strategic flexibility in the staffing model. LRAPA continues to prioritize thoughtful workforce planning and staff development strategies to maintain our skilled team which is essential for protecting air quality in Lane County.

Staff Professional Development, Year-to-Date			
Training	Participation	Completion Date	Provider
Budget Law Training	2	February	Oregon Department of Revenue
Avoiding Communication Pitfalls	1	February	Express
Basic Inspector Training	3	March	WESTAR

Staff Professional Development, Year-to-Date			
Training	Participation	Completion Date	Provider
Accounts Receivable: Common Routines	1	March	Caselle
Fred Pryor Customer Service Training	1	April	Pryor Learning
Intro to Environmental Enforcement training	2	April	Western States Project
Essential Skills Workshop	1	April	Springfield Chamber: Work ready
Community Connect Portal	1	April	Caselle
Workplace Safety: Active Violence Incident	17	May	City of Springfield, Police
New Source Review Process Steps	5	May	Department of Environmental Quality
Incinerators	3	May	WESTAR
Industrial Boilers	5	May	WESTAR
Electrostatic Precipitators	3	May	WESTAR
Ask Us Anything Air Quality	5	May	Department of Environmental Quality
Balancing Payroll Transmittals	1	May	Caselle
Complying with Grants	2	May	Environmental Protection Agency
ASAP Grant Payment Portal training	1	May	US Treasury
Payment Requests in ASAP	1	May	US Treasury
PERS Summer Webinar: Understanding your statement, voluntary contributions and Q&A	1	June	Employer Service Center (ESC)
Caselle: Payroll-Supplemental & Termination checks	1	June	Caselle
Caselle: New Online Payment Portal Management	3	June	Caselle
Ask Us Anything Air Quality	5	June	Department of Environmental Quality
WESTAR Effective Permit Writing course	2	July	WESTAR
EPA Annual Regional State & Local Air Dispersion Modeling Conference	1	July	Environmental Protection Agency
Oregon Annual Asbestos Retreat	2	August	Department of Environmental Quality
WESTAR TOXIC 231	1	September	WESTAR
EPA International Emissions Inventory Conference	2	September	Environmental Protection Agency

Staff Professional Development, Year-to-Date			
Training	Participation	Completion Date	Provider
OSBEELS Symposium	1	September	Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying
The Good, the Bad, and the [Redacted]: Navigating Oregon's Public Record's Law	1	September	Oregon Public Records Board & Lewis & Clark Law School

EPA Internation Emissions Inventory Conference (September 15th-18th, Virtual)

Staff attended the virtual 2025 Emissions Inventory Conference, EPA's biannual conference focusing on scientific, technical, logistical, and policy aspects of emissions inventories and their development and use. The conference provided a unique forum for emissions inventory training, the exchange of ideas and information on the development and uses of emission inventory data; new insights and directions to air quality management; and communication of emissions inventory information.

The Good, the Bad, and the [Redacted]: Navigating Oregon's Public Record's Law (September 18th, Virtual)

Staff attended the virtual webinar "The Good, the Bad, and the Redacted: Navigating Oregon's Public Records Law" hosted by Oregon Public Broadcasting on September 18, 2025. The one-hour panel discussion featured award-winning journalist Emily Cureton Cook, Multnomah County Judge Benjamin Souede, and former Oregon Public Records Advocate Ginger McCall.

The training covered best practices for obtaining records under Oregon Public Records Law and examined current trends in redactions and exemptions asserted by public bodies. This professional development opportunity enhanced staff understanding of public records compliance requirements and transparency obligations essential for LRAPA's operations as a public agency.

WESTAR Auto, Metal Parts & Products course (September 24th, Virtual)

Staff completed specialized training on regulatory oversight of metal parts and products operations, focusing on paints and coatings used in manufacturing and refurbishment processes. The course covered coating formulation, volatile content limits, transfer efficiency, application equipment, and laboratory analysis techniques for both liquid and powder coatings. Training emphasized practical skills for conducting regulatory reviews, including inspection procedures, emission control technologies, identification of hazardous materials in coatings, and proper sampling and analysis methods. This training enhances staff capacity to effectively regulate coating operations within Lane County's air quality jurisdiction.

