LRAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

LRAPA
Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Director's Report for September 2026

Meeting Date: October 8, 2026
Department: Director's Office
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Agenda Item No. 6
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I. EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

September brought the smoke season to a quiet close. Eugene-Springfield recorded 29 Good days and one Moderate day, peaking at an AQI of 51 on September 20. Oakridge and Cottage Grove stayed in the Good range all month. LRAPA issued no advisories. The outdoor burning prohibition holds until fire season ends, expected in mid-October, and the home wood heating season reopened October 1. Outdoor burning complaints have reached 288 for the year, already more than four of the last five full years.

The Board's September 10 vote set the course for ACDP fees through the rest of the decade. The Board voted unanimously to raise ACDP base fees 15 percent in each of FY28, FY29, and FY30. Starting in FY31, an annual escalator tied to the Employment Cost Index and capped at 5 percent replaces the fixed 4 percent. Staff have written the decision into the 2026 Permitting Rulemaking Package.

LRAPA has re-noticed the proposed Title 43 Asbestos Requirements. Internal review found language that was missing intended clarity and the fee table from the September notice. Re-noticing the full package gives the public one complete version to review. The public hearing is scheduled for the November 12 Board meeting, and written comments are due November 19 at 5:00 p.m.

LRAPA met with House Speaker Julie Fahey, Representative Lisa Fragala, and Senator Floyd Prozanski to build relationships and talk through air quality and asbestos issues in their districts. More than 600 people stopped by the LRAPA booth at the Springfield Block Party. Staff prepared with the Oregon Health Authority for the upcoming Hexion Cleaner Air Oregon community session, tracked EPA's expanded soil removal at J.H. Baxter, and followed ODF's Smoke Management rules update. LRAPA has issued three Title V permits and 25 ACDPs year to date, and enforcement detail is in Attachment No. 3.

Inside the agency, bi-weekly payroll is complete, and staff now submit timesheets after the work is done. LINFO received a visual refresh. Staff earned asbestos building inspector certification, and began a leadership series with Cascade Health. Spending is below target in every fund. The FY26 audit is underway, though the new firm has flagged risk to the December 31 deadline.

This month the Board is asked to adopt FY28 partner dues at $0.5895 per person, a 3.0 percent CPI adjustment, and to authorize a November 12 public hearing on the 2026 Permitting Rulemaking Package, which contains the ACDP fee changes. Staff will also brief the Board on emissions from gas-powered lawn and garden equipment and on why portable sources need both a DEQ and an LRAPA permit.

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 2026

*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

Site	Date	Max AQI	Pollutant
Eug/Spfld	20-Sep-26	51	PM
Oak	21-Sep-26	31	PM
CottGrv	9-Sep-26	44	O3

AQI	Eug/Spfld	Oak	CottGrv	AQI Range	PM2.5 Range, ug/m3	Ozone Range, ppb
Good	29	30	30	0-50	0-9	0-54
Moderate	1	0	0	51-100	9.1-35.4	55-70
USG	0	0	0	101-150	35.5-55.4	71-85
Unhealthy	0	0	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+

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.*

**Note: unique complainants in the (#). Complaints with more than one source type are counted once, under the most specific type.*

Category	Type	Count
Smoke Complaints: 19	Outdoor Burning (15)	15
	Home Wood Heating (2)	2
	Recreational Fire (1)	1
	Ecological Burn	0
	Wildfire (1)	1
Industry: 2	International Paper Company Springfield Mill (1)	1
	Knife River Corporation - NW (Portable Jaw Crusher) (1)	1
Asbestos: 6	Asbestos (6)	6
Notable: 9	Unknown	0
	Fugitive Dust	0
	Other (8)	8
	Out of Jurisdiction (1)	1
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**36**

Complaints by Year, 2021 to 2026 (YTD through September 30)

Category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD
Asbestos	9	22	10	12	21	20
Agricultural Activity	7	2	3	3	22	2
Ecological Burn	0	0	0	0	2	2
Fugitive Dust	26	12	7	8	17	12
Home Wood Heating	57	67	52	39	70	22
Industry	336	198	97	75	108	45
Miscellaneous	31	80	62	91	95	30
Outdoor Burning	243	292	254	253	266	288
Slash Burning	10	6	12	9	3	1
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0	3
Unknown	71	45	65	79	136	32
Total:	**790**	**724**	**562**	**569**	**740**	**457**

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, 2026-2027 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
June 1, 2026	Oct. 2026	All Lane County	Full Prohibition	By Rule, Title 47-015(2)

Home Wood Heating, 2026-2027 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 concluded in March and is closed for the summer. It will reopen October 1.

