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Air District to represent Bay Area at COP29

Public encouraged to engage with Air District representatives at live briefing

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District is sending representatives to attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference, or COP29, in Baku, Azerbaijan from November 11 through November 22.

Air District Board of Directors Chair Davina Hurt and Executive Officer Dr. Philip Fine will hold a virtual press conference on **Tuesday, November 19 at 10 a.m.** Bay Area residents are invited to join the discussion, ask questions and share their concerns by connecting with the Air District on [Facebook](#) during the livestream press conference.

“COP29 is a crucial opportunity to engage in discussions on climate change solutions globally,” said Air District Board Chair Davina Hurt. “Our leadership in climate protection and greenhouse gas reduction strategies can help further international efforts, while we learn about tactics other countries are employing. Establishing a just transition to a zero-carbon world — that is reflected in our work with environmental justice communities in the Bay Area — is key to the Air District’s overarching goals for clean air in California.”

“A rapid reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is crucial to stem the climate crisis, which is increasingly impacting the Bay Area and the world, with communities already overburdened by air pollution suffering the most,” said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. “Our participation in COP29 will allow us to share our knowledge and innovative strategies and to learn from others globally to accelerate the shift to a zero-carbon Bay Area.”

COP29 brings together the world’s leaders to accelerate the implementation of climate protection strategies. Participation in the climate conference will enable the Air District to learn about innovative technologies being deployed and policies being enacted around the world that can be replicated in the Bay Area. The Air District will also share agency knowledge, successes and strategies that have helped mitigate climate change at the local level. COP29 will build on the outcomes of COP28, from the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to building resilience and adaptation to the climate impacts we are already facing.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [X](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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