OSBEELS Symposium (September 25th-26th, virtual)

Staff attended the virtual OSBEELS (Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying) Confluence Symposium on September 25-26, 2025. This professional development event featured presentations on current engineering and surveying topics including professional ethics for engineers and surveyors, TriMet's Better Red transit project improvements, major infrastructure projects such as the Dog River Pipeline replacement and I-5 bridge reconstruction, and emerging technologies like AI applications in engineering and construction.

The symposium also addressed critical contemporary issues including wildfire-resilient infrastructure design and modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). This comprehensive continuing education opportunity enhanced staff knowledge of current industry practices, regulatory requirements, and technological advances relevant to LRAPA's environmental engineering and compliance work.

IV.B. Operational Improvements & Innovation

*This section supports **Goal 6 (Organizational Excellence and Operational Efficiency)** metrics for technology adoption and systems modernization, enhancing our efficiency and effectiveness in serving Lane County.*

LRAPA is working to improve our systems and processes to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. These improvements support our ability to fulfill our mission and provide better service to the public. Current initiatives focus on technology upgrades, document management, and standardized procedures.

Current activities underway:

- **LINFO Database Upgrade:** LRAPA successfully transitioned to our central database system (LINFO) version 3.0 in summer 2025, which enhances our permit tracking, complaint management, and reporting capabilities. The system has been fully operational, and staff are actively using it while documenting bugs and identifying needed user-interface and functionality improvements. Progress on system enhancements has been paused since June 2025 due to the retirement of LCOG's internal developer who maintained LINFO under contract with LCOG. LCOG has not yet filled this critical position.

To address this gap, LRAPA is pursuing alternative solutions, including engaging freelance developers to continue system improvements. Throughout September, LRAPA worked with LCOG to obtain GitHub access to LINFO's code for both LRAPA staff and potential freelance developers. We have identified a promising candidate who is a former LRAPA employee and understands our operational needs, providing valuable institutional knowledge for future development work.

- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):** Development of SOPs across all departments continues to progress well, with multiple procedures already completed and implemented. In September, the agency rolled out the foundational "SOP for SOPs" document, which establishes a standardized framework for how procedures are created, revised, referenced, and maintained throughout the organization. This meta-level documentation provides essential guidance for consistent procedure development and management, supporting both operational consistency and succession planning across the agency. Staff are currently reviewing and providing feedback on this framework, which the agency is using to refine the workflow documentation process. This work includes creating a comprehensive system for tracking controlled documents and controlled policies, which encompass all SOPs agency-wide.

V. ENSURING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Aligns with Financial Stewardship Perspective of goal 7—managing financial resources effectively and transparently.

V.A. Budget Performance & Stability

*This section supports **Goal 7 (Financial Sustainability and Transparency)** metrics for budget variance and maintaining adequate reserves (4 months of operating budget), ensuring LRAPA can fulfill its mission consistently.*

Please refer to the August 2025 financial update (Agenda item number 7).

FY26 Line Items to Note: These line items are above 91% of the budgeted spending to date. (Target spending to date is 17% as if August 2025).

- **General Fund** – The Personnel Services line item is currently at 94% of the targeted spending for August. It is expected that this line item will remain under budget for the year.
- **Special Revenue Fund (Title V)** – nothing to note.
- **Grant Fund** – nothing to note.

FY25 Summary of Expenditures: 17% of the year has elapsed as of **8/31/25**, and spending is below that threshold in each of the LRAPA funds. These are the categories we must consider when asking the question “Were we below or over budget for the year?”:

- **General Fund** Total Actual Expenditures as a % of Budgeted Annual Expenditures: **11%**
- **Special Revenue Fund** Total Actual Expenditures as a % of Budgeted Annual Expenditures: **11%**
- **Grant Fund Total** Actual Expenditures as a % of Budgeted Annual Expenditures: **5%**
- **All Funds Consolidated** Actual Expenditures as a % of Budgeted Annual Expenditures: **9%**

V.B. Financial Transparency & Reporting

*This section supports **Goal 7 (Financial Sustainability and Transparency)** metrics for financial reports provided to the Board (target: monthly) and timely audit completion (target: before December 31). Transparency in financial matters builds trust with our stakeholders and ensures accountability.*

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025	Status	Completion Date
Budget	Adopted	June 2024
Prior Year Audit - FY24	Completed	July 2025

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026	Status	Completion Date
Budget	Adopted	May 2025
Prior Year Audit - FY25	Scheduled (delayed due to staff transition within the LRAPA finance team)	Expected December 2025

VI. BOARD CALENDAR

A tentative review of upcoming initiatives, events, and board business.