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	Rivers to Ridges Partnership	85 units in Lane County	Ecological Burning	1456 acres
20B25-11-01	November 17, 2025	Casey Jones	82578 Sprague Ln	Land-clearing	50 cubic yards
20B25-11-02	November 17, 2025	U.S. Fish & Wildlife	Hwy 36 & Alvadore Road	Ecological Burning	28 cubic yards
20B25-12-01	December 2, 2025	Scott Gielish	32960 Dillard Rd	Land-clearing	60 cubic yards
20B25-12-02	December 2, 2025	Scott Gielish	T18S R3W sec. 33 Next door to 32960 Dillard Rd	Forest type debris	500 cubic yards
20B25-12-03	January 5, 2026	Willamalane Park & Rec District	205 Dorris Street, Springfield	Land-clearing	30 cubic yards
20B25-12-04	January 5, 2026	Port of Siuslaw	Map & Taxlot # 18-11-19-00-0011-00 (Rose Hill Rd), Florence	Land-clearing & demolition debris	69 cubic yards
20B26-01-02	January 26, 2026	Robbie Garcia	85393 Glenada Road	Land-clearing	60 cubic yards
20B26-03-01	March 24, 2026	Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah	Howard Buford Rec area - North Bottomlands, Meadowlark East	Forest slash debris	49 cubic yards
20B26-04-01	April 16, 2026	Chip Linn	82554 Siltcoos Station Road, Florence	Land-clearing debris	100 cubic yards
20B26-04-02	April 16, 2026	Clarence Dishner	T17S R12W Sec 25 TL 2604 on Ben Bunch Road, Florence	Land-clearing debris	70 cubic yards
20B26-04-03	April 27, 2026	Emerald Coalition	18707 Pataha Rd., Walton	Dimensional wood for a ceremonial burn	7 cubic yards
20B26-05-01	May 13, 2026	Nick Hong	80418 McKenzie Hwy, Springfield	Land clearing debris	26 cubic yards
20B26-05-02	May 19, 2026	Pete Carpani	Aspen Ridge Road, Veneta - Map and Tax Lot # 17-06-36-34-800	Forest slash/land clearing debris	10 cubic yards
20B26-06-01	June 30, 2026	Rivers to Ridges Partnership	Various locations in Lane County	Ecological Burning	1400 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
08-4-2026	08-6-2026	Lane County	PM2.5/Wildfire

Oregon Wildfire Response Protocol for Severe Smoke Episodes Meetings

Date	Topic	Advisory Issued
05-07-2026	Prep for Wildfire Coordination Calls	n/a
07-16-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke & Ozone Call	No
07-17-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke & Ozone Call	No
07-20-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
07-22-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
07-24-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
07-27-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
07-29-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
07-31-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-04-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	Yes
08-06-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-07-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-10-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-12-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-14-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-17-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-19-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-21-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-24-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-26-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-28-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
08-31-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
09-02-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No
09-04-2026	Statewide Wildfire Smoke Call	No

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*	*Reporter*	*Topic*
1-5-2026	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Amazon purchases $2M lot for e-commerce **LINK**
1-6-2026	Lookout	Michael Zhang	Deed shows land owned by Amazon **LINK**
1-7-2026	DJC Oregon	Alan Torres	Amazon purchases $2M lot **LINK**
1-9-2026	KEZI	News Staff	Air stagnation & Yellow HWH **LINK**
1-9-2026	KLCC	News Staff	Air stagnation & Yellow HWH **LINK**
1-13-2026	Prism News	Elena Rodriguez	Air stagnation & Yellow HWH **LINK**
1-16-2026	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Freezing Temps and AQ **LINK**
2-4-2026	Lookout	Ashli Blow	Tear-gas effects on Air Quality **LINK**

