

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 2, 2024

AGENDA NO. 19

REPORT: Mobile Source Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Mobile Source Committee held a hybrid meeting on Friday, June 21, 2024. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Gideon Kracov, Chair  
Mobile Source Committee

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### **Committee Members**

Present: Board Member Gideon Kracov, Committee Chair  
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Committee Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon  
Councilmember Nithya Raman

Absent: Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez

### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Kracov called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

### **ROLL CALL**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Items 1-2):**

#### **1. Update on Proposed Rule 2306 – Freight Rail Yards and Proposed Rule 316.2 – Fees for Rule 2306**

Elaine Shen, Planning and Rules Manager/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, provided an update of Proposed Rule 2306 – Freight Rail Yards and Proposed Rule 316.2 – Fees for Rule 2306. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 00:05:44.

Committee Vice Chair Mitchell asked staff how public health information can be provided to the community. Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, responded that staff will have information accessible to the public based on compliance reporting. Supervisor Mitchell also inquired about the possibility of strengthening the rule's emission reduction targets with any future CARB rules. Mr. MacMillan responded that the rule can be revisited in the future. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:21:41.

Supervisor Mitchell asked if equipment sources other than locomotives and drayage trucks could be included in setting the emission reduction targets. Mr. MacMillan responded that the proposed rule can be complied with reductions from all vehicle and equipment types and that the emission reduction targets are consistent with adopted CARB regulations. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:25:21.

Chair Kracov commented that the proposed rule requires reporting on zero emission infrastructure planning and development for all freight rail yard sources and asked for estimated shares of NOx emissions by freight rail yard sources. Dr. Shen responded that the largest share is from locomotives, followed by drayage trucks, with other sources accounting for single-digit shares.

Mayor McCallon asked how much locomotives contribute to the projected NOx reductions. Dr. Shen responded that locomotives contribute to an average of seven to eight tons per day through full implementation of the proposed rule. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:28:47.

Chair Kracov inquired about the comment letters received from the railroads and Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. Executive Officer Wayne Nastri responded that staff is preparing a response to their comments on CEQA. Mr. MacMillan provided a summary of the responsibilities of the owners and operators under PR 2306. Mayor McCallon added that the rule language should be clarified to reflect the intent of the rule. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:31:01.

Councilmember Raman asked about federal preemption concerns and previous litigation with railroads. Bayron Gilchrist, General Counsel, responded that South Coast AQMD considers all current laws in designing the proposed rule. Mayor McCallon asked the effect on the proposed rule if U.S. EPA does not grant federal authorization to CARB's In-Use Locomotive Regulation. Mr. Nastri responded that there are multiple potential outcomes. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:34:55.

Thomas Jelenić, PMSA; Theresa Pisano, Port of Los Angeles; and Nina Turner, Port of Long Beach asked for a revision of the exemption language to clearly exempt marine terminals from PR 2306, and for any port-related rail activities to be fully exempt as well. Chair Kracov asked staff to work directly with PMSA and ports staff on these requests and ensure rail activities are addressed in a facility-based rule. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:38:35.

Yassi Kavezade, Sierra Club; Fernando Gaytan, EarthJustice; Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air; Elizabeth Pring, Andres Salerno, Cindy Ngyuen, Natural Resources Defense Council; and Lionel Mares expressed support for PR 2306 adoption in August while requesting that staff strengthen the proposed rule with more aggressive emission reduction targets for all freight rail yard sources and a comprehensive approach for zero emission technology deployment and infrastructure development. Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, expressed concern with rail yard control over the land. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 00:43:56.

Chair Kracov expressed support of passing PR 2306 citing feasibility and consistency with the mission of South Coast AQMD. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) at 01:02:11.

## **2. 2022 and 2023 Airports MOU Implementation Progress Report**

Sang-Mi Lee, Planning and Rules Manager/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented this item. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 1:05:34.

Mayor McCallon requested clarification regarding the separation of a Ground Support Equipment (GSE) fleet operator at Ontario International Airport (ONT). Dr. Lee responded that the United Parcel Service (UPS) GSE fleet primarily operates outside of the airport perimeter and brings its fleet to the airport about two months a year. Initially, the UPS fleet had been included in ONT's emissions inventory. However, about two years ago, the airport informed South Coast AQMD that UPS would be excluded from the MOU as ONT had limited ability to enforce the MOU on an offsite operator. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) starting at 1:18:19.