2025	2026
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Preview upcoming appointments on board and committees. — Oakridge Air update — Remodel update <p>January; Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Discussion of Partner Dues — Discussion of Board Goals — Discussion of Board Meeting Schedule <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Supplemental Budget for FY'25 — Appoint new Budget Committee members, and appoint Budget Officer — Elect the Board Chair and Vice-Chair — Board Goals Review — Federal Grant Status Update — Remodel Update <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Budget Committee Meeting for FY'26 — Authorization for Public Comment on SB 5520 — Board Goals Approval — Federal Grant Status Update — Remodel Final Update <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Budget Committee Meeting for FY'26; Approve Budget — Annual By Rule Fee Schedule — Public Comment SB 5520; Report <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Public Hearing of FY'26 Approved Budget, Board Adoption — Oakridge Air Update — Federal Grants Status Update — LRAPA Open House <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Audit Presentation from Isler CPA—FY24 — Outdoor Burning Season Review — Federal Grants Status Update — The Permit Life Cycle: Application to Compliance <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Rulemaking Review — Federal Grants Status Update — Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Process — PERS UAL Discussion, Review & Investment Strategy — Ozone Review — Audit Report — FY'24 Audit, Corrective Action Plan <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No Meeting <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review Local Partner Dues Calculation for FY'27 — Resolution 25-04; Board Designated LGIP Account — Permitting & Federal Standards Rulemaking <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Approve Local Dues Calculation for FY'27. — Smoke Management Season Update/Review — Osprey Hollow Air Quality Complaints <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Audit Update, FY'25 — Home Wood Heatin Season Update — Executive Session: Director Performance Evaluation <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No Meeting 	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Preview upcoming appointments on board and committees. — Oakridge Air update — Review budget forecast for FY'2026-2029 <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Supplemental Budget for FY'26 — FY'25 Audit Report & Presentation — Appoint new Budget Committee members, and appoint Budget Officer — Elect the Board Chair and Vice-Chair <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Budget Committee Meeting for FY'26 <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Budget Committee Meeting for FY'27; Approve Budget — Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Process <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Public Hearing of FY'27 Approved Budget, Board Adoption — Executive Session: Director Performance Evaluation — Oakridge Air Update <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Outdoor Burning Season Review <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Rulemaking Review — Review PERS UAL Liability & Investment Strategy <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No Meeting <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review Legislative Short Session. — Review Local Partner Dues Calculation for FY'28. — Wildfire Smoke Management Season Update — Annual Review of Board Designated LGIP Account <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Approve Local Dues Calculation for FY'28. — Smoke Management Season Update/Review <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Audit Update, FY'27 — Home Wood Heating Season Update <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No Meeting

VII. LRAPA STRATEGIC GOALS REFERENCE SHEET

These ongoing and sustained goals are designed to ensure comprehensive performance management across four key perspectives. This reference sheet provides an overview of each strategic goal and its associated performance metrics.

MISSION: To protect public health, quality of life and the environment as a leader and advocate for the continuous improvement of air quality in Lane County.

VISION: Community partners working together to ensure clean air for everyone.

GOAL 1: Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education

Protect public health through air quality initiatives and foster community engagement via educational programs, prompt response to public concerns, and efforts to ensure equitable protection from air pollution for all communities.

Lag Indicators

- % of days in "Good" or "Moderate" AQI categories by monitoring location (target: 95% annually)
- Number of days with PM2.5 or PM10 exceeding NAAQS 24-hour standards (target: 0)
- % of complaints responded to (target: 95%)

Lead Indicators

- Number of educational events/programs conducted quarterly (target: 2 per quarter)
- Number of wood heating advisories issued (target: prior to 150 AQI in metro)
- Email listserv growth (target: >3% increase annually)

GOAL 2: Enhanced Wildfire Smoke Preparedness

Address the increasing threat of wildfire smoke intrusions to public health in Lane County through public education, collaboration with local jurisdictions, and enhanced monitoring and communication during wildfire events. In addition to seeking funding avenues which directly support this new and growing smoke management service need.

Lag Indicators

- Response time to publish smoke advisories during events (target: before 1pm on days needed)

Lead Indicators

- Maintain LRAPA supported commercial air sensors in Lane County (target: approximately 75)
- State smoke advisory engagement (target: 100% participation)

GOAL 3: Public Health Protection and Air Quality Education

Ensure compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and other health-based benchmarks, manage air quality permits for regulated sources, and implement best practices in emissions control, balancing economic development with environmental protection through rigorous permitting processes.

