

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Mr. Scott Morgan
Governor's Office of
Planning & Research
State Clearing House
1400 Tenth St, Suite 222
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152

Project Title: Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard

SCH Number: 2016071006

Project Approval Date: December 6, 2019

Contact Person: Ryan Bañuelos

Telephone Number: (909) 396-3479

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This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD as the Lead Agency for the above-described project has made the following determinations:

1. South Coast AQMD has reviewed the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined, in light of substantial evidence in the whole record, that the Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard is considered a later activity within the scope of the project evaluated in the March 2017 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and approved by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on March 3, 2017. The March 2017 Final PEIR for the 2016 AQMP adequately describes and analyzes the environmental effects of the project for the purposes of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15168(e)(2). Thus, no new environmental document is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15168(c).
2. None of the criteria requiring a subsequent CEQA document pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15162 are triggered as a result of this later activity. Thus, no subsequent CEQA document is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15162.
3. The mitigation measures that were made a condition of approval of the March 2017 Final PEIR for the 2016 AQMP and the corresponding Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan that were adopted at that time shall remain in effect. No new or modified mitigation measures are made as a condition of approval of the later activity because no new significant adverse environmental impacts were identified and existing significant adverse environmental impacts will not be made substantially worse.
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12400 E Imperial Hwy, Room 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

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San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

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