

## MINUTES

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**California Pollution Control Financing Authority  
901 P Street, Room 102  
Sacramento, California  
February 18, 2025**

**Public Participation Call-In Number (877) 853-5257: Meeting ID: 987 6693 6958 and Participant Code 560284**

### **1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Fiona Ma, State Treasurer, called the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA or Authority) meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Members Present: Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer  
David Oppenheim for Malia M. Cohen, State Controller  
Michele Perrault for Joe Stephenshaw, Director of Finance

Staff Present: Shela Tobias-Daniel, Executive Director  
Deanna Hamelin, Section Manager  
Doreen Smith, Section Manager  
Lauren Dominguez, SSBCI Program Manager  
Solomita Malko, Bond Program Manager  
Robert Salls-Morneau, ZEHD Program Manager  
Andrea Gonzalez, Cal IIP Program Manager  
Jill Hess, Executive Assistant  
Yoerina Handojo, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
Rajiv Reddy, Staff Services Analyst  
Theodore Hoffman, Staff Services Analyst

Quorum: The Chairperson declared a quorum

### **2. Minutes (Action Item)**

Treasurer Ma asked the Board members if there were any questions or comments concerning the meeting minutes from the January 21, 2025, board meeting. There were none.

Treasurer Ma asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Ms. Perrault moved approval of the minutes; David Oppenheim provided the second.

The minutes were approved.

The item was passed by the following vote:

David Oppenheim, for State Controller	Aye
Michele Perrault, for the Director of Finance	Aye
Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer	Aye

### **3. Executive Director's Report (Information Item)** **Presented by Shela Tobias-Daniel, Executive Director**

Ms. Tobias-Daniel presented the Executive Director's Report.

She began by addressing the status of federal funding sources, acknowledging the ongoing daily news of a federal funding freeze. She stated that two programs are impacted by the situation, the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) and the California Capital Access Program (CalCAP) but emphasized that both programs are in a strong position as they have received two-thirds of the California allocation. She also mentioned the rapidly changing landscape around the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and the Inflation Reduction Act, noting that despite fluctuating information, the programs will continue as planned. She stated that she along with her staff will attend a federal policy conference in March to gain further insights into the changes and will provide updates in the next Board meeting.

She then provided updates on CPCFA programs:

- In the bond program, staff are working towards closing two transactions, and the Bond Program Compliance Manager is finalizing the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee's annual self-certification report, which is due by March 1, 2025, as well as the bond program's annual report due to the legislature by March 31, 2025.
- Regarding the California Investment and Innovation Program (CAL IIP), an agenda item covers a correction to the tier two grant awardee amounts, and staff are also working on drafting the grant agreements for the awardees to disburse the monies as well as working on the annual report for posting on the CAL IIP website by March 1, 2025.
- For CalCAP, the outreach staff are continuing their efforts to promote the program, including attending a conference hosted by the BOLD Collective in Southern California. Ms. Tobias-Daniel and Deputy Treasurer Morton were on a panel to discuss niche financing for small businesses and made valuable connections with business owners. She mentioned that they will attend the Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) California Department of

Transportation Summit to form strategic partnerships and assist small business owners seeking to contract with the state.

Ms. Tobias-Daniel congratulated Ryan Dannewitz on his promotion to Associate Government Program Analyst and noted his new promotion with the Cal IIP team.

Finally, she reported taking one action under her Delegated Authority since the last meeting. Ms. Tobias-Daniel approved a fourth draw request for Garaventa Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$4,900,000 for a February 4, 2025, draw.

She then concluded her Executive Director's report.

David Oppenheim continued to show his appreciation for Ms. Tobias-Daniel and the CPCFA outreach team for working hard to get the word out about the programs offered.

Treasurer Ma asked if there were any other public comments There were none. Treasurer Ma thanked Ms. Tobias-Daniel and CPCFA staff for their work.

#### **4. Business Items (Action Items)**

##### **A. Request to Approve a Final Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Revenue Notes for New Money Purposes and Request to Approve a Resolution for Small Business Assistance Fund (SBAF) Costs of Issuance Assistance.**

**Presented by:** Yoerina Handojo, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Ms. Handojo presented a request for the approval of a final resolution for a total amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 and the approval of a resolution for a small business assistance fund cost of issuance assistance in an amount not to exceed \$42,000. The note proceeds will be used for the purchase of new sorting equipment to be installed at and upgrades to its existing recycling facility in Fremont. The equipment includes five high-speed optical sorters, an eddy current separator, and a drum feeder. Proceeds will also be used for upgrades to the facility including exterior painting, scale improvements, repaving, upgrades to a solar power generation system, a new backup generator, replacement of approximately 80,000 square feet of an existing roof, and an upgraded fire protection system.

The allocation amount of \$12,000,000 was requested from California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to be considered at its March 4, 2025, board meeting.

Ms. Handojo recommended the approval of Final Resolution No. 25-01-624 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 in new money tax-exempt notes and a SBAF Resolution No. 25-01-001 in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 for BLT Enterprises of Fremont LLC, and/or its affiliates.