Chair Kracov asked whether South Coast AQMD has had discussions with U.S. EPA about controlling aircraft emissions. Mr. Nastri confirmed that staff has ongoing conversations with CARB, U.S. EPA, and the Federal Aviation Administration. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) starting at 1:19:57.

Supervisor Mitchell asked whether there is any recourse if an airport does not meet a target in the MOUs. Mr. MacMillan responded that the MOUs include a dispute resolution process, but do not include penalties for noncompliance. South Coast AQMD is hopeful that recent, productive conversations with ONT will resolve the issue. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) starting at 1:20:39.

Mayor McCallon asked if the UPS facility at the airport is subject to the Warehouse ISR. Mr. Nastri responded affirmatively. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) starting at 1:21:35.

Chair Kracov asked whether Supervisor Hagman was aware of the situation with ONT and Mr. Nastri confirmed that he briefed Supervisor Hagman and will be reaching out to the executive director of ONT for further discussions. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) starting at 1:22:02.

Mayor McCallon asked about John Wayne Airport's shortfall in meeting the 2023 target and Mr. Nastri responded that John Wayne Airport has since made up the shortfall. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 1:22:34.

Chair Kracov asked about the frequency of the Airport MOU implementation reports presented to the Mobile Source Committee. Mr. MacMillan responded that it is typically an annual report. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) starting at 1:23:31.

There was no public comment on this item.

**WRITTEN REPORTS (Items 3-5):**

**3. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program**

This item was received and filed.

**4. Rule 2202 Activity Report: Rule 2202 Summary Status Report**

This item was received and filed.

**5. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects**

This item was received and filed.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**6. Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

**7. Public Comment Period**

Mr. Eder stated that solar power is the most cost-effective approach and stated support for the use of solar technology.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

The next regular Mobile Source Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

**Attachments**

1. Attendance Record
2. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program
3. Rule 2202 Activity Report: Rule 2202 Summary Status Report – Written Report
4. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects – Written Report

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Attendance – June 21, 2024**

Board Member Gideon Kracov .....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, .....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon .....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Councilmember Nithya Raman .....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Guillermo Gonzalez .....	Board Consultant (Perez)
Jackson Guze .....	Board Consultant (Raman)
Lorraine Lundquist .....	Board Consultant (Mitchell)
Debra Mendelsohn .....	Board Consultant (McCallon)
Fred Minassian .....	Board Consultant (Padilla-Campos)
Uduak- Joe Ntuk .....	Board Consultant (Solache)
Jihae Oh .....	Board Consultant (Kracov)
Andrew Silva .....	Board Consultant (Lock Dawson)
Mark Taylor .....	Board Consultant (Rodriguez)
Mark Abramowitz .....	Community Environmental Services
Heather Arias .....	CARB
Nicholas Bryan .....	Public Member
Dori Chandler .....	Coalition for Clean Air
Chris Chavez .....	Coalition for Clean Air
Avi Chung .....	Ramboll
Curtis Coleman .....	Southern CA Air Quality Alliance
Amber Coluso .....	Port of Los Angeles
Gilberto Contreras .....	LGB
Allen Doyel .....	BNSF
Helena DuPont .....	California Strategies
Harvey Eder .....	Public Solar Power Coalition
Shayla Funk .....	Caliber Strategies
Fernando Gaytan .....	Earthjustice
Jeremy Gilbride .....	CDM Smith
Layla Gonzalez .....	CARB
Julija Grigonyte .....	Ramboll
Michele Grubbs .....	PMSA
Harold Holmes .....	CARB
Hiroshi Ishikawa .....	SCAG
Jamal Jackson .....	NRDC
Thomas Jelenic .....	PMSA
Karen Kavanagh .....	OIAA
Yassi Kavezade .....	Sierra Club
Bill LaMarr .....	CSBA
Sara Lamprise .....	Public Member
Juan Lopez-Rios .....	LGB