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Date	Media	Reporter	Topic
2-20-2026	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Eugene weighs 2 versions of industrial health standards LINK
3-19-2026	KEZI	News Staff	Mohawk Valley Fire Chief Urges Good Outdoor Burn Practices LINK
3-20-2026	Daily Dispatch	News Staff	Mohawk Valley Fire Chief Urges Good Outdoor Burn Practices LINK
4-22-2026	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	J.H. Baxter's pollution lingers near thousands in Bethel LINK
4-22-2026	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Eugene-Springfield ranks No. 2 for worst air in U.S., lung association says LINK
4-22-2026	KEZI	Tayten Torgrimson	Eugene-Springfield area ranks among worst U.S. cities for air pollution LINK
4-23-2026	KMTR	Tiffany Lewis	Air agency cites wildfire smoke as key factor in Lung Association F grade LINK
4-23-2026	KVAL	Tiffany Lewis	Air agency cites wildfire smoke as key factor in Lung Association F grade LINK
4-28-2026	KLCC	Brian Bull	Air Quality for Eug. Spring. Listed among worst in US LINK
5-29-2026	KEZI	News Staff	Burn ban starts May 31 in Lane County LINK
5-29-2026	KMTR	News Staff	Burn ban starts May 31 in Lane County LINK
5-29-2026	KLCC	News Staff	Burn ban starts May 31 in Lane County LINK
5-29-2026	KVAL	News Staff	Burn ban starts May 31 in Lane County LINK
6-1-2026	KVAL	News Staff	LRAPA urges prep for wildfire smoke LINK
6-1-2026	KEZI	News Staff	Wildfire Smoke prep week LINK
6-4-2026	KLCC	News Staff	Wildfire Smoke prep week LINK
6-17-2026	KVAL	News Staff	Air Quality Impacted by Wildfire Smoke LINK
6-17-2026	KMTR	News Staff	Air Quality Impacted by Wildfire Smoke LINK
7-6-26	Register Guard	Hannarose McGuinness	American Lung Association Report Breakdown LINK
7-14-26	KLCC	Michael Dunne	American Lung Assoc. Report Breakdown LINK
7-15-26	KMTR	Avery Elowitt	Wildfire smoke readiness LINK
7-15-26	KATU	Avery Elowitt	Wildfire Smoke Readiness LINK
7-15-26	KVAL	Avery Elowitt	Wildfire Smoke Readiness LINK
7-21-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Air quality nears unhealthy range LINK
8-3-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Weyerhaeuser Title V Permit Renewal / Cleaner Air Oregon questions and follow-up before publication.
8-3-26	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Weyerhaeuser Title V Permit #208256 inquiry regarding permit impacts, emissions, and public comments. Wildfire smoke intrusions.
8-3-26	KEZI	News Staff	Smoke and heat arrive in Lane County this week LINK
8-3-26	KVAL	News Staff	Wildfire Smoke Impacts Lane County AQ LINK
8-3-26	KLCC	Rachael McDonald	Smoke expected to creep into eastern Lane County LINK
8-4-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Weyerhaeuser air permit renewal LINK
8-4-26	KEZI	Eli Kuhn	Lane County air advisory clouds World Athletics U20 Championships LINK
8-4-26	KLCC	KLCC Staff	Most of OR under AQ advisory LINK
8-4-26	KVAL	News Staff	AQ advisory for Lane County due to Wildfire LINK

