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LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2025

12:00 P.M.

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LRAPA

1010 Main Street

Springfield, Oregon 97477

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1. **12:00** **Call to Order/Agenda Review**
2. **12:05** **Public Participation**
3. **12:10** **Approval of September 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
4. **12:15** **Board Meeting Overview**
5. **12:20** **CAC Bylaws & Orientation Materials - Continued Review**
6. **12:30** **Approved Supplemental Environmental Projects:**
 - **BRING Recycling – Rethink Business Certification Program Project**
 - **Brock’s Wood Lot – Yard Debris & Seasoned Firewood Project**
 - **Cascadia Mobility – Regional Bike Share Program Project**
 - **Center for Rural Livelihoods – Forestland Restoration & Youth Field Trip Program**
7. **12:50** **Upcoming CAC Topics:**
 - **Rulemaking Updates: Titles 15 & 43**
 - **Smoke School**
 - **Public Outreach**
8. **12:55** **Roundtable**
9. **1:00** **Adjournment**

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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2025
MEETING VIA TEAMS / LRAPA OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD OREGON**

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE PRESENT:	LRAPA STAFF PRESENT:
Kelly Wood, Chair	Travis Knudsen, Executive Director
Evelina Davidova-Kamis, Vice-Chair	Max Hueftle, Operations Manager
Chris Cline	Rachelle Nicholas, Administrative Manager
Jim Daniels	Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs & Project Manager
Peter Dragovich	Heather Gravelle, Environmental Coordinator
Michael Koivula	
Ben Larson	
Paul Metzler	
Jo Rodgers	
COMMITTEE ABSENT/EXCUSED:	OTHERS PRESENT:
None	John Quetzalcoatl Murray, KEPW 97.3

AGENDA	ACTION
REGULAR MEETING	
1. Call to Order/Agenda Review.	Chair Kelly Wood convened the regular meeting at noon. Chair Wood welcomed everyone and acknowledged Evelina for her excellent work filling in during the previous meeting.
2. Public Participation.	John Quetzalcoatl Murray from KEPW 97.3 indicated he was present for reporting purposes.
3. Approval of September 30, 2025.	MOTION: Michael Koivula moved, and Chris Cline seconded to approve the September 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Meeting Overview.	Travis Knudsen , Executive Director, provided the Committee with updates from the October 9, 2025 LRAPA Board meeting. Financials: LRAPA currently under budget for the season.

	<p>Grants: Targeted airshed grant closing November 2025; internal audit underway for final EPA report due in early 2026.</p> <p>Local Partner Dues: FY27 local partner dues adopted with CPI increase of 0.5%.</p> <p>Smoke Management Season: The Board expressed interest in exploring adjusting burn season to start later in October and potentially extend through January.</p> <p>Osprey Hollow Air Quality Complaints: Summer complaints from residents in The Nines neighborhood regarding particulate matter and odors addressed with participation from Wildish, Delta Sand and Gravel, and Riverbed Materials. The odors could not be attributed to identified sources; truck covering requirements reinforced with permit holders for dry months; Nines HOA provided with meeting recording.</p> <p>Director's Report: Standard operational updates and ongoing outreach activities.</p>
5. CAC Bylaws & Orientation Materials Review.	<p>The Committee reviewed the CAC bylaws (dated 2006). Key provisions reviewed include purpose, membership structure (7-15 members representing public health, agriculture, industry, community planning, general public, and fire suppression), three-year terms with reappointment eligibility, attendance policy, officer roles, meeting schedule (last Tuesday of each month), quorum requirements, and annual reporting.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding adding representation from the Home Builders Association given relevance to asbestos regulations, wood stove issues, new construction standards, and electrification. Potential fit under "industry," "community planning," or "general public" categories. Committee to explore outreach to Home Builders Association for interested candidates.</p> <p>Chair Wood requested that links to the YouTube meeting recordings be posted on the website to improve public accessibility. Staff confirmed they will implement this change.</p>
6. Approved Supplemental Environmental Projects.	<p>Travis Knudsen and Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs and Project Manager, presented the SEP program, which allows sources facing civil penalties over \$2,000 to</p>

voluntarily direct up to 80% of funds to approved environmental projects rather than to the Lane County General Fund.

Currently Approved Projects (2-year approval period):

Brock's Woodlot (Oak Ridge): Yard debris processing program diverting material from backyard burning; recently funded; supports community firewood program with low-income/elderly discounts.

Bring Recycling (Springfield): Rethink Business Certification Program providing small grants for business efficiency improvements reducing electricity use and particulate emissions.

Cascadia Mobility: Bike share program expansion to reduce vehicle emissions and increase transportation access.

Center for Rural Livelihoods (Cottage Grove): Forest restoration and environmental education field trips for youth; free community firewood program.

Program Structure: Participation is completely voluntary for sources; projects must demonstrate measurable environmental benefits; applications, policy, and approvals publicly available on the LRAPA website; follow-up required to verify project milestones and emission reductions; open to nonprofits, municipalities, and community groups.

Paul Metzler expressed concern about the reputational risk of appearing to steer enforcement funds to favored organizations.

Mr. Knudsen responded that the program structure includes safeguards: review of applicants for tangible environmental outcomes, follow-up on project milestones and emission reductions, voluntary participation by sources, and public transparency with all applications and approvals available on the LRAPA website.