John D. Lovenburg ..... BNSF  
 Eric Lu ..... Ramboll  
 Ajay Mangat ..... CARB  
 Lionel Mares ..... Sierra Club  
 Maggie Martinez ..... BUR  
 Melinda McCoy ..... JWA  
 Tami McCrossen-Orr ..... Trifiletti Consulting  
 Melissa McMeechan ..... Ramboll  
 Danielle Morone ..... GDB  
 Warisa Nizawa ..... LACSD  
 Cindy Nguyen ..... Public Member  
 Peter Okurowski ..... CCEEB  
 Lauren Paladino ..... LAWA  
 Teresa Pisano ..... Port of Los Angeles  
 Martha Preciado ..... OIAA  
 Elizabeth Pring ..... NRDC  
 Bethmarie Quiambao ..... Southern California Edison  
 Kathy Ramirez ..... Move LA  
 Reid Roberts ..... Public Member  
 Robert Romansik ..... JWA  
 Ramine Ross ..... Western States Petroleum Association  
 Andres Salerno ..... Public Member  
 Heba Shanaa ..... OIAA  
 Daniela Simunovic ..... City of Los Angeles  
 Daniela Taberne ..... Public Member  
 Elizabeth Tom ..... Ramboll  
 Nina Turner ..... Port of Long Beach  
 Anne Walsh ..... Public Member  
 Peter Whittingham ..... Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

Jacob Allen ..... South Coast AQMD Staff  
 Debra Ashby ..... South Coast AQMD Staff  
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 Jessica Wei ..... South Coast AQMD Staff  
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 Emily Yen ..... South Coast AQMD Staff  
 Chris Yu ..... South Coast AQMD Staff  
 Rui Zhang ..... South Coast AQMD Staff





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**Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report:**  
**Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program**

*May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024*

**1. Implementation and Outreach Activities:**

Activity	Since Last Report*	Since Rule Adoption
Calls and Emails to WAIRE Program Hotline (909-396-3140) and Helpdesk ( <a href="mailto:waire-program@aqmd.gov">waire-program@aqmd.gov</a> )	709	9,096
Views of Compliance Training Videos (outside of webinars)	255	7,435
Emails Sent with Information About WAIRE Program Resources	0	~ 77,332
Visits to <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/waire">www.aqmd.gov/waire</a>	3,760	~ 67,826
Warehouse Locations Visited In-Person	209	1,388
Presentations to Stakeholders*	1	145

\*Environmental Justice Advisory Group

**2. Highlights of Recent Implementation and Enforcement Activities**

Warehouse operators in Phase 1 and Phase 2 were required to submit their Annual WAIRE Report (AWR) by January 31, 2024. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, South Coast AQMD has received the following AWRs from these two phases:

Compliance Period	Phase 1 (≥250,000 sf)	Phase 2 (≥150,000 - <250,000 sf)	Phase 3 (≥100,000 - <150,000 sf)*	Grand Total
2022	585	N/A	N/A	585
2023	525	326	N/A	851

\*Phase 3 warehouse operators are required to submit their first Annual WAIRE Report by January 31, 2025.

Of the submitted reports, 55 warehouse operators still need to submit the required fees (including mitigation fees, as applicable). The warehouse operators who submitted an AWR reported earning a total of about 889,733 WAIRE Points in the two compliance periods, far exceeding the total WAIRE Points Compliance Obligation reported by these entities. These excess points may be banked for future compliance. The operators reported approximately \$28.1 million in mitigation fees, of which about \$24.5 million were paid by May 31, 2024.

Rule 2305 allows warehouse operators or owners the option of earning WAIRE Points for early actions completed prior to their first compliance period. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 warehouse operators and facility owners filed Early Action AWRs. These early action reports include about 80,308 earned WAIRE Points.

Since December 2023, over 200 Notice of Violations (NOVs) have been issued for failure to submit reports. Approximately 110 warehouses have contacted South Coast AQMD directly in response to the NOVs issued, and staff is providing compliance assistance as needed. 80 facilities have subsequently filed the required reports and fees. An additional 3 facilities have submitted the required reports but have not yet submitted the associated fees. Some operators provided additional documentation to assert that the rule may not apply to their facility, and staff is in the process of evaluating this information.

The Warehouse Indirect Source Rule provides the option of proposing a Custom WAIRE Plan for actions that are not currently on the WAIRE Menu. Staff received 1 Custom WAIRE Plan application for the 2024 compliance period and is currently evaluating their potential for earning WAIRE Points. All Custom WAIRE Plan proposals will be available for public review 30 days prior to any potential approval.

Staff continued working on eight Public Records Act Requests preparing information that includes Rule 2305 reported data.

