



**South Coast
Air Quality Management District**
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(909) 396-2000, www.aqmd.gov

HYBRID MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members

Board Member Gideon Kracov, Committee Chair
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Committee Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Nithya Raman
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez

February 16, 2024 ♦ 9:00 a.m.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS:

Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez 78015 Main Street, Suite 205 La Quinta, CA 92253	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N. Spring Street, Room 415 (Conference Room) Los Angeles, CA 90012	Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street HOA Room 374-A Los Angeles, CA 90012
--	--	---

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Mobile Source Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024, through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

Please refer to the South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the meeting, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION (Instructions provided at bottom of the agenda)

Join Zoom Webinar Meeting - from PC or Laptop

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/94589960931>

Zoom Webinar ID: 945 8996 0931 (applies to all)

Teleconference Dial In

+1 669 900 6833

One tap mobile

+16699006833,94589960931#

**Audience will be allowed to provide public comment in person
or through Zoom connection or telephone.**

Cleaning the air that we breathe...

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL STILL BE TAKEN

AGENDA

Members of the public may address this body concerning any agenda item before or during consideration of that item (Gov't. Code Section 54954.3(a)). If you wish to speak, raise your hand on Zoom or press Star 9 if participating by telephone. All agendas for regular meetings are posted at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, at least 72 hours in advance of the regular meeting. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes total for all items on the agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Items 1-2)

- 1. Update on U.S. EPA's Recent Revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Fine Particulate Matter**
(No Motion Required)

U.S. EPA recently finalized a revision to the annual PM_{2.5} air quality standard, reducing it from 12 μ g/m³ to 9 μ g/m³. This presentation will provide an overview of the finalized action and related next steps for South Coast AQMD.

Dr. Sarah L. Rees
Deputy Executive Officer

- 2. Coachella Valley Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan Revision for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard**
(No Motion Required)

The Clean Air Act requires contingency measures to be in place in case a nonattainment area fails to meet any applicable milestone or fails to attain an air quality standard by the attainment date. In response to changing policy guidance from U.S. EPA, staff has developed a draft Contingency Measure Plan for the State Implementation Plan for Coachella Valley. This presentation will present an overview of this draft Plan.

Sang-Mi Lee
Planning & Rules Manager

WRITTEN REPORTS (Items 3-5)

- 3. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program**
(No Motion Required)

This report summarizes the status of WAIRE Program implementation during the period of January 1 to January 31, 2024, including training, outreach, implementation and compliance activities as well as anticipated actions for the following month.

Ian MacMillan
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer

4. **Rule 2202 Activity Report: Rule 2202 Summary Status Report**
(No Motion Required)
Status Report summarizes activities for the period of January 1 to January 31, 2024. The report identifies the plan submittal activities by compliance option and lists Air Quality Investment Program funds collected by county.
Ian MacMillan
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
5. **Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects**
(No Motion Required)
This report provides a listing of environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD between January 1, 2024 and January 31, 2024, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.
Dr. Sarah L. Rees
Deputy Executive Officer

OTHER MATTERS

6. **Other Business**
Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't. Code Section 54954.2)
7. **Public Comment Period**
At the end of the regular meeting agenda, an opportunity is provided for the public to speak on any subject within the Committee's authority that is not on the agenda. Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes each.
8. **Next Meeting Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Mobile Source Committee meeting. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact Jacob Allen at (909) 396-2282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to jallen2@aqmd.gov.

Document Availability

All documents (i) constituting non-exempt public records, (ii) relating to an item on an agenda for a regular meeting, and (iii) having been distributed to at least a majority of the Committee

after the agenda is posted, are available by contacting Jacob Allen at (909) 396-2282 or send the request to jallen2@aqmd.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Instructions for Participating in a Virtual Meeting as an Attendee

As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to virtually raise your hand and provide public comment.

Before joining the call, please silence your other communication devices such as your cell or desk phone. This will prevent any feedback or interruptions during the meeting.

Please note: During the meeting, all participants will be placed on Mute by the host. You will not be able to mute or unmute your lines manually.

After each agenda item, the Chair will announce public comment.

A countdown timer will be displayed on the screen for each public comment.

If interpretation is needed, more time will be allotted.

Once you raise your hand to provide public comment, your name will be added to the speaker list. Your name will be called when it is your turn to comment. The host will then unmute your line.