Further Committee discussion included funding flexibility, potential municipal applications (tree planting, yard waste programs), and emergency preparedness equipment eligibility.

7. Upcoming CAC Topics.	<p>Upcoming CAC topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke School Presentation • Rulemaking Updates: Titles 15 & 43 • Public Outreach Strategies • ODF/LRAPA Smoke Management Plan Overview • Industry Presentations/Site Visits
8. Roundtable.	<p>Chris Cline reported fall slash burning season began last weekend; closely regulated with daily forecasting from Salem meteorologists to avoid smoke-sensitive areas (Eugene, Springfield, Oakridge).</p> <p>Paul Metzler inquired about slash burning season and inversion risks; suggested public outreach topic on responsible slash burning reducing wildfire risk and associated air pollution.</p>
9. Adjournment.	<p>Chair Kelly Wood adjourned the Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.</p>

(Minutes recorded by Heather Gravelle)



Director's Report for September 2025

Meeting Date: October 9, 2025
Department: Director's Office
lrapa-or.gov

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	
Smoke complaints: 26	
13 - Outdoor Burning (9) 2 - Recreational Fire (2) 8 - Home Wood Heating (5) 3 – Wildfire (3)	
Industry: 7	
5 - International Paper (3) 1 - Wildish Land Co. 1 – St. Vinnies Mattress Recycling	
Asbestos: None	
Miscellaneous: 15	
12 - Unknown Odor (9) 2 - Generator Odor (1) 1 - Rotten Egg Odor	
Total: 48	

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Dust	17	26	12	7	8	10
Ag Burning / Spraying	2	7	2	3	3	22
General Air Quality	4	8	1	25	32	28
Home Wood Heating	74	57	67	52	39	44
Industry	100	336	198	97	75	97
Outdoor Burning	423	243	292	254	253	187
Slash Burning	12	10	6	12	9	1
Asbestos	15	9	22	10	12	19
Miscellaneous	44	31	80	62	91	68
Unknown	74	71	45	65	79	123
Total:	765	798	725	587	601	599

*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.

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		Year-to-Date↓				
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
January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview upcoming appointments on board and committees. Oakridge Air update Remodel update January; Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of Partner Dues Discussion of Board Goals Discussion of Board Meeting Schedule February <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 March <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 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee Meeting for FY'26; Approve Budget Annual By Rule Fee Schedule Public Comment SB 5520; Report May <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 June <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 July <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 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Meeting September <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 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Local Dues Calculation for FY'27. Smoke Management Season Update/Review Osprey Hollow Air Quality Complaints November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Update, FY'25 Home Wood Heating Season Update Executive Session: Director Performance Evaluation December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Meeting 	January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview upcoming appointments on board and committees. Oakridge Air update Review budget forecast for FY'2026-2029 February <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 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee Meeting for FY'26 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee Meeting for FY'27; Approve Budget Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Process May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Hearing of FY'27 Approved Budget, Board Adoption Executive Session: Director Performance Evaluation Oakridge Air Update June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Burning Season Review July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rulemaking Review Review PERS UAL Liability & Investment Strategy August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Meeting September <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 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Local Dues Calculation for FY'28. Smoke Management Season Update/Review November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Update, FY'27 Home Wood Heating Season Update December <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%)

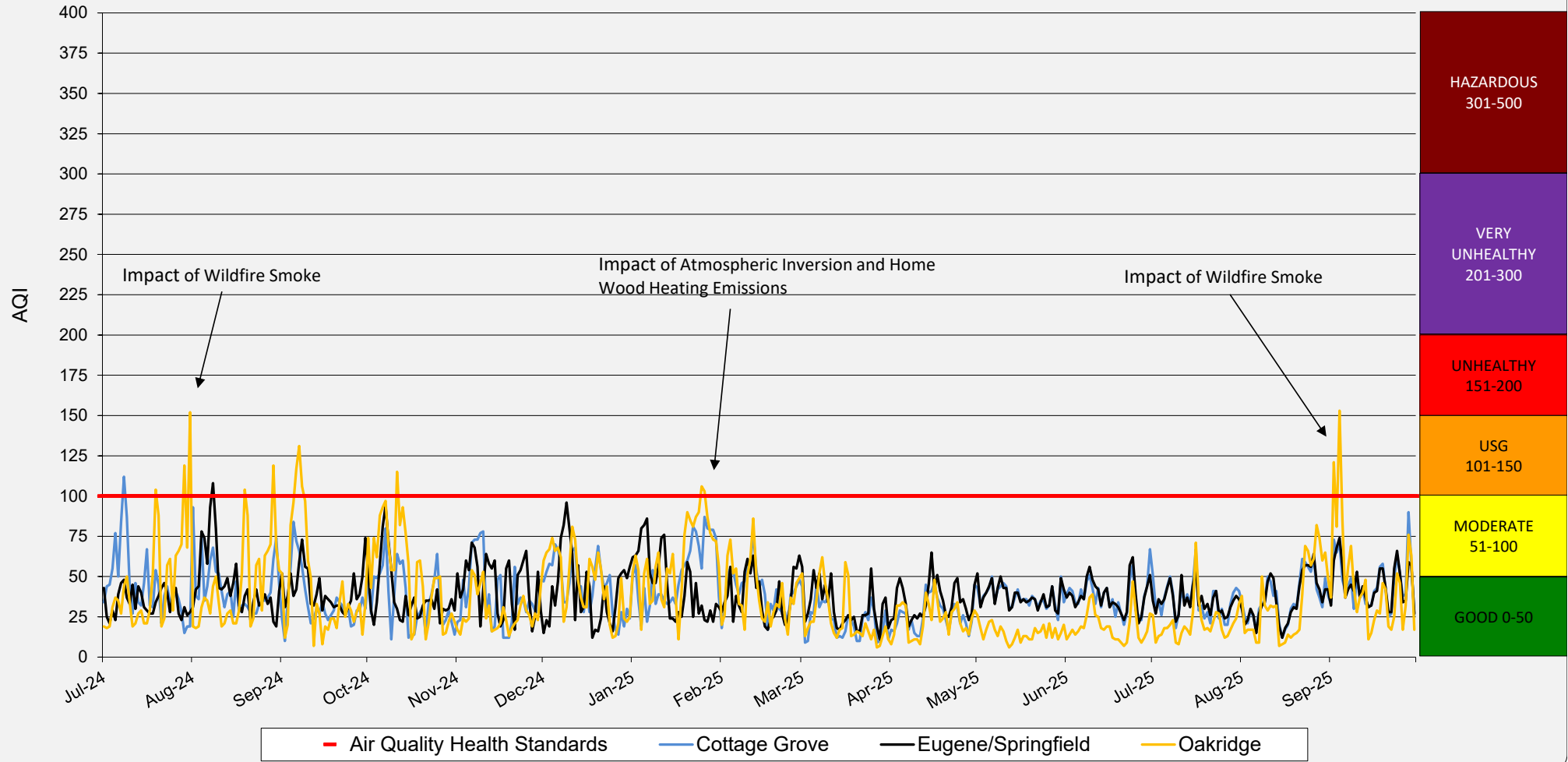
GOAL 7: Financial Sustainability and Transparency