Lag Indicators

- % of area in compliance with NAAQS standards (target: 100%)
- % of permits issued within target timeframes (target: 90%)
- Permit backlog rate (target: <20%)

Lead Indicators

- Number of annual Full Compliance Evaluations completed vs. EPA committed (target: 100%)
- % of enforcement actions resolved within 6 months (target: 80%)

GOAL 4: Regional Air Monitoring and Analysis

Collect, analyze, and report comprehensive air quality data across Lane County to inform policy decisions, alert the public, and track long-term air quality trends.

Lag Indicators	Lead Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - % data completeness for monitoring network (target: >95%) - Timeliness of data reporting to the public and EPA (target: 100% on schedule) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - % of monitors calibrated on schedule (target: 100%) - % uptime for real-time data systems (target: 98%) - Number of monitoring site quality assurance audits completed vs. EPA committed (target: 100%)

GOAL 5: Partnerships and Interagency Coordination

Build and maintain strong relationships with various stakeholders, including industry, local jurisdictions, and community groups, to foster collaboration, improve communication, and ensure that LRAPA's work is responsive to community needs and concerns.

Lag Indicators	Lead Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of industry outreach initiatives completed annually (target: 1 per year) - Number of community outreach initiatives completed annually (target: 1 per year) - Number of partner outreach engagements completed annually (target: 5 per year) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity of inter-agency meetings attended (target: prioritize local, then state, then federal engagements) - Number of monitoring site quality assurance audits completed vs. EPA committed (target: 100%) - Communication frequency with key stakeholders (target: Quarterly communication) - Number of council presentations delivered (target: 1 per jurisdiction annually)

GOAL 6: Organizational Excellence and Operational Efficiency

Strengthen LRAPA's internal systems, workflows, and operational capacity through technology integration, process improvement, and staff development to enhance organizational effectiveness and service delivery.

Lag Indicators	Lead Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employee satisfaction/engagement scores (target: 85% satisfaction) - Staff retention rate (target: >85% annually) - % completion of internal systems modernization (target: 100% of planned upgrades, e.g. LINFO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of staff professional development training completed (Target: 2 per staff per year) - Number of staff utilizing advancing technologies in workflows (target: > 50%)

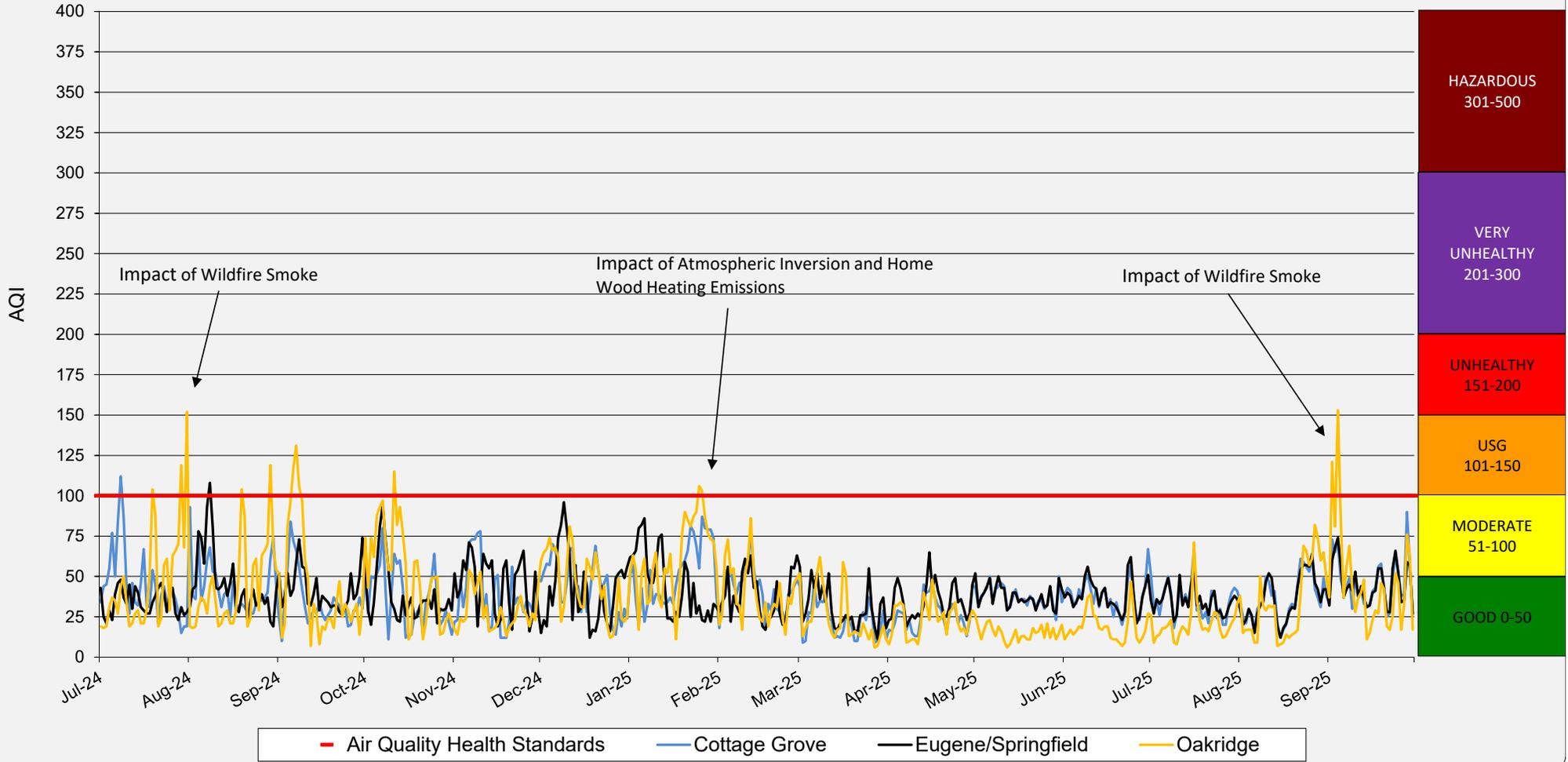
GOAL 7: Financial Sustainability and Transparency