Directions for Video ZOOM on a DESKTOP/LAPTOP:

- If you would like to make a public comment, please click on the “Raise Hand” button on the bottom of the screen.
- This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

Directions for Video Zoom on a SMARTPHONE:

- If you would like to make a public comment, please click on the “Raise Hand” button on the bottom of your screen.
- This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

Directions for TELEPHONE line only:

- If you would like to make public comment, please dial *9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

UPDATE ON U.S. EPA'S RECENT REVISION TO THE NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD FOR FINE PARTICULATE MATTER

Mobile Source Committee

February 16, 2024

Background

- Under the Clean Air Act, U.S. EPA is required to set air quality standards
 - All areas in the country must attain the NAAQS
- PM2.5 is associated with significant health effects, including cardiovascular disease, asthma, and premature death
 - Standard setting process only considers protection of public health
- U.S. EPA previously established a PM2.5 NAAQS in 1997 and in 2012
 - South Coast Air Basin met the 1997 PM2.5 NAAQS of 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2013
 - South Coast Air Basin must meet the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS of 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ by 2030
 - Revision to the AQMP for this older PM2.5 standard is under development and will be brought to Board later in 2024

NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standard

U.S. EPA's Recent Review on PM2.5 NAAQS

December 7, 2020*

- U.S. EPA retained existing PM standard
- Annual PM2.5 Primary standard: 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- Annual PM2.5 Secondary standard: 15.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- 24-hour average PM2.5 standard: 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

June 10, 2021

- U.S. EPA reconsidered the December 2020 decision to retain the standard
- Integrated Science Assessment Supplement and Policy Assessment released in May 2022

January 6, 2023

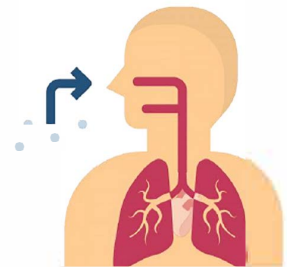
- U.S. EPA proposed to strengthen the annual PM2.5 NAAQS from its current level of 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to within the range of 9.0 to 10.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

*U.S. EPA must re-evaluate the NAAQS every five years

3

Recent U.S. EPA Revision to Annual PM2.5 Standard

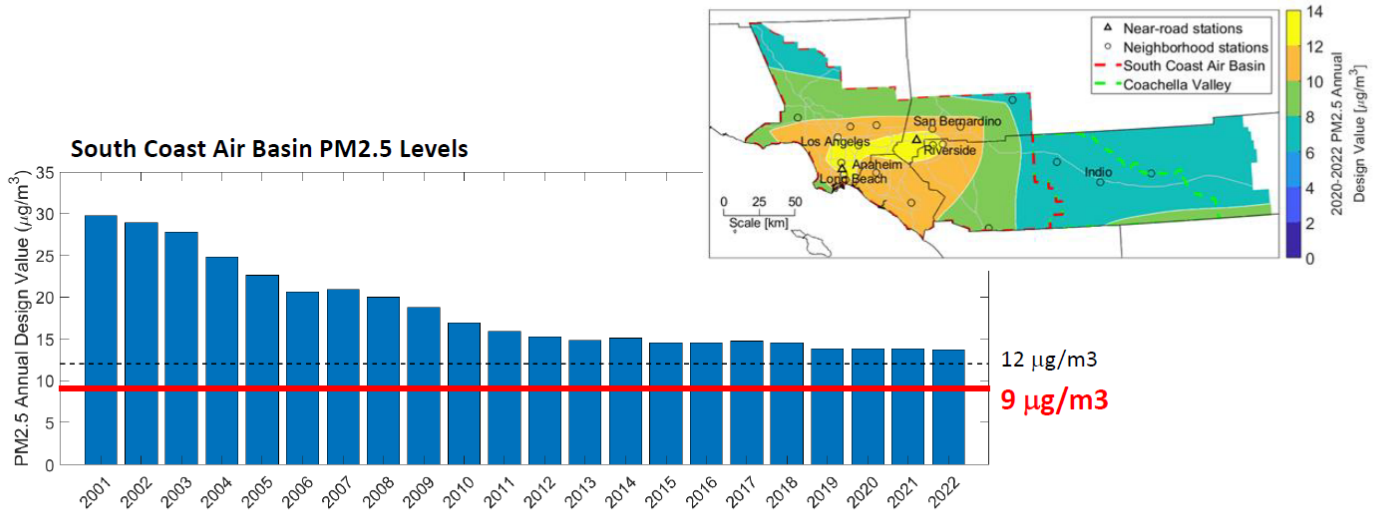
- U.S. EPA finalized a new standard* at 9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ on Feb. 6, 2024
- Significant public health benefits nationwide
 - By 2032, annual avoided public health outcomes include:
 - 4,500 premature deaths
 - 290,000 lost-work days
 - 800,000 asthma cases
 - 2,000 emergency room visits
 - 1,000 hospital admissions for Alzheimer's/Parkinson's diseases
 - Between \$27 to \$36 billion in annual monetized public health benefit nationwide
 - Between \$350 to \$470 million in annual compliance costs
 - \$24 million in annual compliance cost in South Coast AQMD four-county region by 2032
 - U.S. EPA cost analysis only brings South Coast AQMD PM2.5 down to 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2032



*U.S. EPA reviewed other PM standards (e.g., 24-hour PM2.5, secondary standards, PM10) and chose to keep them unchanged

