



Government affairs update for the week of May 3, 2026

Gas Water Heater Ban Next Steps

The Bay Area Air District (BAAD) Board of Directors delayed taking action on their [ban](#) on the sale and installation of gas water heaters.

During the May 6 BAAD Board meeting, District staff presented [exemptions to the ban](#) and the Board received comments from more than 150 speakers - including Bay East staff. Prior to the meeting, Bay East members sent more than 1,000 emails to BAAD Board members expressing their concerns about the ban.

After more than four hours of listening to testimony from opponents and supporters of the ban, the BAAD Board postponed taking action until a [special meeting](#) on Wednesday, May 13 at 10am. No public testimony will be heard during this meeting. Instead, the Board will provide direction to Air District staff regarding the gas water heater ban [exemptions](#).

For more information about the ban or Bay East advocacy efforts, please contact [David Stark](#).

How this helps your business: Bay East advocacy may lead to significant exemptions that will benefit homeowners and housing providers. Bay East members can share this as an example of the work REALTORS® do for homeowners beyond real estate transactions.

There's Still Time to Register to Vote in the 2026 Primary Election

The deadline to register to vote in the June 2, 2026 Primary Election is May 18.

Registering is quick and easy using the [California Secretary of State](#) website.

Feel free to share this information with your clients who have recently purchased a home.

How this helps your business: Regardless of the type of home your client purchases, they need to register to vote if they have a new address. Helping them register is a great way to stay in touch and demonstrate the value of using a REALTOR®.

If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, contact [David Stark](#), Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.