#### **Anticipated Activities in June**

- Continue outreach and support efforts to warehouse operators in preparation of their ISIR/AWR submittals. The due date for submitting ISIRs for Phase 3 warehouses (greater than or equal to 100,000 sq. ft and less than 150,000 sq. ft) is July 2, 2024.
- Continue to pursue potential enforcement action as necessary.
- Continue to review and verify submitted information and analyze data reported by facilities.
- Continue to provide documents in response to Public Records Act Requests.
- Continue to develop an approach for addressing business confidentiality concerns and making WAIRE Program data publicly accessible via the online F.I.N.D. tool on the South Coast AQMD website.
- Continue to enhance the WAIRE POP software to support Phase 3 ISIR submittals and improved functionality (e.g., program administration, and an amendment process for submitted reports).
- Staff will provide a training webinar to members of the California Trucking Association on June 21.



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## Rule 2202 Summary Status Report Activity for January 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024

Employee Commute Reduction Program (ECRP)	
# of Submittals:	64

Emission Reduction Strategies (ERS)	
# of Submittals:	58

Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) Exclusively		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	27	\$ 94,672
Orange	1	\$ 4,439
Riverside	0	\$ 0
San Bernardino	0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$ 99,111</b>

ECRP w/AQIP Combination		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	0	\$ 0
Orange	0	\$ 0
Riverside	0	\$ 0
San Bernardino	0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

### Total Active Sites as of May 31, 2024

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP <sup>1</sup>	AQIP <sup>2</sup>	ERS <sup>3</sup>				
482	9	12	503	100	720	1,323
36.4%	0.7%	0.9%	38.0%	7.6%	54.4%	100% <sup>4</sup>

### Total Peak Window Employees as of May 31, 2024

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP <sup>1</sup>	AQIP <sup>2</sup>	ERS <sup>3</sup>				
363,847	3,179	1,982	369,008	13,600	284,257	666,865
54.6%	0.5%	0.3%	55.4%	2.0%	42.6%	100% <sup>4</sup>

- Notes:**
1. ECRP Compliance Option.
  2. ECRP Offset (combines ECRP w/AQIP). AQIP funds are used to supplement the ECRP AVR survey shortfall.
  3. ERS with Employee Survey to get Trip Reduction credits. Emission/Trip Reduction Strategies are used to supplement the ECRP AVR survey shortfall.
  4. Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

## DRAFT VERSION

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 2, 2024

AGENDA NO.

REPORT: Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects

SYNOPSIS: This report provides a listing of environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD between May 1, 2024 and May 31, 2024, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, June 21, 2024, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Wayne Natri  
Executive Officer

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### **Background**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines require public agencies, when acting in their lead agency role, to provide an opportunity for other public agencies and members of the public to review and comment on the analysis in environmental documents prepared for proposed projects. A lead agency is when a public agency has the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving a proposed project and is responsible for the preparation of the appropriate CEQA document.

Each month, South Coast AQMD receives environmental documents, which include CEQA documents, for proposed projects that could adversely affect air quality. South Coast AQMD fulfills its intergovernmental review responsibilities, in a manner that is consistent with the Board's 1997 Environmental Justice Guiding Principles and Environmental Justice Initiative #4, by reviewing and commenting on the adequacy of the air quality analysis in the environmental documents prepared by other lead agencies.

The status of these intergovernmental review activities is provided in this report in two sections: 1) Attachment A lists all of the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD that were received during the reporting period; and 2) Attachment B lists the active projects for which South Coast AQMD has reviewed or is continuing to conduct a review of the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies. Further, as required by the Board's October 2002 Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for fiscal year (FY) 2002-03, each attachment includes notes for proposed projects which indicate when South Coast AQMD has been contacted regarding potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The attachments also identify for each proposed project, as applicable: 1) the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date; 2) whether staff provided written comments to a lead agency and the location where the comment letter may be accessed on South Coast AQMD's website; and 3) whether staff testified at a hearing.

In addition, the South Coast AQMD will act as lead agency for a proposed project and prepare a CEQA document when: 1) air permits are needed; 2) potentially significant adverse impacts have been identified; and 3) the South Coast AQMD has primary discretionary authority over the approvals. Attachment C lists the proposed air permit projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency under CEQA.