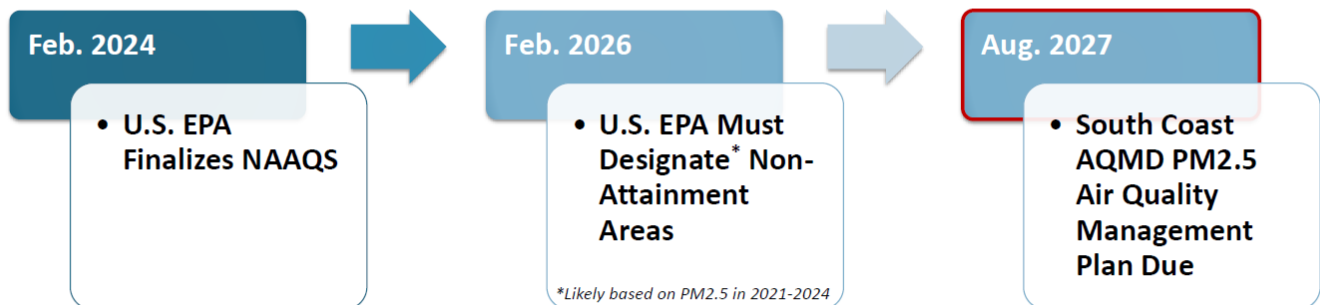
4

South Coast AQMD PM2.5 Levels



5

New PM2.5 NAAQS: Implementation Timeline



6

New PM2.5 NAAQS: Monitoring Requirements

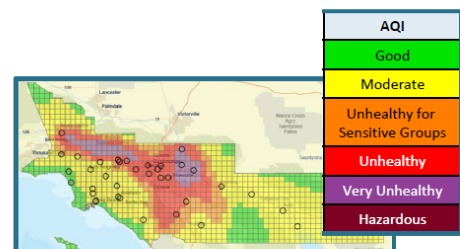
- Finalized NAAQS includes enhanced monitoring requirements
 - New requirements for environmental justice areas, near-road monitoring, technical methods, and data calculations
- South Coast AQMD's comprehensive air monitoring network already goes beyond previous requirements
 - Staff is evaluating the need for potential modifications to the air monitoring network operations based on the new rule and will report back as necessary



9

Wildfires and Prescribed Fires

- Wildfires have been growing in severity and size
 - Wildfire smoke affects PM2.5 levels and public health
- Clean Air Act allows wildfires and prescribed fires to be excluded from air quality data affecting attainment determinations
 - EPA developing new guidance and tools to facilitate 'exceptional event' demonstrations
 - South Coast AQMD has been working with other agencies throughout the nation on additional tools to streamline this process
- U.S. EPA is also updating the Air Quality Index to reflect the new NAAQS



10

Next Steps

- Work with U.S. EPA as it develops guidance for this new NAAQS
- Work with CARB to develop new AQMP and state strategy to meet new NAAQS
- Advocate for federal government to do its part to reduce emissions from sources under its control

Coachella Valley Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan Revision for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard

South Coast AQMD
Mobile Source Committee

February 16, 2024

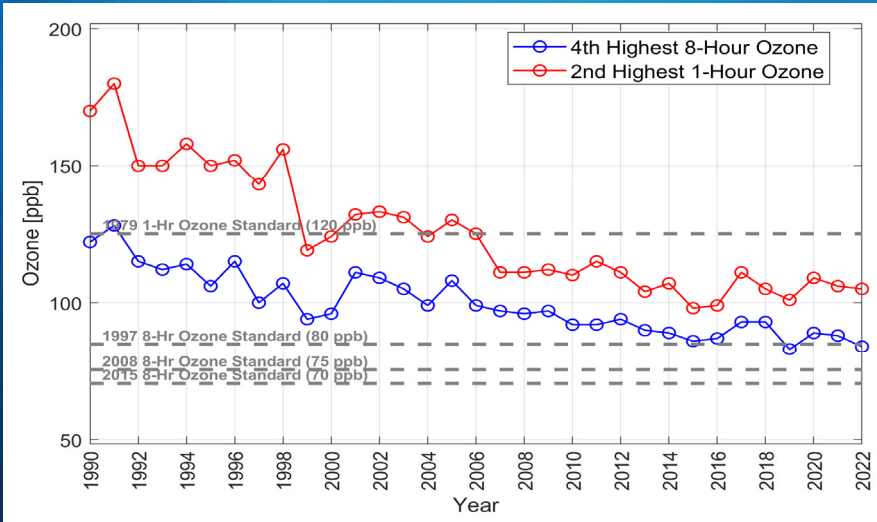
1

Overview

- Coachella Valley is "extreme" nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)
- Nonattainment area has to comply with planning requirements set in the federal Clean Air Act and U.S. EPA's rules to bring the area to attainment
- Contingency measures are one of the planning requirements under the Clean Air Act in the event the NAAQS is not met
- This presentation addresses a Plan revision to develop contingency measures for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard for the Coachella Valley

