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Air District receives first finance award for excellence in budget process

Recognition reflects Air District's commitment to transparency, accountability and excellence in financial stewardship

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District's Finance Office has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for its fiscal year [2025–2026 budget document](#). The Air District's Director of Finance, Stephanie Osaze, also received a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation, instrumental in achieving this award.

"This award underscores the Air District's dedication to fiscal responsibility and strategic planning," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive Officer of the Bay Area Air District. "Our Finance Office and Stephanie Osaze's work ensures that we can continue to deliver on our mission to protect air quality and public health while maintaining transparency and accountability to the community."

Both awards are two of the highest achievements presented to government entities whose budget documents meet nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines evaluate how well a budget functions. To earn this award, the Air District's budget was rated "proficient" in of the following four categories and across 14 mandatory criteria.

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

While the award was granted on a qualified basis, the Air District is committed to addressing the identified areas for improvement such as capital program details, debt information and performance measures in future budget submissions to maintain and strengthen its standing in the program.

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

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