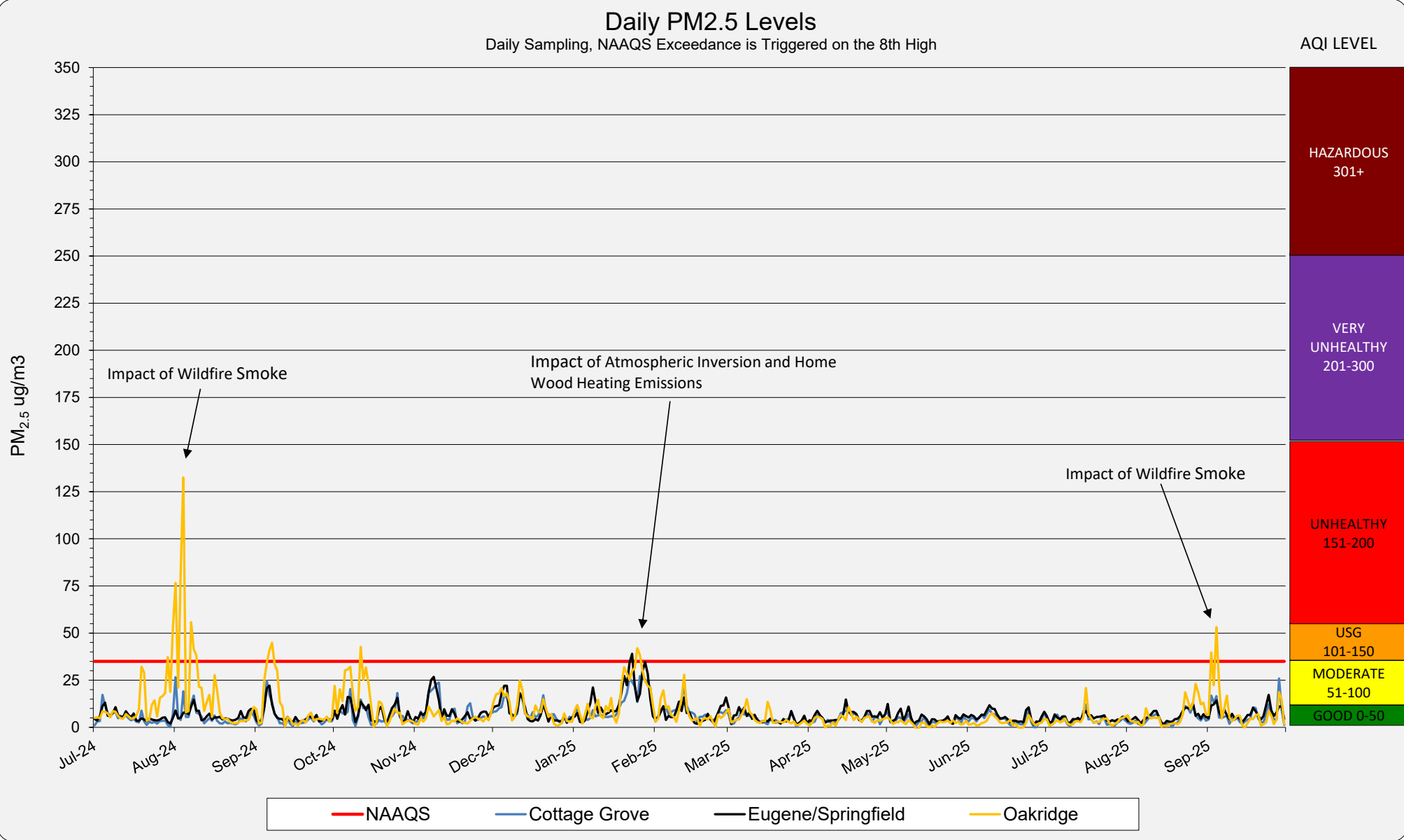
Ensure LRAPA's long-term financial stability and improve fiscal transparency through diversified funding sources, robust financial management practices, and clear communication of financial decisions to stakeholders.