2

Ozone Air Quality in Coachella Valley



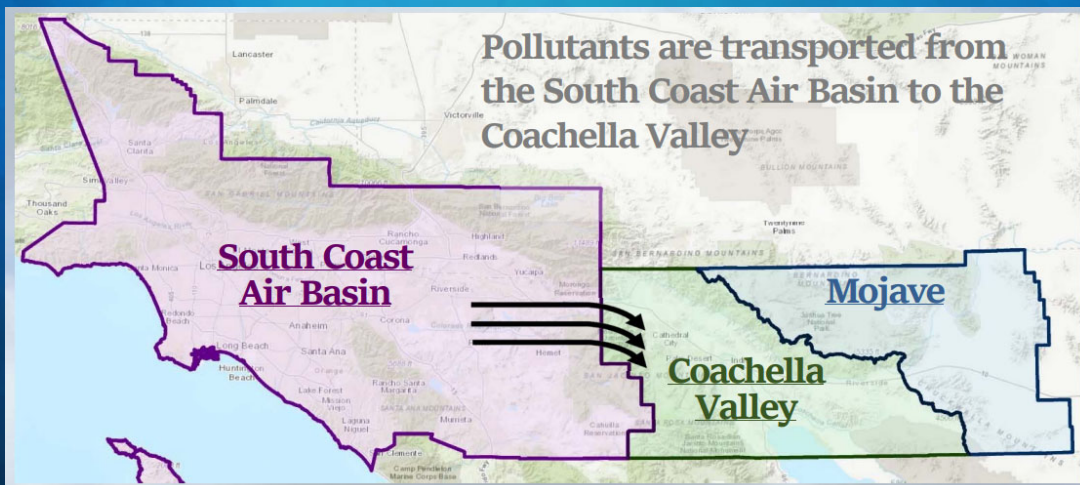
- Progress is being made to reduce ozone in Coachella Valley
- Elevated ozone levels primarily due to adverse meteorology

Air quality standards are based on three-year averages

3

3

Ozone Transport into the Coachella Valley



4

4

Coachella Valley Ozone Attainment Status

Ozone Standard	Level	Coachella Valley Classification	Attainment Date
2015 8-hour Ozone	70 ppb	Extreme	August 3, 2038
2008 8-hour Ozone	75 ppb	Extreme	July 20, 2032
1997 8-hour Ozone	80 ppb	Extreme	June 15, 2024
1979 1-hour Ozone	120 ppb	Attainment	-

The contingency measure SIP revision specifically addresses the 2008 8-hour ozone standard

5

5

Requirements for Contingency Measures



Rule/measure ready to implement without further significant action by State or U.S. EPA



Must become effective within 60 days and achieve reductions within 2 years from the triggering event



Achieve emission reductions equivalent to one year's worth of progress



If less than one year's worth of reductions from the contingency measure, justification that no other measures are feasible

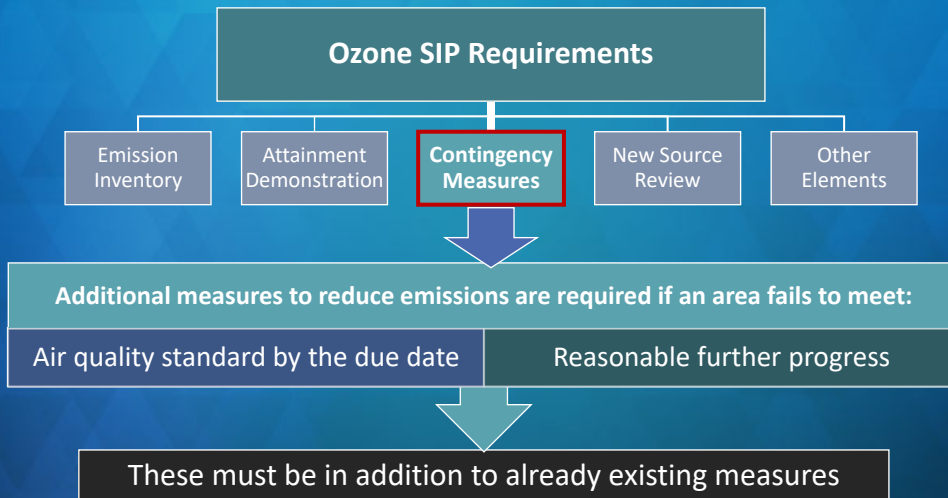


Areas like Coachella Valley in "extreme" nonattainment already required to enact all feasible measures for attainment

6

6

Contingency Measures are Required in the SIP



7

7

Overview of Coachella Valley SIP Actions for 2008 Ozone Standard

An attainment plan including contingency measures was submitted to U.S. EPA in 2017

U.S. EPA subsequently revised its policy on contingency measures in response to multiple lawsuits

South Coast AQMD withdrew contingency measure elements in June 2022 to avoid U.S. EPA disapproval