**Attachment A – Log of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review, and Attachment B – Log of Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies**

Attachment A contains a list of all environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD that were received pursuant to CEQA or other regulatory requirements. Attachment B provides a list of active projects, which were identified in previous months' reports, and which South Coast AQMD staff is continuing to evaluate or prepare comments relative to the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies. The following table provides statistics on the status of review<sup>1</sup> of environmental documents for the current reporting period for Attachments A and B combined<sup>2</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup> The status of review reflects the date when this Board Letter was prepared. Therefore, Attachments A and B may not reflect the most recent updates.

<sup>2</sup> Copies of all comment letters sent to the lead agencies are available on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>.

<b>Statistics for Reporting Period from May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024</b>	
<b>Attachment A:</b> Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review	84
<b>Attachment B:</b> Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies (which were previously identified in the March 2024 and April 2024 report)	8
<b>Total Environmental Documents Listed in Attachments A &amp; B</b>	<b>92</b>
<i>Comment letters sent</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Environmental documents reviewed, but no comments were made</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Environmental documents currently undergoing review</i>	<i>28</i>

Staff focuses on reviewing and preparing comments on environmental documents prepared by other public agencies for proposed projects: 1) where South Coast AQMD is a responsible agency under CEQA (e.g., when air permits are required but another public agency is lead agency); 2) that may have significant adverse regional air quality impacts (e.g., special event centers, landfills, goods movement); 3) that may have localized or toxic air quality impacts (e.g., warehouse and distribution centers); 4) where environmental justice concerns have been raised; and 5) which a lead or responsible agency has specifically requested South Coast AQMD review.

If staff provided written comments to a lead agency, then a hyperlink to the “South Coast AQMD Letter” is included in the “Project Description” column which corresponds to a notation in the “Comment Status” column. In addition, if staff testified at a hearing for a proposed project, then a notation is included in the “Comment Status” column. Copies of all comment letters sent to lead agencies are available on South Coast AQMD’s website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>. Interested parties seeking information regarding the comment periods and scheduled public hearings for projects listed in Attachments A and B should contact the lead agencies for further details as these dates are occasionally modified.

In January 2006, the Board approved the Clean Port Initiative Workplan (Workplan). One action item of the Workplan was to prepare a monthly report describing CEQA documents for projects related to goods movement and to make full use of the process to ensure the air quality impacts of such projects are thoroughly mitigated. In accordance with this action item, Attachments A and B organize the environmental documents received according to the following categories: 1) goods movement projects; 2) schools; 3) landfills and wastewater projects; 4) airports; and 5) general land use projects. In response to the action item relative to mitigation, staff maintains a compilation of mitigation measures presented as a series of tables relative to off-road engines; on-road engines; harbor craft; ocean-going vessels; locomotives; fugitive dust; and greenhouse gases which are available on South Coast AQMD’s website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>. Staff will continue compiling tables of mitigation measures for other emission sources such as ground support equipment.

### **Attachment C – Proposed Air Permit Projects for Which South Coast AQMD is CEQA Lead Agency**

The CEQA lead agency is responsible for determining the type of environmental document to be prepared if a proposal requiring discretionary action is considered to be a “project” as defined by CEQA. South Coast AQMD periodically acts as lead agency for its air permit projects and the type of environmental document prepared may vary depending on the potential impacts. For example, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared when there is substantial evidence that the project may have significant adverse effects on the environment. Similarly, a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be prepared if a proposed project will not generate significant adverse environmental impacts, or the impacts can be mitigated to less than significance. The ND and MND are types of CEQA documents which analyze the potential environmental impacts and describe the reasons why a significant adverse effect on the environment will not occur such that the preparation of an EIR is not required.

Attachment C of this report summarizes the proposed air permit projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency and is currently preparing or has prepared environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA. As noted in Attachment C, South Coast AQMD is lead agency for three air permit projects during May 2024.