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Date	Media	Reporter	Topic
8-5-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Wildfire Smoke Traps 'unhealthy' air in region **LINK**
8-5-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Owen Murray	World Athletics U20 Championships monitor wildfire smoke **LINK**
8-5-26	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Eug-Spring has 4th worst AQ in Oregon **LINK**
8-5-26	Coast Radio	George Henry	Poor Air Quality **LINK**
8-5-26	Register Guard	Chris Hansen	Poor AQ, notable performances at World U20 **LINK**
8-6-26	KEZI	News Staff	Worst smoke since '20 in Lane County finally easing **LINK**
8-6-26	KLCC	KLCC Staff	Relief from smoky air coming to valley **LINK**
8-6-26	KXCR 90.7 FM	Larry Bloomfield	Interview request regarding Lane County wildfire smoke and air quality impacts. Responded with offers for interview, no response.
8-6-26	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Another day of poor AQI prompts cancellations **LINK**
8-7-26	KEZI	News Staff	Smoke and heat linger Fri. **LINK**
8-24-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Leo Brown	Light smoke in valley 8/24 **LINK**
8-25-26	Register Guard	Bayla Orton	Light smoke intrusion 8/24. **LINK**
8-31-26	KMTR	News Staff	Wildfire smoke pushes into Valley **LINK**
8-31-26	Register Guard	Alan Torres	Wildfire smoke pushes into Valley **LINK**
8-31-26	KVAL	News Staff	Wildfire smoke pushes into valley **LINK**
8-31-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Leo Brown	Mt. Hood Fire brings smoke **LINK**
9-1-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	What is in wildfire smoke? **LINK**
9-11-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	LRAPA raises ACDP fees **LINK**
9-11-26	KEZI	News Staff	New asbestos rules up for comment **LINK**
9-12-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Field Burning Smoke drifts into valley **LINK**
9-14-26	Cottage Grove Sentinel	News Staff	New asbestos rules up for comment **LINK**
9-16-26	Register Guard	Haleigh Kochanski	LC uses ecological fire at Mt. Pisgah **LINK**
9-17-26	KLCC	Karen Richards	New asbestos rules up for comment **LINK**
9-17-26	Lookout Eug-Spring	Ashli Blow	Baxter is Superfund, What does it mean **LINK**
9-21-26	KLCC	Karen Richards	LRAPA increases ACDP fees **LINK**
9-29-26	KVAL	News Staff	Fire Season Continues **LINK**
9-29-26	KEZI	News Staff	County burn ban to mid-Oct **LINK**
9-29-26	Cottage Grove Sentinel	News Staff	Fire Season Continues **LINK**
9-29-26	KMTR	News Staff	Backyard Burning Still Prohibited **LINK**

Oregon Dept. of Forestry Smoke Management Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) (Sept. 9th, Online)
Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs Manager, attended the rule development meeting of the Oregon Department of Forestry's Smoke Management Rules Advisory Committee, led by Levi Hopkins (ODF). The RAC is reviewing and updating Oregon's Smoke Management rules, with meetings expected to continue into late fall. LRAPA is monitoring this process closely, as ODF's smoke management rules directly intersect with LRAPA's own prescribed burning permit authority and regional air quality coordination.

Meetings with Regional Legislators (September 11th, 14th, 21st, In-person & Online)
Travis Knudsen, Executive Director, and Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs Manager, met with regional legislators to build relationships, educate them about LRAPA, and discuss air quality or asbestos-related issues affecting their districts. Held a virtual meeting with House Speaker Julie Fahey (House District 14), virtual meeting with Rep. Lisa Fragala (House District 8), and an in-person meeting with Sen. Floyd Prozanski (Senate District 4).



Springfield Block Party (Sept. 12th, Downtown Springfield)
Matt Sorensen, Morgan Kelley (Field Inspector & Compliance Officer), and Travis Knudsen represented LRAPA at one of the largest, and free, community events in the region, staffing the booth from 3 to 10 p.m. Well over 14,000 community members attended the event, many braving sudden bursts of rain to take part. Well over 600 visitors stopped by the LRAPA booth, where staff shared air quality resources, demonstrated AQI apps, added emails to the LRAPA email list, and asbestos education in addition to a basic overview of LRAPA's role as the local air quality and asbestos regulatory agency. The booth was located at Main Street and 4th, across from Plank Town and had strong visibility in the center of the event and gave away hundreds of pieces of LRAPA branded candy.

J.H. Baxter Cross Agency Tech & Comms Team Meeting (Sept. 17th, Online)
Matt Sorensen, Public Affairs Manager, attended this quarterly meeting focused on the remediation activity being led by the EPA and in coordination with Oregon DEQ at the J.H. Baxter site. The group discussed the recent additional funding for more Time Critical Removal Actions which will allow the EPA to remove up to 15 ft of targeted soil found to be contaminated with creosote and other chemicals.