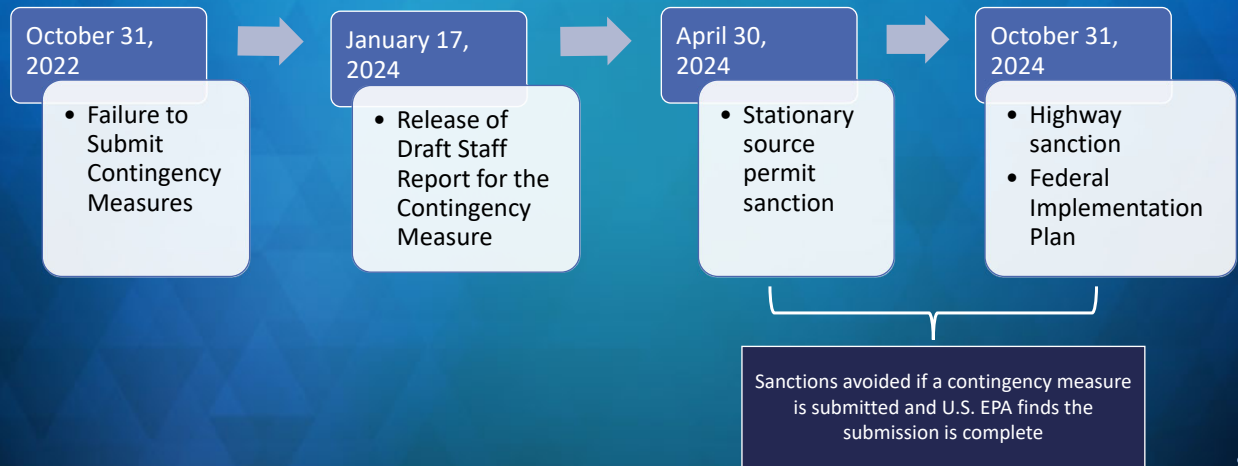
New Contingency Measure Elements due to U.S. EPA by April 30, 2024

U.S. EPA released Draft Contingency Measure guidance in March 2023. Unclear when guidance will be finalized

8

8

Sanction Clocks and Federal Implementation Plan



9

Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage

- Applies to stationary above-ground organic liquid (e.g., gasoline) storage tanks to reduce VOC emissions
- South Coast AQMD is amending Rule 463 to introduce a contingency measure that would require more frequent inspections of organic liquid storage tanks using Organic Gas Imaging in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley
- Working group meetings to amend the rule are ongoing. Rule 463 will be considered by the Board in early summer 2024



10

10

Approach to Identify Contingency Measures

Step 1

- Thoroughly examined emission sources in Coachella Valley and identified applicable rules

Step 2

- Compared existing rule requirements with those in other areas to identify potential other measures

Step 3

- Reviewed the measures identified in Step 2 to determine if feasible* to serve as a contingency measure

Step 4

- If reduction is less than the required threshold, justification why no other measures are feasible

** Feasibility is determined based on technological or economic considerations*

11

11

One Year's Worth of Reductions

- Base year 2011 and attainment year 2031 are used*

Emissions Inventory	NOx (tons per day)	VOCs (tons per day)
2011 Summer Planning	28.63	15.87
2031 Summer Planning	10.02	11.68
One Year's Worth of Reductions	0.33	0.15

- Reductions from the Rule 463 contingency measure will be less than one year's worth of progress. Therefore, infeasibility justification is needed to demonstrate that no other measures are feasible

* Request to Reclassify Coachella Valley for the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard and the Updated Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets, available at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/coachella-valley-reclassification-for-2008-8-hour-ozone-standard](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/coachella-valley-reclassification-for-2008-8-hour-ozone-standard)

12

12

Overview of Contingency Measure Infeasibility Justification

- South Coast AQMD is required to enact all feasible measures, it is difficult to identify additional measures
- All emission sources and applicable South Coast AQMD rules were compared with those in other jurisdictions
- Several potential measures identified, but were infeasible considering implementation timeline and/or technological limitations

Industrial



Residential



Commercial



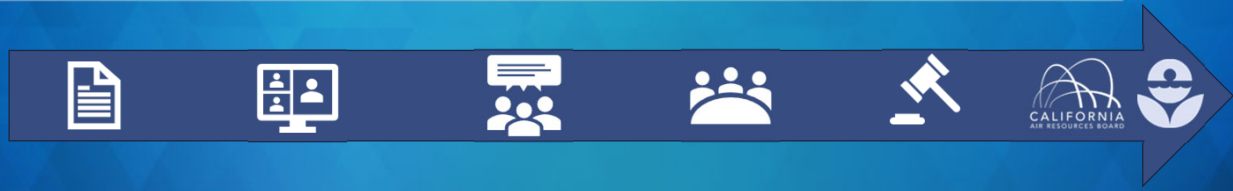
Indirect Source



13

13

Contingency Measure SIP Revision Public Process



- January 17, 2024**
 - Released Draft Staff Report
- January 31 & February 1, 2024**
 - Held Public Consultation Meetings
- February 16, 2024**
 - Public Comment Deadline
- February 16, 2024**
 - Mobile Source Committee
- March 1, 2024**
 - Governing Board Hearing
- March 2024**
 - Submission to U.S. EPA via CARB