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.





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



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Membership Guide

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Mission: To protect public health, community well-being and the environment as a leader and advocate for the improvement and maintenance of air quality in Lane County.

Established in 1968, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) is the local air quality authority for Lane County, Oregon. LRAPA's staff of 18 work to achieve and maintain clean air across the county. Supported by our member entities of Lane County, Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, and Oakridge, and guided by our nine-member Board of Directors, we play an active role in community development and planning. Despite an increase in population and traffic, the air quality for Lane County's metro area has continued to improve since our inception.

LRAPA is responsible for assuring Lane County meets federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) set by the Clean Air Act. The agency does this by monitoring ambient air and implementing programs to protect air quality. We issue home wood heating advisories, regulate outdoor burning, respond to air quality complaints, and issue operational air permits to industrial and commercial business. LRAPA is also responsible for implementing Cleaner Air Oregon – Oregon's Air Toxics program – in Lane County.

LRAPA is proud of the increased service of monitoring our agency provides. Our agency supports eight government-grade monitoring sites. Two of these sites monitor for ozone, six sites monitor for Particulate Matter, and two sites monitor for Hazardous Air Pollutants. In addition, LRAPA has installed over 90 commercial grade Particulate Matter sensors throughout the county to improve public access to air quality information. In comparison to the similarly sized Salem-Keizer metro and wider Marion County area, Lane County has a higher density of monitoring activities.

LRAPA is the only local clean air agency in Oregon. The rest of the state's air is monitored and regulated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Being local, LRAPA presents more opportunity for voices in our communities to be recognized, heard, and hold influence over decisions made regarding Lane County's air.

Staff Directory

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is operated by a small staff of 18 full-time employees.

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LRAPA Oversight

LRAPA's receives direction and oversight from three independent committees who represent the diverse interests of Lane County's communities.

- **LRAPA's Board of Directors**
- **Citizens Advisory Committee**
- **Budget Committee**

These committees are filled by volunteers in Lane County and the meetings are open to the public.

Upcoming meeting agendas and supporting documents can be found on [LRAPA's Public Calendar](#). Visit the public calendar by clicking the button below.

[Upcoming meeting agendas](#)

Past meeting agendas and the minutes for those meetings are saved into a repository on our Agenda & Minutes webpage. Visit past agendas and minutes by clicking on the button below.

[Past Agendas & Minutes](#)

Rules & Regulations

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) was established under Oregon Statute 449 (now 468.A) and approved by the Oregon Sanitary Authority (now Environmental Quality Commission), effective January 1, 1968, to exercise the functions vested by statute within the boundaries of Lane County. LRAPA implements Lane County's air quality regulations through its rules and related programs. LRAPA's rules closely mimic those from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Changes to DEQ's rules usually result in subsequent changes to LRAPA's rules because LRAPA's rules cannot be less strict than DEQ.

LRAPA seeks public involvement during the rule development process by conducting informational meetings, holding public hearings, and inviting public comment. Find and search LRAPA's rules and regulations [here](#).

Board of Directors

LRAPA is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors who represent the diverse interests of their respective locality. Board members are appointed by their corresponding city councils and the Lane County Board of Commissioners. Board seats are divided based upon population size.

A city with more than one member must have one elected official from its governing body but may appoint the rest of its members from the general public within its jurisdiction. Board members serve three-year terms and can be reappointed.

The Board meets monthly, usually at noon on the second Thursday of each month. Most years no meetings are scheduled in August and December. Upcoming meetings and their agendas can be found on the [Public Calendar page](#). Past meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes page](#).

Board Members

Eugene

Matt Keating

- City Councilor
- Appointed: Jan 2021
- Term expires: City Councilor appointed – no expiration date

Dylan Plummer

- City Council appointee
- Appointed: July 2023
- Term expires: July 2026

Howard Saxion – Chair

- City Council appointee
- Appointed: July 2020
- Term expires: July 2026

Michael Johnston

- City Council appointee
- Appointed: July 2023
- Term expires: July 2026

Springfield

Alan Stout

- City Councilor
- Appointed: December 2024
- Term expires: City Councilor appointed – no expiration date

Jared Hensley

- City Council appointee
- Appointed: September 2023
- Term expires: September 2026

Cottage Grove

Jim Settlemeyer

- City Councilor
- Appointed: January 2025
- Term expires: City Councilor appointed – no expiration date

Oakridge

Bryan Cutchen

- City Mayor
- Appointed: Jan 2023
- Term expires: City Councilor appointed – no expiration date

Lane County

David Loveall – Vice-Chair

- Lane County Commissioner
- Appointed: Jan 2023
- Term expires: County appointed – no expiration date

Citizens Advisory Committee

(CAC)

LRAPA's Board of Directors has established an Advisory Committee to advise the Board on matters pertaining to the region, particularly on methods and procedures for the protection of public health and welfare and of property, from the adverse effects of air pollution.