Ensure LRAPA's long-term financial stability and improve fiscal transparency through diversified funding sources, robust financial management practices, and clear communication of financial decisions to stakeholders.

Lag Indicators	Lead Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reserve fund supporting annual operating budget (target: 4 months) - Budget variance (target: within 10% of planned) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of financial reports provided to Board & public (target: monthly to Board) - Audit completed before state deadline (target: Dec. 31)

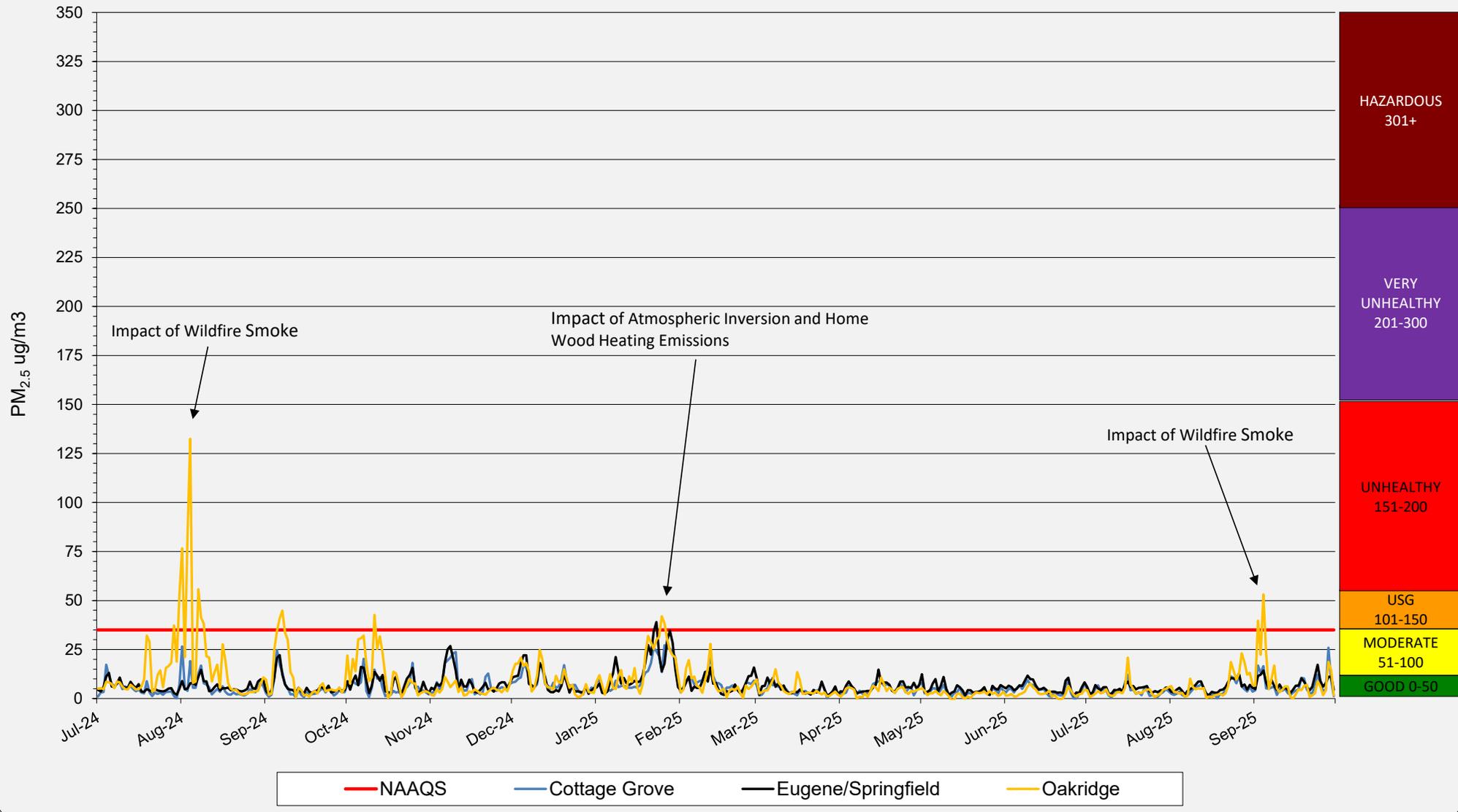
Daily Air Quality Index Chart

This 15-month chart demonstrates the seasonality of the pollutants.



Daily PM2.5 Levels

Daily Sampling, NAAQS Exceedance is Triggered on the 8th High



NEW/OPEN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS DETAIL REPORT
9/1/2025 -- 9/30/2025
Report of open actions initiated since last report

NEW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

None.

PENDING (Enforcement actions issued prior to 7/1/2025 with no reporting action in the current reporting period):

1. DUST 2 DIAMONDS, LLC (SPRINGFIELD)
 - A. Violation: Performed an asbestos abatement project without possessing a license to perform asbestos abatement; openly accumulated friable asbestos-containing materials.
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3908 issued 9/6/2024
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3908 (\$8,400) issued 9/6/2024; request for reduction approved and reduced to \$4,800 with a payment plan of \$100; payments are on schedule as of 9/30/2025.