14

14

Summary



Coachella Valley is in extreme nonattainment for the 2008 ozone standard



Contingency measure SIP is due to U.S. EPA by April 30, 2024, otherwise stationary source sanctions will begin



South Coast AQMD commits to consider amending Rule 463 to include a contingency measure



March Public Hearing, and if adopted, the SIP will be submitted to U.S. EPA via CARB



South Coast
Air Quality Management District
 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
 (909) 396-2000, www.aqmd.gov

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

January 1, 2024 to January 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 (waire-program@aqmd.gov)	1,329	7,540
Views of Compliance Training Videos (outside of webinars)	372	6,813
Emails Sent with Information About WAIRE Program Resources	5,147	~ 77,332
Visits to www.aqmd.gov/waire	5,509	~ 58,015
Warehouse Locations Visited In-Person	140	714
Presentations to Stakeholders	0	143

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. The anticipated number of warehouses in Phase 1 is 1,039 and Phase 2 is 1,059. As of January 31st, 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	551	N/A	N/A	551
2023	442	256	N/A	698

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

Of the submitted reports, 250 warehouse operators still need to submit the required fees (including mitigation fees, as applicable). The warehouse operators who submitted an AWR earned a total of about 878,119 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 that they will pay a total of approximately \$23.6 million in mitigation fees, of which about \$14.7 million were paid by January 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 January 31st, 214 warehouse operators and facility owners filed Early Action AWRs. Error! Bookmark not defined. These early action reports include a total earning of about 78,915 WAIRE Points.

Since the issuance of 109 NOV's in December 2023, many warehouses operators (or their representatives) have reached out to staff for information and guidance on how to comply with Rule 2305, including approximately 1,300 calls and emails received. Approximately 50 warehouses have contacted South Coast AQMD directly in response to the NOV's they received, and staff is providing compliance assistance as needed. Twenty facilities achieved compliance by submitting the required reports and fees. An additional ten 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.

Staff continued working on nine Public Records Act Requests preparing information that included Rule 2305 reported data. Staff also continued to work with the Office of General Counsel to address business confidentiality claims made by warehouse owners and operators, including responding to inquiries from some of the fifty companies that were mailed letters in December to resolve confidentiality claims on certain information (operator's name, facility name, facility address, Facility ID number).

On January 5, 2024, outreach flyers were mailed out to 6,466 addresses to inform warehouse owners and operators of Rule 2305 requirements and upcoming deadlines. Staff responded to WAIRE Program emails and hotline calls, which have significantly increased in volume since issuance of the Compliance Advisory and Press Release in September 2023 and NOV's in December 2023.

Staff continued discussions with a Custom WAIRE Plan applicant to address proposed conditions for approval.

Anticipated Activities in February

- Continue outreach and support efforts to warehouse operators in preparation of their ISIR/AWR submittals, including providing assistance with program requirements, tracking truck trips, and earning WAIRE Points.
- Continue to pursue potential enforcement action as necessary.
- Continue to review and verify submitted information and analyze data submitted through R2305 reports (e.g., WONs, ISIRs, AWRs, early action AWRs).
- 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 improved functionality (e.g., program administration, and an amendment process for submitted reports).



South Coast Air Quality Management District

21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182
(909) 396-2000 • www.aqmd.gov

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

Employee Commute Reduction Program (ECRP)	
# of Submittals:	7

Emission Reduction Strategies (ERS)	
# of Submittals:	11

Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) Exclusively		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	0	\$ 0
Orange	0	\$ 0
Riverside	0	\$ 0
San Bernardino	0	\$ 0
TOTAL:	0	\$ 0

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

Total Active Sites as of January 31, 2024

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
513	8	55	576	101	677	1,354
37.9%	0.6%	4.0%	42.5%	7.5%	50.0%	100% ⁴

Total Peak Window Employees as of January 31, 2024

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
377,851	2,790	8,295	388,936	13,696	275,199	677,831
55.7%	0.4%	1.2%	57.3%	2.1%	40.6%	100% ⁴

- 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

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 1, 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 January 1, 2024 and January 31, 2024, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, February 16, 2024, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

SR:MK:MM:BR:SW:ET

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 review¹ of environmental documents for the current reporting period for Attachments A and B combined²:

¹ 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.

² 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>.