This volunteer committee is made up of 7-15 local Lane County residents from various backgrounds including: public health, agriculture, industry, community planning, fire suppression, and the general public. Advisory Committee members serve three-year terms and can be reappointed.

Meetings are usually at noon on the last Tuesday of each month. Most years no meetings are scheduled in August and December. Upcoming meetings and their agendas can be found on the [Public Calendar page](#). Past meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes page](#).

CAC Members

Public Health

Jo Rodgers - Lane County

- Appointed: October 2025
- Term expires: October 2028

Community Planning

Peter Dragovich – *Masters in Urban Planning, University of Washington*

- Master in Public Administration, Golden Gate University
- Appointed: March 2022
- Term expires: March 2028

Agricultural

Ben Larson-*My Brothers' Farm Creswell*

- Appointed: April 2024
- Term expires: April 2027

Fire Suppression Agencies

Chris Cline – *Oregon Department of Forestry*

- Appointed: March 2022
- Term expires: March 2028

Industry

Jim Daniels –*Rosboro Springfield*

- Appointed: April 2012
- Term expires: April 2027

Kelly Wood – Chair, Wildish Sand & Gravel Co.

- Appointed: August 2018
- Term expires: August 2027

Evelina Davidova-Kamis – Vice Chair, States Industries

- Appointed: March 2020
- Term expires: March 2027

General Public

Paul Metzler – Springfield – Central

- Appointed: March 2021
- Term expires: July 2027

Michael Koivula – Springfield

- Appointed: February 2025
- Term expires: February 2028

LANE REGIONAL AIR POLLUTION AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Revised 6/14/2006

ARTICLE I

Purpose - Establishment

- I-1. The Board of Directors of the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (Board) has established an Advisory Committee (Committee) to advise the Board in matters pertaining to the region, particularly on methods and procedures for the protection of public health and welfare and of property, from the adverse effects of air pollution

ARTICLE II

Membership

- II-1. The Committee shall consist of at least seven members, but no more than fifteen, as determined by the Board each year. At least one member shall be appointed as a representative of each of the following interests within the region:
- (a) Public Health Agencies: Defined as an individual whose principal occupation has been or is now working in the field of public health or they can demonstrate knowledge of public health issues associated with air quality. Public Health is the practice of protecting and improving the health of a community through preventive medicine, health education, control of communicable diseases, application of sanitary measures, and monitoring of environmental hazards.
 - (b) Agriculture: Defined as an individual whose principal occupation has been or is now working in the business of cultivating soil, producing crops, or raising livestock or they can demonstrate knowledge of how agricultural practices affect air quality.
 - (c) Industry: Defined as an individual who is employed within a facility that is required to obtain a permit issued under LRAPA's rules.
 - (d) Community Planning: Defined as an individual whose principal occupation has been or is now working in the field of community planning or they can demonstrate knowledge of how effective community planning can affect air quality.
 - (e) General Public: Defined as an individual who is interested in air quality in Lane County and does not fit the definitions of other interest groups.

- (f) Fire Suppression: Defined as an individual whose principal occupation has been or is now working in the field of fire suppression, such as fire department or an agency with responsibility for fire suppression activities.
- II-2. The goal should be to balance the membership on the Committee by category.
- II-3. Members shall serve for a three-year term and may be reappointed.
- II-4. Members shall be appointed by the Board as vacancies occur on the Committee.
- II-5. Members who miss three consecutive meetings shall be sent a letter requesting a response. If a fourth consecutive meeting is missed with no response, the member will be dismissed from the Committee. Upon receipt of a response, it will be the decision of the Committee members to discuss or allow the member to remain on the Committee.
- II-6. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of the number of committee members approved by the board immediately before the meeting begins. If a quorum is present, action is taken by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE III

Officers

- III-1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson and such other officers as considered necessary by the Committee with the approval of the board.
- III-2. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, plan and superintend the program of the Committee, keep the Board duly informed and carry out its decisions, and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.
- III-3. The Vice-Chairperson shall aid the Chairperson in performance of that office's responsibility, and have such further duties as may be designated by the Committee. In the case of the death, resignation, or disability of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson for the remainder of the Chairperson's term of disability.
- III-4. The Chairperson shall be considered a voting member.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

- IV-1. The organizational meeting of the Committee shall be held by March 1 of each year. The Committee shall meet at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the Program Director (Director) or the Chairperson of the Committee.
- IV-2. The time and place of the meeting shall be coordinated with the Director of the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority.
- IV-3. Action of the meeting of the Committee shall be by a majority of those members present and voting.

ARTICLE V

Compensation and Expenses

- V-1. No salary or compensation for services shall be paid to any member of the Committee, but members may be allowed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as allowed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI

Representation of Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority's Position.

- VI-1. No officer or member of the Committee shall represent any position or propose legislation to be that of the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority without the advance approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

Minutes and Reports

- VII-1. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Advisory Committee and a copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be delivered promptly to the Board and to each member of the Committee.
- VII-2. By December 1 of each year, the Chairperson shall file with the Director a concise report, summarizing the activities of the current year and the anticipated activities of the ensuing year.

The report shall be distributed to the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Bylaws

- VIII-1. These bylaws may be amended by the Board or by the Committee at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, with the amendment effective upon the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

Rules and Order

- IX-1. Except as otherwise provided herein, meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (Revised).