### **Attachments**

- A. Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review
- B. Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies
- C. Proposed Air Permit Projects for Which South Coast AQMD is CEQA Lead Agency











**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND STATUS OF REVIEW**  
**May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024**

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC240522-09</b> Ellis Logistics Center Project  Ellis Logistics Center Project by CRP NC South Perris Owner LLC; DPR22-00018 (SCH #2023040144)	The project consists of constructing a 643,419 square foot warehouse on 34.53 acres. The project is located near the southeast corner of East Ellis Avenue and Case Road. Reference RVC230412-05  Comment Period: 5/17/2024 - 7/1/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Perris	Under review, may submit comments
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC240522-11</b> Newland Simpson Road Hemet Project	The project consists of constructing two industrial buildings totaling approximately 1,192,418 square feet and an 8.90 acres ancillary trailer parking lot on 74.88 acres. Building 1 would be developed as an 883,080 square feet warehouse and Building 2 would be developed as a 309,338 square feet warehouse. The project also consists of 483,977 square feet of landscaping, covering approximately 24.5 percent of the site. The project is located on the southwest and southeast intersection of Warren Road and Simpson Road. Reference RVC231221-04.  Comment Period: 5/17/2024 - 7/1/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Hemet	Under review, may submit comments
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>SBC240502-01</b> 5th & Sterling; Development Permit Type-D (DP-D 23-13)	The project consists of building a 557,000 square foot warehouse with 80 dock doors on 25.12 acres. The project is located north of 5th Street, east of Sterling Avenue, south of 6th Street, and approximately 650 feet west of Lankershim Avenue.  <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2024/may-2024/sbc240502-01-nop-5th-amp-sterling-development-permit-type-d-dp-d-23-13.pdf">https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2024/may-2024/sbc240502-01-nop-5th-amp-sterling-development-permit-type-d-dp-d-23-13.pdf</a>  Comment Period: 5/1/2024 - 5/30/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	City of San Bernardino	Comment letter sent on 5/30/2024
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>SBC240503-06</b> 2720 South Willow Avenue Development Project	The project consists of constructing a 118,000 square foot warehouse on 5.63 acres. The project is located at 2720 South Willow Avenue, bounded by businesses to the north, South Willow Avenue to the east, Jurupa Avenue to the south, and Lilac Avenue to the west.  Comment Period: 5/3/2024 - 6/2/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Rialto	Document reviewed - No comments sent

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND STATUS OF REVIEW**  
**May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024**

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<b><i>Waste and Water-related</i></b> <b>SBC240509-02</b> The Replenish Big Bear Program	The project consists of constructing 6.59 miles of drinking water pipelines, RO brine minimization, three pump stations, a groundwater recharge system, and four monitoring wells with a capacity of up to 2,200 acre-foot per year on 138 square miles by 2040. The project is bounded by unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County in the north, east, south, and west in Big Bear. Reference SBC231221-07 and SBC221206-04  Staff previously provided comments on the Notice of Preparation for the project, which can be accessed at: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2023/january-2023/SBC221206-04.pdf">https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2023/january-2023/SBC221206-04.pdf</a> .  Comment Period: 5/9/2024- 5/22/2024 Public Hearing: 5/22/2024	Final Program Environmental Impact Report	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b><i>Waste and Water-related</i></b> <b>SBC240522-02</b> Inland Feeder-Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project	The project consists of constructing two new 54-inch diameter supply and discharge pipelines to create an intertie connection between its Inland Feeder pipeline and SBVMWD's Foothill Pump Station. The supply connection pipeline would be approximately 500 feet in length and the discharge connection pipeline would be approximately 1,000 feet in length. The project is located south of the intersection of Greenspot Road and Cone Camp Road in the city of Highland and encompasses a total area of approximately 6.6 acres.  Comment Period: 5/20/2024- 6/20/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	County of San Bernardino	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b><i>Utilities</i></b> <b>LAC240522-03</b> Scattergood Generating Stations Units 1 and 2 Green Hydrogen-Ready Modernization Project	The project consists of replacing existing conventional natural gas fired steam boiler generators with a combustion turbine generator and steam turbine generator. The project is located near the northwest corner of Vista Del Mar and West Grand Avenue in Playa del Rey. Reference LAC230524-02  Comment Period: 5/16/2024- 6/17/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Other	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	Under review, may submit comments