Statistics for Reporting Period from January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024	
Attachment A: Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review	44
Attachment B: Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies (which were previously identified in the December 2023 report)	16
Total Environmental Documents Listed in Attachments A & B	60
<i>Comment letters sent</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Environmental documents reviewed, but no comments were made</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Environmental documents currently undergoing review</i>	<i>17</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 January 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
January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
Warehouse & Distribution Centers SBC240123-04 Garstin Water Operations Facility Replacement Project	The project consists of demolishing the existing operations building and constructing a 13,600 square foot operation building with solar panels, a 10,000 square foot warehouse, and a 7,200 square foot parking structure with solar panels, liquid chlorine storage, battery backup, generator backup and electrical equipment room. The project is located north of Garstin Drive, south of Fox Farm Road, and west of Big Bear Boulevard. Comment Period: 1/18/2024 - 2/16/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Big Bear Lake	Under review, may submit comments
Industrial and Commercial LAC240110-03 New Beatrice West Project	The project consists of demolishing three buildings totaling 30,260 square feet and constructing a 199,500 square foot office and commercial building. The project is located on the northeast corner of West Beatrice Street and South Jandy Place in the neighborhood of Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey. Reference LAC201208-03 Staff previously provided comments on the Notice of Preparation for the project, which can be accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2021/january/LAC201208-03.pdf . Comment Period: 1/4/2024 - 2/20/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Los Angeles	Document reviewed - No comments sent
Industrial and Commercial RVC240116-01 Caliber Collision Paint and Autobody Repair	The project consists of constructing an 18,690 square foot building that includes a spray paint booth and autobody repair shop on 2.39 acres. The project is located north of Keller Road, east of Howard Way, south of Scott Road, and west of Zeiders Road. Comment Period: 1/11/2024 - 2/8/2024 Public Hearing: 2/13/2024	Site Plan	City of Menifee	Under review, may submit comments
Industrial and Commercial RVC240125-01 Pre-Application for Truck and Trailer Sales and Rental MA23317 - PAR23017	The project consists of constructing an office and parking area for a truck and trailer sales and rental business. The project is located at 5477 28th Street. Comment Period: 1/23/2024 - 2/6/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Site Plan	City of Jurupa Valley	Document reviewed - No comments sent

Key:
= Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
LAC = Los Angeles County, ORC = Orange County, RVC = Riverside County, and SBC = San Bernardino County, ODP = Outside District Jurisdiction Project
Notes:
1. Disposition may change prior to Governing Board Meeting
2. Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.

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

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> LAC240110-09 Oxnard Storage - 18618 West Oxnard Street	The project consists of a response plan to mitigate potential risk to human health and the environment during construction of two buildings. The project is located southwest of Oxnard Street and Baird Avenue at 18618 West Oxnard Street in Tarzana. Comment Period: 1/4/2024- 2/5/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Other	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> LAC240123-01 Haynes Generating Station Recycled Water Pipeline Project	The project consists of constructing a contiguous recycled water (RW) pipeline. The project is located at the intersection of Atherton Street and Studebaker Road and continues south along Studebaker Frontage Road and east along College Park Drive in Long Beach. Comment Period: 1/16/2024 - 2/15/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	Long Beach Utilities Department	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> LAC240124-02 Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project	The project consists of upgrading, replacing, and improving structures on 142 acres at the Metropolitan facilities at the Garvey Reservoir. Improvements include rehabilitating the inlet/outlet tower, upgrading the facility electrical system and ammonia feed system, repairing existing internal roadways, installing stormwater control improvements, and constructing a new pump station facility. The project is located at 1061 South Orange Avenue in Monterey Park. Comment Period: 1/17/2024 - 2/16/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> ODP240103-06 Santa Susana Field Laboratory	The project consists of developing cleanup activities to excavate, remove, and dispose of contaminated soil with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, total petroleum hydrocarbons, and dioxins on a 450-acre portion of 2,850 acres. The project is located on the southeast corner of Service Area Road and Woolsey Canyon Road in Ventura County. Reference ODP230608-01, ODP200724-03, ODP191113-01, ODP181221-07, ODP180904-15, ODP180814-10, ODP170926-03, ODP170915-02, ODP170908-05, ODP170420-07, ODP170405-01, ODP140116-02, ODP131121-02, LAC131018-05, LAC130918-13, LAC110510-12, and ODP100930-02 Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Other	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Document reviewed - No comments sent

Key:
= Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
LAC = Los Angeles County, ORC = Orange County, RVC = Riverside County, and SBC = San Bernardino County, ODP = Outside District Jurisdiction Project
Notes:
1. Disposition may change prior to Governing Board Meeting
2. Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.

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

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> ORC240117-04 Lake Forest Woods Sewer Improvements	The project consists of installing 850 feet of new sewer pipeline, 500 feet of new sewer pipeline, and ungrouted riprap check dams and bank stabilization measures. The project is bounded by Toledo Way to the northeast and Jeronimo Road to the southwest. Comment Period: 1/12/2024- 2/12/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	Irvine Ranch Water District	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> RVC240110-11 Integrated Vector Management Program	The project consists of a notice given that the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District intends to continue to perform larvicide, ultra-low volume adulticide, and barrier adulticide applications. The project is bordered by State Route 62 to the north, State Route 86 to the south, and San Jacinto State Park to the west. Reference RVC210112-02, RVC161223-02, RVC160205-02, RVC131220-02, and RVC111222-02 Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Other	Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> RVC240117-06 Lake Skinner Regional Water Transmission System (formerly EM-11 Transmission Pipeline and Pump Station Project)	The project consists of constructing a turnout treatment facility, a water pump station, and water pipelines. The project is located near the intersection of Auld Road and Leon Road in unincorporated areas of Riverside County, east of the cities of Murrieta and Murrieta. Reference RVC231219-01 and RVC220726-11 Comment Period: 1/8/2024- 2/21/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Re-Issued Notice of Preparation	Eastern Municipal Water District	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> RVC240124-01 Mead Valley and Good Hope Water Improvements Project	The project consists of installing 13,450 linear feet of 8-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) potable water transmission pipeline. The project is located within portions of Robinson Street, Oakwood Street, Pinewood Street, Carroll Street, Day Street, Main Street, Club Drive, Eucalyptus Avenue, Maple Avenue, Pine Street, Cherry Avenue, and Maguglin Way in Perris. Comment Period: 1/22/2024- 2/20/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	Eastern Municipal Water District	Document reviewed - No comments sent