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Reappointment

Committee members seeking reappointment upon the expiration of their term must complete and [submit an application](#) for consideration. The Advisory Committee will conduct an interview during a committee meeting and vote on whether to recommend the reappointment to the Board of Directors. The reappointment process follows the same procedure as initial appointments.

CAC Application Questions:

In your view, what should be the primary focus of an advisory committee in influencing environmental policy?

What motivates you to join the advisory committee, and what unique contributions do you envision making?

Please describe your level of familiarity with LRAPA, including any specific areas of interest?

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?

What specific factors or aspects do you think are most important to consider when assessing how well LRAPA is doing its job?

How do you keep yourself informed about the latest changes and updates in air quality regulations?

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.

Budget Committee

The State of Oregon mandates that all local governments establish Budget Committees made up of citizen members and elected officials. The purpose of the Budget Committee in Oregon is to promote efficiency and economy in the expenditure of public funds. The Budget Committee's role is to help assure that LRAPA's budget document and fiscal practices address priorities that the LRAPA Board approves.

The LRAPA Budget Committee consists of the LRAPA Board of Directors, plus 9 board-appointed citizens representing the same jurisdictions as the board members. Budget Committee members serve three-year terms and can be reappointed.

The Committee meets prior to the March and April Board meetings to review and approve LRAPA's proposed budget document (usually in March and April, but potentially in May if needed) for referral to the Board of Directors for public hearing and adoption at the Board's May or June meeting. Upcoming meetings and their agendas can be found on the [Public Calendar webpage](#). Past meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the [Agendas & Minutes page](#).

View LRAPA's proposed, approved, and adopted budgets on LRAPA's Budget Document webpage.

Budget Committee Members

Eugene

Adam Rue

- Appointed: 2017
- Term expires: 2026

Zach Mulholland

- Appointed: 2025
- Term expires: 2028

Amanda Dellinger

- Appointed: 2025
- Term expires: 2028

Vacant

- Appointed: n/a
- Term expires: n/a

Springfield

Steve Schmunk – Vice Chair

- Appointed: 2022
- Term expires: 2028

Ruth Linoz – Chair

- Appointed: 2022
- Term expires: 2028

Cottage Grove

Vacant

- Appointed: n/a
- Term expires: n/a

Oakridge

Thaddeus Carter

- Appointed: 2025
- Term Expires: 2028

Lane County

Paul Metzler

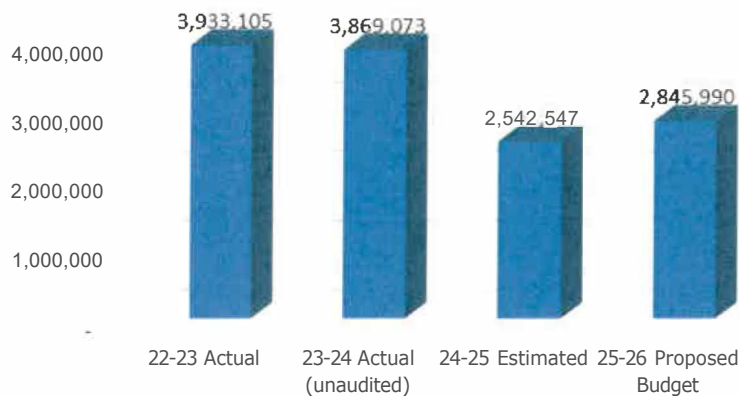
- Appointed: 2023
- Term expires: 2026

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE of RESOURCES, EXPENDITURES, and FUND BALANCES

ALL FUNDS- FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023 THROUGH 2025-2026

	22-23 Actual	23-24 Unaudited Actual	24-25 Projected Actual	25-26 Approved Budget
Intergovernmental	1,993,349	2,132,970	4,195,700	4,521,476
Partner Fees	195,111	199,048	203,500	211,807
Permits & Fees	1,391,640	1,264,671	1,264,671	1,399,447
Title V Permit Fees	424,247	644,627	793,660	770,500
Miscellaneous	549,744	442,931.96	147,752	106,500
Transfers	40,500	1,275,290	125,000	140,000
Total Revenue	4,594,591	5,959,538	6,730,284	7,149,730
Personnel	2,174,141	2,291,115	2,500,859	2,734,398
Materials and Services	1,905,608	2,107,576	3,893,006	3,708,077
Capital Outlay	34,787	349,589	1,550,000	280,000
Transfers	40,500	1,275,290	160,000	140,000
Contingency	-	-	75,000	122,000
Total Expenditures	4,155,036	6,023,570	8,178,865	6,984,475
Resources over (under)	439,555	(64,032)	(1,448,580)	165,254
Beginning Fund Balance	3,493,550	3,933,105	3,991,127	2,680,736
Ending Fund Balance	3,933,105	3,869,073	2,542,547	2,845,990

Ending Fund Balance - All Funds



Roberts Rules of Order – Simplified

Guiding Principles:

- Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time.
- Everyone has the right to know what is going on at all times. Only urgent matters may interrupt a speaker.
- Only one thing (motion) can be discussed at a time.

A **motion** is the topic under discussion (e.g., “I move that we add a coffee break to this meeting”). After being recognized by the president of the board, any member can introduce a motion when no other motion is on the table. A motion requires a second to be considered. If there is no second, the matter is not considered. Each motion must be disposed of (passed, defeated, tabled, referred to committee, or postponed indefinitely).