Meeting with Oregon Health Authority to prep for Hexion CAO (Sept. 23rd, Online)
Ashley Dearden, Permit Writer, Max Hueftle, and Matt Sorensen from LRAPA were joined by David Farrer from OHA to review the information in Hexion's CAO risk assessment and to prepare information that will be shared at an upcoming community engagement session required to be held based on Hexion's CAO risk action level.

Jerry's Fire Safety Saturday (Oct. 3rd, Jerry's Springfield)
Matt Sorensen hosted LRAPA's booth at the Springfield Jerry's Fire Safety event along with 20 other community agencies and engaged hundreds of community members and children while sharing information on how wildfires affect air quality, AQI resources, and offering tips to protect themselves during wildfire season. Additional information on asbestos and how to safely test for and remove it was also shared.

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 (Regulatory Compliance, Permitting, and Industrial Emissions Management)** 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	-	5	5
Renewals	5	3	8
Modifications	1	2	3
Constructions	1	-	1
Terminated Permits	-	-	-

Stationary Sources Permits Issued, *Year-to-Date*

- Title V Operating Permits: 3
- Air Contaminant Discharge Permits: 25

Permits on public notice from September 1 to September 30, 2026		
Source Number and Name	**Reason for Public Notice**	**Type of Permit**
208256 Weyerhaeuser NR Company – Eugene EWP	Renewal	Title V Operating Permit renewal on public notice July 30, 2026 through September 3, 2026
200059 A&K Development Co/Pacific Metal Fab, LLC	Initial permit	New Simple ACDP proposed for a source already operating, including CAO risk limitations, on public notice August 28, 2026 through October 1, 2026
AQGP-023 and others, Gasoline Dispensing Facility (GDF) General ACDP Renewal	Renewal and modification	General ACDP renewal and modification for 111 GDFs based on DEQ's division 244 rules adopted and effective March 25, 2024 and implemented by reference in Lane County, on public notice September 14, 2026 through October 14, 2026.

Permit Backlog as of October 1, 2026			
Permit Type	**Permits by Type**	**Permits Extended Administratively**	**Percentage of Total (%)**
Title V	15	1	7%
Standard	24	0	0%
Simple	25	1	4%
Total	**64**	2	**3%**

III.B. Asbestos Program Oversight

*This section supports **Goal 3 (Regulatory Compliance, Permitting, and Industrial Emissions Management)** 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 **September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026**						*Year-to-Date* ↓	
Year	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
Total Asbestos Abatement Notices	439	408	465	466	436	431	313

III.C. Enforcement

*This section supports **Goal 3** (**Regulatory Compliance, Permitting, and Industrial Emissions Management**) 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.

Enforcement **Sept 1, 2026 to Sept 30, 2026**					
Category of Violation	**New**	**Follow-Up Action**	**Pending**	**Closed**	**Total**
Asbestos	1	-	2	-	**3**
Industrial	1	1	1	2	**5**
Outdoor Burning	-	-	5	-	**5**
Fugitive Dust	-	-	-	-	**-**
Home Wood Heating	-	-	-	-	**-**
Totals	**2**	**1**	**8**	**2**	**13**

Attachment No. 3: September 2026, Enforcement Actions Detail Report.

	2020	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
Notices of Non-compliance and Warnings	15	21	24	19	7	18	32
Notices of Violation with Civil Penalties	26	17	24	15	5	12	9

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	10.0	2.0
Finance	2.0	0.0
Technical services	2.0	0.0
Total	**19.0**	**2.0**
Agency at 89% of staffing capacity		

LRAPA currently maintains 19.0 FTE across four departments. We presently have 17.0 FTE filled, representing 89% of our authorized staffing capacity.

Two positions continue to be held vacant as a cautious approach to maintain financial flexibility while ensuring LRAPA can continue delivering essential air quality protection services to Lane County.

LRAPA remains committed to thoughtful workforce planning and staff development strategies that balance operational needs with fiscal responsibility during this period of budget uncertainty.