 - D. Resolution: PENDING
 - E. Source Type: ASBESTOS
 - F. Initiated By: INSPECTION

2. REMEDIOS ROMERO (COTTAGE GROVE)
 - A. Violation: Respondent conducted the burning of prohibited materials, including painted wood, metal, tin cans, plastic bags, food waste, plastics fiberglass roofing and general household garbage in a burn barrel.
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3930 issued 08/06/2025
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2025-3930 (\$1,019) issued 08/06/2025; no response, default order and judgment (DOJ) in process
 - D. Resolution: PENDING
 - E. Source Type: OUTDOOR BURNING
 - F. Initiated By: COMPLAINT

CLOSED ENFORCEMENT CASES Enforcement Actions issued prior to 3/1/2025 and closed in the current reporting period):

1. INTERNATIONAL PAPER (SPRINGFIELD)
 - A. Violation: Between January 23, 2024, and June 30, 2024, International Paper Company failed to implement monitoring required by Title V Operating Permit #208850, issued January 23, 2024. It is alleged that the additional monitoring requirements were not implemented when the permit was issued with the required monitoring was not performed for the first (6) six months of 2024 (1/23/2024 - 6/30/2024).
 - B. Initial Action Taken: NON #3920 issued 1/30/2025
 - C. Subsequent Action: NCP #2024-3940 (\$9,000) issued 1/30/2025; request for reduction and Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) approved and reduced to \$7,200 – paid 9/29/2025 and the money will be forwarded to the current Oakridge approved SEP in the amount of \$5,760.
 - D. Resolution: CASE CLOSED 09/29/2025
 - E. Source Type: PAPER & PULP MILL
 - F. Initiated By: SELF REPORTING