How to do things:

You want to bring up a new idea before the group.

After recognition by the president of the board, present your motion. A second is required for the motion to go to the floor for discussion, or consideration.

You want to change some of the wording in a motion under discussion.

After recognition by the president of the board, move to amend by

- adding words,
- striking words or
- striking and inserting words.

You like the idea of a motion being discussed, but you need to reword it beyond simple word changes.

Move to substitute your motion for the original motion. If it is seconded, discussion will continue on both motions and eventually the body will vote on which motion they prefer.

You want more study and/or investigation given to the idea being discussed.

Move to refer to a committee. Try to be specific as to the charge to the committee.

You want more time personally to study the proposal being discussed.

Move to postpone to a definite time or date.

You are tired of the current discussion.

Move to limit debate to a set period of time or to a set number of speakers. Requires a 2/3^{rds} vote.

You have heard enough discussion.

Move to close the debate. Also referred to as calling the question. This cuts off discussion and brings the assembly to a vote on the pending question only. Requires a 2/3^{rds} vote.

You want to postpone a motion until some later time.

Move to table the motion. The motion may be taken from the table after 1 item of business has been conducted. If the motion is not taken from the table by the end of the next meeting, it is dead. To kill a motion at the time it is tabled requires a 2/3^{rds} vote. A majority is required to table a motion without killing it.

You believe the discussion has drifted away from the agenda and want to bring it back.
“Call for orders of the day.”

You want to take a short break.
Move to recess for a set period of time.

You want to end the meeting.
Move to adjourn.

You are unsure the president of the board announced the results of a vote correctly.
Without being recognized, call for a “division of the house.” A roll call vote will then be taken.

You are confused about a procedure being used and want clarification.
Without recognition, call for "Point of Information" or "Point of Parliamentary Inquiry." The president of the board will ask you to state your question and will attempt to clarify the situation.

You have changed your mind about something that was voted on earlier in the meeting for which you were on the winning side.
Move to reconsider. If the majority agrees, the motion comes back on the floor as though the vote had not occurred.

You want to change an action voted on at an earlier meeting.
Move to rescind. If previous written notice is given, a simple majority is required. If no notice is given, a 2/3^{rds} vote is required.

Unanimous Consent:

If a matter is considered relatively minor or opposition is not expected, a call for unanimous consent may be requested. If the request is made by others, the president of the board will repeat the request and then pause for objections. If none are heard, the motion passes.

- **You may INTERRUPT a speaker for these reasons only:**
 - to get information about business –point of information to get information about rules– parliamentary inquiry
 - if you can't hear, safety reasons, comfort, etc. –question of privilege
 - if you see a breach of the rules –point of order
 - if you disagree with the president of the board's ruling –appeal
 - if you disagree with a call for Unanimous Consent –object

Quick Reference					
	Must Be Seconded	Open for Discussion	Can be Amended	Vote Count Required to Pass	May Be Reconsidered or Rescinded
Main Motion	√	√	√	Majority	√
Amend Motion	√	√		Majority	√
Kill a Motion	√			Majority	√
Limit Debate	√		√	2/3 ^{rds}	√
Close Discussion	√			2/3 ^{rds}	√
Recess	√		√	Majority	
Adjourn (End meeting)	√			Majority	
Refer to Committee	√	√	√	Majority	√
Postpone to a later time	√	√	√	Majority	√
Table	√			Majority	
Postpone Indefinitely	√	√	√	Majority	√

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACDP - Air Contaminant Discharge Permit

AQMA - Air Quality Management Area

ACS - Applied coating solids

Act - Federal Clean Air Act

ASTM - American Society of Testing and Materials

BDT - Bone dry ton btu - British thermal unit

CAM - Compliance Assurance Monitoring

CAO - Cleaner Air Oregon CD ID - Control device identifier

CEMS - Continuous Emissions Monitoring System

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

CI - Compression Ignition

CMS - Continuous Monitoring System

CO - Carbon Monoxide

CO₂ - Carbon dioxide

CO₂e - Carbon dioxide equivalent

COMS - Continuous Opacity Monitoring System

CPDS - Certified Product Data Sheet

CPMS - Continuous parameter monitoring system

DEQ - Department of Environmental Quality

dscf - Dry standard cubic feet

EF - Emission factor

EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency

EU - Emissions Unit

EU ID - Emission unit identifier

FCAA - Federal Clean Air Act

ft² - Square foot

FSA - Fuel sampling and analysis

gal - Gallon

GHG - Greenhouse Gas

gr/dscf - Grain per dry standard cubic feet
(1 pound = 7000 grains)