Key:
= Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
LAC = Los Angeles County, ORC = Orange County, RVC = Riverside County, and SBC = San Bernardino County, ODP = Outside District Jurisdiction Project
Notes:
1. Disposition may change prior to Governing Board Meeting
2. Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.

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

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> LAC240117-03 City of Gardena General Plan, Zoning Code & Zoning Map Amendment Project#	The project consists of amending the Land Use Plan, including the Land Use map, Zoning Code, and Zoning Map, and rescinding the Artesia Corridor Specific Plan (ACSP) to provide adequate sites for residential development. The project is located throughout City of Gardena, which is bordered by Hawthorne and Los Angeles County to the north and west, Torrance to the south and west, and Los Angeles to the south and east, and it includes two designated AB 617 communities: 1) Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach; and 2) South Los Angeles. Comment Period: 1/16/2024- 2/29/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Gardena	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> LAC240123-02 California State University, Long Beach Master Plan Update	The project consists of developing vision, goals, and policies to guide future development on 322 acres for the horizon year 2035 to accommodate an increase of 36,000 students. The project is located at 1250 Bellflower Boulevard on the southeast corner of Bellflower Boulevard and East Atherton Street in the City of Long Beach. Reference LAC230906-09 and LAC220426-04 Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 1/29/2024	Response to Comments	California State University Long Beach	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> ORC240110-10 La Habra 2035 General Plan Amendments	The project consists of amending the La Habra 2035 General Plan that includes the Community Development Element, Community Safety Element, and a new Environmental Justice component. The project is located throughout La Habra. Reference ORC231212-07 Comment Period: 1/10/2024- 1/16/2024 Public Hearing: 1/16/2024	Other	City of La Habra	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> ORC240117-05 Irvine Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)	The project consists of laying out pathways for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapting to current and future climate hazards. The project is located throughout the City of Irvine and is adjacent to the cities of Newport Beach, Lake Forest, Tustin, Santa Ana, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, and Laguna Beach. Comment Period: 1/11/2024- 2/26/2024 Public Hearing: 2/8/2024	Notice of Preparation	City of Irvine	Under review, may submit comments

Key:
= Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
LAC = Los Angeles County, ORC = Orange County, RVC = Riverside County, and SBC = San Bernardino County, ODP = Outside District Jurisdiction Project
Notes:
1. Disposition may change prior to Governing Board Meeting
2. Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.

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

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> RVC240110-01 March JPA Environmental Justice Element	This project consists of including the Environmental Justice Element as part of the March JPA General Plan. The project is located between the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, Riverside and the County of Riverside. Reference RVC231212-05 Comment Period: 1/10/2024 - 2/15/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Other	March Joint Powers Authority	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> SBC240103-01 Euclid Mixed Use Specific Plan Project - PSP22-001	The project consists of constructing 466 residential units, 290,110 square feet of commercial uses, and 1,386,777 square feet of business park uses on 84.1 acres. The project is bounded by Schaefer Avenue to the north, Sultana Avenue to the east, Edison Avenue to the south, and Euclid Avenue to the west. Reference SBC230214-07 Staff previously provided comments on the Notice of Preparation for the project, which can be accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2023/march-2023/SBC230214-07.pdf . Comment Period: 12/22/2023 - 2/6/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Ontario	Under review, may submit comments

Key:
 # = Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
 LAC = Los Angeles County, ORC = Orange County, RVC = Riverside County, and SBC = San Bernardino County, ODP = Outside District Jurisdiction Project
 Notes:
 1. Disposition may change prior to Governing Board Meeting
 2. Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.

DRAFT

**ATTACHMENT C
PROPOSED AIR PERMIT PROJECTS FOR
WHICH SOUTH COAST AQMD IS CEQA LEAD
AGENCY THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2023**

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>Staff 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. Written comments submitted relative to the Draft EIR and oral comments made at the community meetings, along with responses will be included in the Final EIR which is 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 which are also being evaluated by staff.</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 flares.</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>SCS Engineers</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 & 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 reviewed and provided comments on the Preliminary Draft Addendum, which are currently being addressed by the consultant.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>