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<b>Retail</b> <b>RVC240516-01</b> Planning Case PR-2021-001049 (Conditional Use Permit and Design Review)	The project consists of constructing a 2,350 square foot drive-through restaurant (Ono Hawaiian BBQ) with 30 parking stalls and landscape improvements on 0.85 acres. The project is located at 3765 La Sierra Avenue, on the southeast corner of La Sierra Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.  Comment Period: 5/16/2024 - 5/30/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Other	City of Riverside	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b>Retail</b> <b>RVC240516-02</b> HOME2SUITES – Plot Plan (PP) No. PLN23-0069 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. PLN23-0070	The project consists of constructing a 65,463 square foot hotel on two acres with 106 rooms and 106 parking spaces. This project is located north of La Piedra Road, east of Interstate 215, south of Newport Road, and west of Antelope Road. Reference RVC240201-02  Comment Period: 5/15/2024 - 6/3/2024 Public Hearing: 6/12/2024	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Menifee	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b>Retail</b> <b>RVC240529-01</b> Walmart Fuel Beaumont Project	The project consists of constructing a gasoline service station with 16 pumps on 1.29 acres. The project is located at 1540 East Second Street near the northeast corner of East Second Street and Commerce Way. Reference RVC240410-07, RVC220802-07 and RVC220503-01  Comment Period: 5/21/2024 - 7/5/2024 Public Hearing: 6/12/2024	Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Beaumont	Under review, may submit comments
<b>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</b> <b>LAC240501-05</b> Hollywood Sports Park Proposal (General Plan Amendment No. 24-01 and Zone Change No. 24-01)	The project consists of developing 1,640 residential units on 22 acres. It is anticipated that 20.5 acres could be utilized for high-density residential uses (100 dwelling units/acre maximum), while the remaining 1.5 acres could be utilized for open space uses. The project is located at 9030 Somerset Boulevard, which is bounded by Somerset Boulevard to the north, Virginia Avenue to the East, the Bellflower Bike Trail to the south, and Highway 19 further to the west.  Comment Period: 4/26/2024 - 7/25/2024 Public Hearing: 7/10/2024	Notice of Preparation	City of Bellflower	Under review, may submit comments

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**DRAFT VERSION**

**ATTACHMENT C**

**PROPOSED AIR PERMIT PROJECTS FOR  
WHICH SOUTH COAST AQMD IS CEQA  
LEAD AGENCY THROUGH MAY 31, 2024**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
<p>Quemetco is proposing to modify existing South Coast AQMD permits to allow the facility to recycle more batteries and to eliminate the existing daily idle time of the furnaces. The proposed project will increase the rotary feed drying furnace feed rate limit from 600 to 750 tons per day and increase the amount of total coke material allowed to be processed. In addition, the project will allow the use of petroleum coke in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke and remove one existing emergency diesel-fueled internal combustion engine (ICE) and install two new emergency naturalgas-fueled ICEs.</p>	<p>Quemetco</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>The Draft EIR was released for a 124-day public review and comment period from October 14, 2021 to February 15, 2022 and approximately 200 comment letters were received.</p> <p>South Coast AQMD held two community meetings, on November 10, 2021 and February 9, 2022, which presented an overview of the proposed project, the CEQA process, detailed analysis of the potentially significant environmental topic areas, and the existing regulatory safeguards. Response to written comments submitted relative to the Draft EIR and oral comments made at the community meetings are currently being prepared by the consultant.</p> <p>After the Draft EIR public comment and review period closed, Quemetco submitted additional applications for other permit modifications. South Coast AQMD staff is evaluating the effect of these new applications on the EIR process.</p>	<p>Trinity Consultants</p>
<p>Sunshine Canyon Landfill is proposing to modify its South Coast AQMD permits for its active landfill gas collection and control system to accommodate the increased collection of landfill gas. The proposed project will: 1) install two new low emission flares with two additional 300-horsepower electric blowers; and 2) increase the landfill gas flow limit of the existing landfill gas collection system.</p>	<p>Sunshine Canyon Landfill</p>	<p>Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)</p>	<p>South Coast AQMD staff reviewed and provided comments on the preliminary air quality analysis, health risk assessment (HRA), and Preliminary Draft SEIR which are currently being addressed by the consultant.</p>	<p>Castle Environmental Consulting</p>
<p>Tesoro is proposing to modify its Title V permit to: 1) add gas oil as a commodity that can be stored in three of the six new crude oil storage tanks at the Carson Crude Terminal (previously assessed in the May 2017 Final EIR); and 2) drain, clean and decommission Reservoir 502, a 1.5-million-barrel concrete lined, wooden-roof topped reservoir used to store gasoil.</p>	<p>Tesoro Refining &amp; Marketing Company, LLC (Tesoro)</p>	<p>Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the May 2017 Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project (LARIC)</p>	<p>South Coast AQMD staff received a revised Preliminary Draft Addendum, which is currently being reviewed.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>