

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 6, 2024

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearings October 4, 2024 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

A. Certify Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1135 - Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen From Electricity Generating Facilities; and Amend Rule 1135

Proposed Amended Rule 1135 (PAR 1135) establishes NO_x emission limits for electric generating units located on Santa Catalina Island. PAR 1135 includes monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements for electric generating units located on Santa Catalina Island. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1135; and 2) Amending Rule 1135. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee August 19, 2022, March 17, 2023, and August 16, 2024)

B. Determine That Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard is Exempt from CEQA and Adopt Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard

The Coachella Valley is in “extreme” nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard with an attainment date of July 20, 2032. On April 7, 2023, the Coachella Valley was reclassified from “severe-15” to “extreme” nonattainment to resolve a transportation conformity freeze. An attainment demonstration and other SIP planning elements have been developed to comply with the federal Clean Air Act and U.S. EPA’s SIP requirements for “extreme” nonattainment areas. Updated emissions inventory and modeling analysis indicate that ongoing implementation of currently adopted regulations and programs by both the South Coast AQMD and CARB will lead to attainment of this standard by the attainment due date. In addition, the control strategy outlined in the 2022 AQMP will further ensure Coachella Valley attains this standard on time, if not earlier. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone

Standard is exempt from the requirements of CEQA; and 2) Approving Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard, and directing staff to forward the Plan to CARB for approval and submission to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the SIP. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, August 16, 2024)

The complete text of the proposed amended rule and Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard, staff report and other supporting documents will be available from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, dalatorre@aqmd.gov and on the Internet (www.aqmd.gov) as of September 3, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set Public Hearings October 4, 2024 to: 1) Certify the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for PAR 1135 and Adopt PAR 1135; and Determine that the Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard is Exempt from CEQA and Adopt the Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard.

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