Staff Professional Development, *Year-to-Date*

Training	Participation	Completion Date	Provider
Introduction to Continuous Monitoring Systems	3	January	Air Knowledge
Observing Source Tests	1	January	Air Knowledge
Regulation of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) from Stationary Sources	3	January	Air Knowledge
Compliance Assurance Monitoring	4	February	WESTAR
Aggregate, Asphalt, & Concrete Batching Plants	2	February	WESTAR
Function of Common Air Pollution Control Devices	1	February	WESTAR
Wage & Service Record Submission	1	February	PERS
What's New in ASAP	1	February	US Department of Treasury
CIS Annual Conference	1	February	CIS
Effective Permit Writing	2	March	WESTAR
Particulate Matter Control Devices	5	March	WESTAR
Unused Sick Leave Reporting	1	March	PERS
CPR/AED/First Aid	8	April	
Air Toxics & Regulating Hazardous Air	2	April	WESTAR
NOx Control & Regulation	2	April	WESTAR

Staff Professional Development, *Year-to-Date*

Training	Participation	Completion Date	Provider
Northwest Communicators Conference: The High Ground-Reaching the Summit of PR Leadership	1	April	PRSA Oregon
Cascade Health Leadership Development Series	2	May (completed)	Cascade Health
Payroll – Overtime Categorization in Caselle	1	May	Caselle
Finance – Connect Online Accounts Payable	1	May	Caselle
Get Started with Revver AI + Caselle Invoice Processing	1	May	Caselle
Transitioning from Your 3rd Party Payment Provider	1	May	Caselle
Landfill Gas Control Facilities	1	May	Air Knowledge
Stationary Gas Turbines	1	May	WESTAR
Industrial Boilers	2	May	WESTAR
Fugitive Volatile Organic Compounds	3	May	WESTAR
Payroll Refresher – Pay Codes	1	June	Caselle
Sources & Control of Volatile Organic Air Pollutants	2	June	WESTAR
ASAP.gov: How to Make Payment Requests	1	June	EPA
Advanced Inspector Training	1	June	WESTAR
Theory & Application of Air Pollution Control Devices	2	July	Air Knowledge
2026 Regional, State, and Local Dispersion Modelers' Workshop	1	July	EPA
Fabric Filters	2	July	WESTAR
Asbestos	2	July	WESTAR
How Local Governments Can Reduce Cyber Risk Without Increasing IT Headcount	1	July	Caselle
PERS Reporting for a Local Government	3	July	PERS
Payroll Refresher: Employee Profiles	1	July	Caselle
A/R Advanced Routines	1	July	Caselle
Picking Up the Slack and Filling Gaps: How Caselle back-office services help local governments	1	July	Caselle
Simplify Billing with Caselle Accounts Receivable	1	July	Caselle
Fugitive Dust	1	August	Air Knowledge
Cascade Health Leadership Development	2	September	Cascade Health
Asbestos Abatement Training & Certification	1	September	Asbestos Training Project, Workplace Resources, Inc.
Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors Annual Symposium (OSBEELS)	1	September	OSBEELS
Connect Excel Directly to Your Finance	1	September	Caselle
Introducing TASC: FSA Administration for the Upcoming Year	3	September	CIS
Payroll: Payroll Checklist	1	September	Caselle
2027 Open Enrollment: Learn About Your FSA with TASC	3	September	CIS/TASC
Employer Service Center (ESC) PERS	1	September	PERS

Staff Professional Development, *Year-to-Date*

Training	Participation	Completion Date	Provider
EPA Region 10 Grants Training	3	September	EPA

Asbestos Abatement Training & Certification (September 23rd-September 25th, in person)
Staff completed this three-day EPA-accredited building inspector certification course. The training covered the identification, inspection, sampling, and assessment of asbestos-containing materials in buildings, which is required for individuals conducting asbestos surveys prior to renovation or demolition activities. The course addressed health effects of asbestos exposure, building systems and components, applicable regulations including EPA and AHERA requirements, inspection procedures, sampling and analysis protocols, and documentation and reporting requirements. The training includes hands-on instruction and field applications. This certification enables staff to conduct required asbestos inspections and surveys for renovation and demolition projects, supporting LRAPA's ability to assess asbestos compliance and address air quality issues related to asbestos disturbance.