HAP - Hazardous Air Pollutants as defined by LRAPA title 12

HCFC - Halogenated Chlorofluorocarbons

hr - Hour

ID - Identification number or label

I&M - Inspection and maintenance

lb - Pound

LRAPA - Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

MACT - Maximum Achievable Control Technology

MBF - Thousand board feet

MERV - Minimum efficiency reporting values

MFHAP - Metal fabrication or finishing metal hazardous air pollutants

MM - Million

MMbtu - Million British thermal units

MMCF - Million cubic feet

NA - Not applicable

NESHAP - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants

NOX - Nitrogen oxides

NSPS - New Source Performance Standards

NSR - New Source Review

O₂ – Oxygen

OAR - Oregon Administrative Rules

ODEQ - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

OPR - Operation

ORS - Oregon Revised Statutes

O&M - Operation and maintenance

Pb - Lead

PCD - Pollution Control Device

PM - Particulate matter

PM_{2.5} - Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in size

PM₁₀ - Particulate matter less than 10 microns in size ppm - Parts per million

PSEL - Plant Site Emission Limit

psia - pounds per square inch, actual

PTE - Potential to Emit

QIP - Quality Improvement Plan

RICE - Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine

SACC - Semi-Annual Compliance Certification

SCEMP - Surrogate Compliance Emissions Monitoring Parameter

scf - Standard cubic foot

SDS - Safety data sheet

SER - Significant emission rate

SERP - Source emissions reduction plan

SI - Spark Ignition

SIC - Standard Industrial Code

SIP - State Implementation Plan

SO₂ - Sulfur dioxide ST - Source test

TAC - Toxic air contaminant

TACT - Typically Achievable Control
Technology

TEU - Toxic Emission Unit

tpy - Tons per year

VE - Visible emissions

VMT - Vehicle miles traveled

VOC - Volatile organic compounds

yr - A period consisting of any 12-
consecutive calendar month



LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY
MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Kelly Wood, and LRAPA CAC Members

From: Travis Knudsen, Executive Director; Colleen Wagstaff, Enforcement Manager

Date: October 22, 2025

Subject: Supplemental Environmental Project Program Overview & Revitalization

STAFF REPORT

ISSUE STATEMENT

This staff report provides an overview of LRAPA's Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) program, which allows enforcement respondents to undertake environmentally beneficial projects to partially offset civil penalties. While LRAPA has successfully utilized SEPs in the past, particularly in the early 2000s, the program has not been fully utilized in recent years. Staff seek to revitalize this program to provide tangible environmental benefits to Lane County communities while maintaining enforcement effectiveness.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All civil penalties collected by LRAPA are not retained by our Agency. Those funds will either be transferred to the Lane County general fund or utilized for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). A SEP is an environmentally beneficial project that an entity or person subject to an enforcement action *voluntarily* agrees to undertake as part of a settlement agreement to partially offset a civil penalty. The project must improve, protect, or reduce risks to public health or the environment beyond what would be achieved through compliance with applicable laws.

Program Structure

The SEP program applies to enforcement actions where the assessed civil penalty is \$2,000 or greater. Under this framework, SEPs may offset up to 80% of assessed civil penalties, with at least 20% of the original penalty amount paid directly to LRAPA, and to be forwarded onward to Lane County's General Fund.

Projects must demonstrate a reasonable geographic or programmatic nexus to the violation, ensuring that environmental benefits are directed to affected areas. Importantly, all SEP projects must go beyond compliance requirements and provide additional environmental benefits that would not otherwise occur. The program recognizes eight categories of eligible projects, including



pollution prevention, environmental restoration, community air monitoring, and other environmentally beneficial projects that address local air quality concerns.

It is important to note that LRAPA does not and cannot require participation in the SEP program; penalty payers voluntarily elect to pursue SEP opportunities after receiving information about the program when civil penalties are issued.

Community Benefits

The SEP program provides multiple benefits to Lane County communities by directing enforcement resources toward tangible environmental improvements. These projects create direct environmental improvements in areas affected by violations while supporting community-driven environmental initiatives. The program particularly emphasizes resources for vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by air quality issues, ensuring socially underserved considerations are made and addressed. Additionally, the flexibility built into the SEP framework allows communities to address their specific environmental priorities, whether that involves reducing woodsmoke impacts, improving emergency preparedness, or enhancing local air quality monitoring capabilities.

Financial Considerations

Under Oregon Administrative Rules, enforcement penalties not utilized for SEPs are transferred to the Lane County general fund. By revitalizing the SEP program, these enforcement dollars can instead be directed toward environmental improvements within Lane County communities, providing direct benefits to residents while maintaining LRAPA's enforcement authority.

LRAPA's annual enforcement collections typically range between \$35,000 and \$50,000, representing a promising opportunity to direct a portion of these funds toward community environmental improvements through the SEP program.

Examples of Potential Supplemental Environmental Projects

Pollution Prevention

- Community yard debris collection programs to reduce open burning and improve air quality.

Pollution Reduction

- Adding advanced scrubber technology to a plant's smokestacks to capture more sulfur dioxide emissions, exceeding the existing level required by LRAPA regulations.

Environmental Restoration

- Replanting native trees and removing invasive species along a degraded riverbank to restore wildlife habitat and prevent erosion.



Community Air Monitoring

- Installing real-time air quality sensors throughout a neighborhood near an industrial facility, with data shared on a public website and updated regularly.

Clean Energy

- Installing solar panels on a school roof to generate renewable electricity and reduce the building's reliance on external electricity.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

- Providing emergency response training and equipment to local fire departments to improve their ability to respond to chemical spills or industrial accidents.

Environmental Health

- Surveying homes for asbestos in low-income neighborhoods and providing free or reduced remediation services to protect families from asbestos exposure.

Other Environmentally Beneficial Projects

- Creating a community garden on a vacant lot that includes composting bins, rainwater collection systems, and educational workshops on sustainable gardening practices for neighborhood residents.