There was a question from the Board member who wished to clarify who is eligible for this program. Solomita Malko, Bond Program Manager, confirmed that private companies both small and large businesses, public/private partnerships consisting of companies with contracts to public entities, and non-profits involved in solid waste disposal, water furnishing, or wastewater projects may be eligible to participate in the program. Ms. Malko stated that small business borrowers may be eligible for cost of issuance assistance depending on the issuance amount from the Bond Program's Small Business Assistance Fund.

Treasurer Ma then asked if there were any other public comments. There were none.

Mr. Oppenheim moved approval of the item; there was a second from Ms. Perrault.

The item was passed by the following vote:

Michele Perrault, for the Director of Finance	Aye
David Oppenheim, for State Controller	Aye
Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer	Aye

**B. Request to Approve a Final Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Revenue Notes for New Money Purposes.**

**Presented by:** Solomita Malko, Bond Program Manager

Solomita Malko presented a request for the approval of a final resolution for an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 in tax-exempt notes for Atlas Disposal Industries, LLC, a local industry company involved in waste management. The note proceeds will be used for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and/or installation of a maintenance facility and storage yard, with related equipment and infrastructure, the acquisition of compressed natural gas, electric and/or other fuel

powered waste collection vehicles and/or other equipment, and the acquisition of bins and containers for the handling and disposal of solid waste.

The allocation amount of \$18,000,000 has been requested from California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to be considered at its March 4, 2025, board meeting.

Ms. Malko recommended the approval of Final Resolution No. 25-01-625 for a total amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 in new money tax-exempt notes for Atlas Disposal Industries, LLC and/or its affiliates.

Treasurer Ma then asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Ms. Perrault moved approval of the item; there was a second from Mr. Oppenheim.

The item was passed with the following vote:

Michele Perrault, for the Director of Finance	Aye
David Oppenheim, for State Controller	Aye
Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer	Aye

**C. Request to Approve an Amendment to the Interagency Agreement with the California Energy Commission regarding the Capital Access Zero-Emission Heavy-Duty Infrastructure Loan Pilot Project (ZEHDI Project)**

Presented by: Robert Salls-Morneau, ZEHD Program Manager

Robert Salls-Morneau presented a request to amend an interagency agreement with the California Energy Commission (CEC). On March 19, 2024, the CEC entered into an agreement with CPCFA to support CalCAP's Zero Emission Heavy Duty programs. The partnership involves committing \$5,000,000 to assist in expanding California's electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The project offers loan loss reserve contributions to participating financial institutions for qualified loans.

The proposed amendment to the interagency agreement updates it to include a new Exhibit D, which details compliance with prevailing wage laws for public works projects. Staff recommended approval of Resolution 25-02-001 to authorize the Executive Director to amend the agreement.

Treasurer Ma then asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Oppenheim moved approval of the item; there was a second from Ms. Perrault.

The item was passed by the following vote:

Michele Perrault, for the Director of Finance	Aye
David Oppenheim, for State Controller	Aye
Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer	Aye

**D. Request to Approve a Correction to the 2025 Tier 2 Grant Award Amounts for the California Investment & Innovation Program.**

Presented by Andrea Gonzalez, Cal IIP Program Manager

Andrea Gonzalez presented a request to correct the 2025 Tier 2A and Tier 2B grant award amounts that were previously approved by the CPCFA Board on January 21, 2025.

During the January meeting, the Tier 2A and Tier 2B awards were each approved at \$180,303.03. However, one applicant in the Tier 2B category had been mistakenly excluded from the awards list. The correction will add this applicant to Tier 2B, resulting in a new grant amount of \$177,611.94 for each Tier 2B applicant. This correction does not change the total funding available for either Tier 2A or Tier 2B or for the overall grant program.

Exhibit A of the staff report included the list of applicants and each corrected individual amounts. All applicants had been notified of this correction before the meeting.

Ms. Gonzalez recommended approval of Resolution 25-05-002 to make the correction to the Tier 2A and Tier 2B award amounts for the California Investment and Innovation Program (Cal IIP) as detailed in the revised Exhibit A of the Resolution.

The discussion clarified the structure of the award categories:

- **Small and Emerging (S&E)** category: Reserved 20% of the total amount for CDFIs with less than \$10 million in assets.

- **Tier 2A:** Applicants must have made at least 10 loans in the last year or provided \$10 million in financing in the past three years.
- **Tier 2B:** Applicants in this category must meet similar requirements, and the remaining funds are divided among eligible Tier 2A and 2B applicants.

Board members expressed appreciation for the staff's diligence in identifying and correcting the error before the funds were distributed, despite the awkward situation of having to adjust grant amounts.

Treasurer Ma then asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Ms. Perrault moved approval of the item; there was a second from Mr. Oppenheim.

The item was passed by the following vote:

Michele Perrault, for the Director of Finance	Aye
David Oppenheim, for State Controller	Aye
Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer	Aye

## 5. **Public Comment**

Treasurer Ma asked if there were any comments from the public on matters that were not on the agenda. There were none.

## 6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, public comments, or concerns, the meeting adjourned on February 18, 2025, at 12:14pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Shela Tobias-Daniel*

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Executive Director