Cascade Health Leadership Development Series-Fall 2026 (September 22nd-November 3, 2026, in-person)
Staff enrolled in the seven-session Cascade Health Leadership Development Series designed for supervisors and managers. The series covers essential leadership competencies including leading with emotional intelligence, recognizing and addressing stress and burnout in the workplace, adapting leadership style to different situations and team needs, navigating conflict constructively, coaching and providing corrective feedback, building belonging and inclusion in diverse workgroups, and managing organizational change and transitions. Through interactive sessions and practical frameworks, participants develop skills to build trust, engagement, and accountability while supporting employee growth and team performance. This professional development strengthens LRAPA's management capacity and supports effective employee relations and organizational effectiveness.

Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors (OSBEELS) Annual Symposium (September 17th-18th, virtual)
Staff attended the OSBEELS Annual Symposium, a two-day virtual professional development event for engineers and land surveyors. The symposium featured sessions covering current practices, regulatory updates, and professional issues relevant to engineering and land surveying disciplines. Participants earned professional development hours (PDHs) based on attendance at multiple sessions throughout the event. This training supports LRAPA's engagement with the engineering and surveying community and keeps staff informed of current professional standards and practices affecting air quality permitting and compliance activities.

Connect Excel Directly to Your Finance (September 2nd, virtual)
Staff attended this Caselle webinar on integrating Excel with Caselle financial modules. The training covered how to directly connect Excel spreadsheets to Caselle data, creating real-time links that improve reporting efficiency and reduce manual data entry. This training enables Finance staff to leverage Excel functionality alongside Caselle systems for enhanced financial analysis and reporting.

Introducing TASC: FSA Administration for the Upcoming Year (September 3rd, virtual)
Staff attended this CIS training providing an overview of TASC's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) administration platform and features for the upcoming benefit plan year. The training covered FSA plan setup, employee enrollment procedures, claims processing, compliance requirements, and reporting functions. This training ensures LRAPA staff are prepared to administer FSA benefits effectively for the upcoming year.

Payroll: Payroll Checklist (September 16, virtual)
Staff completed this Caselle webinar on payroll processing procedures and best practices. The training covered the comprehensive payroll checklist used to ensure accurate and timely payroll processing, including verification

steps, compliance checks, and documentation requirements. This training strengthens Finance staff's ability to execute error-free payroll processing and maintain payroll compliance.

2027 Open Enrollment: Learn About Your FSA Benefits with TASC (September 16th, virtual)
Staff attended this CIS webinar providing employee education on Flexible Spending Account (FSA) benefits for the 2027 open enrollment period. The training covered FSA eligibility, contribution limits, eligible expense categories, claims procedures, and best practices for maximizing FSA benefits. This training supports LRAPA's open enrollment communication efforts and helps employees understand FSA options available to them.

Employer Service Center (ESC)-PERS Important Reminders (September 23, virtual)
Staff attended this Oregon PERS webinar addressing critical employer reporting requirements and reminders for PERS administrators. The training covered key compliance obligations, reporting deadlines, system updates, common errors and how to correct them, and resources available through the PERS Employer Service Center. This training ensures LRAPA staff remain current on PERS compliance responsibilities and can effectively manage employer reporting obligations.

EPA Region 10 Grants Training (September 29th, virtual)
Staff attended this EPA Region 10 training on grant administration, compliance, and best practices for agencies managing federal grants. The training covered grant requirements, fiscal management, reporting obligations, allowable expenses, audit requirements, and available grant opportunities. This training strengthens LRAPA's capacity to effectively manage federal grant funding and ensure compliance with federal grant requirements.

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
Lance Giles, Technical Services Manager, gave LINFO's user interface a visual refresh. Color and information cards now group related data so staff can see it, digest it, and act on it faster. Lance continues to improve LINFO in small, achievable steps with the help of AI-assisted development, and staff keep documenting bugs and interface requests to guide the next round of work.

Payroll Conversion to Bi-Weekly
LRAPA has completed the move from semi-monthly to bi-weekly payroll. The larger change is in how staff record their time. Timesheets are now submitted after the work is done, at the close of each pay period. Under the old schedule, staff had to estimate hours they had not yet worked. Reporting actual time gives finance cleaner data to reconcile for the audit and supports accurate charging of staff time across funds and federal grants. It also gives employees records they can check against their own pay and leave tracking. Over time, that consistency builds trust in the agency's finance and administrative systems.

Shared Email Routing Review
LRAPA completed an inventory of LRAPA's 53 email distribution and Microsoft 365 groups. Staff are now deciding which groups to keep, merge, or retire, and establishing who answers each shared inbox, who covers when that person is out, and who stays informed. The goal is clear ownership of the information that reaches the agency through its shared addresses.

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.*

A financial report under Agenda item number 8 supports this information. Percentages below follow the financial update convention, which measures actuals against the year-to-date budget target rather than the full annual budget.

FY27 to Date, as of September 30, 2026

The summary below reflects the September report. Three months into the fiscal year, the year-to-date budget target is 25% of the annual budget.

FY27 Line Items to Note: The following line items are above 91% of the year-to-date budget target.

- **General Fund** Personnel Services line item is at 92% the year-to-date target, because of paying out five eligible employees 40 hours of their vacation banks through September. Capital Outlay is at 384.72% of our target amount of 25% year-to-date target because of the purchase of a new truck ($45,796) and server ($31,148). This is a timing item against an $80,000 annual capital budget, of which $76,944 has been spent.
- **Special Revenue Fund (Title V)**, nothing to report.
- **Grant Fund** Personnel Services line item is at 157% the year-to-date target, because of paying out five eligible employees 40 hours of their vacation banks through September.

Federal EPA revenue and most State DEQ revenue have not yet been received, which is normal timing at this point in the year.

FY27 Summary of Expenditures: As of September 30, 2026, spending is below the year-to-date budget target in each of the LRAPA funds.

- **General Fund** Total Actual Expenditures as a % of the year-to-date budget target: **83.16%**
- **Special Revenue Fund** Total Actual Expenditures as a % of the year-to-date budget target: **65.28%**
- **Grant Fund** Total Actual Expenditures as a % of the year-to-date budget target: **30.74%**
- **All Funds Consolidated** Total Actual Expenditures as a % of the year-to-date budget target: **64.60%**

Grant Fund Details

- **Targeted Airshed Grant TAG 2.0** (January 2022 – August 2027), as of September 30, 2026
  - Total grant amount: $2,739,425
  - Spent to date: $953,607
  - Remaining grant balance: $1,785,818
  - Awaiting federal reimbursement: $143,150
  - Percentage of grant awaiting reimbursement: 5.23%

EPA reimbursement draws are scheduled.

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.*

	Status	Completion Date
Budget FY27	Adopted	May 2026
Interim Audit FY26	Complete	July 2026
Audit FY26 (Current Year)	Underway	December 31, 2026
Budget FY28	To be drafted	March 2027

Auditor Update

The FY26 audit with Pauly Rogers is underway. Staff delivered the trial balance on the auditors' deadline, and work since then has focused on refining finance data as the firm prepares its first audit of LRAPA. That work has included beginning balance testing on the FY2025 balances, an accounts payable reconciliation by fund, bank reconciliation support, and a capital assets review. Because this is a first-year engagement, the firm has expressed some uncertainty about meeting the State of Oregon's December 31 filing deadline. Staff are working to keep that date in reach and will report any change in the timeline to the Board as soon as we know it.

VI. 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	Lead 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%)	- 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	Lead Indicators
- Response time to publish smoke advisories during events (target: before 1pm on days needed)	- Maintain LRAPA supported commercial air sensors in Lane County (target: approximately 75) - State smoke advisory engagement (target: 100% participation)

GOAL 3: Regulatory Compliance, Permitting, and Industrial Emissions Management

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	Lead Indicators
- % of area in compliance with NAAQS standards (target: 100%) - % of permits issued within target timeframes (target: 90%) - Permit backlog rate (target: <20%)	- 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
- % data completeness for monitoring network (target: >95%) - Timeliness of data reporting to the public and EPA (target: 100% on schedule)	- % 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
- 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)	- 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
- 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)	- 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
- Reserve fund supporting annual operating budget (target: 4 months) - Budget variance (target: within 10% of planned)	- Number of financial reports provided to Board & public (target: monthly to Board) - Audit completed before state deadline (target: Dec. 31)