

NOTICE OF REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ATTAINMENT PLAN FOR THE 2006 24-HOUR PM_{2.5} STANDARD FOR SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regional public hearing on the matter of the Attainment Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Standard for the South Coast Air Basin will be held via video conferencing and by telephone, given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), on **October 7, 2020** at 1:00 p.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. The regional public hearing covers the four counties in the South Coast Air Basin. Special instructions on participating at this virtual meeting will be provided by email and will also be available at the following AQMD website on or before September 18, 2020: [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that effective February 12, 2016, South Coast Air Basin is classified as a Serious nonattainment area with respect to the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) with an attainment date of December 31, 2019.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on July 10, 2020, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued a proposed rule determining that South Coast Air Basin failed to attain the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS (35 µg/m³) by the December 31, 2019 attainment date.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that within one year from the attainment date, a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is required to address the federal Clean Air Act requirements for a Serious nonattainment that fails to attain by the attainment deadline.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Attainment Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} Standard for the South Coast Air Basin (herein referred as Attainment Plan) is designed to meet the federal Clean Air Act requirements for the South Coast Air Basin (Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Bernardino County and Riverside County).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Attainment Plan includes new information on key elements such as:

- Current air quality;
- Updated emission inventories;
- Reasonable further progress and emission reduction requirements
- An overall control strategy;
- Attainment demonstration;
- Contingency measure; and
- Motor vehicle emission budgets for transportation conformity purposes

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Attainment Plan will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the U.S. EPA for inclusion into the SIP.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft Attainment Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standard for the South Coast Air Basin will be released on or before September 18, 2020 and will be available at: [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions) for public comment and review. Comments on the Draft Attainment Plan are encouraged to be submitted by October 19, 2020 in order to provide time to respond and incorporate changes to the Attainment Plan where appropriate.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft Attainment Plan may be obtained on or before September 18, 2020 from the South Coast AQMD website at [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions), or may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2001; or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, picrequests@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that interested persons may attend the Public Hearing and submit oral or written statements. Written comments can be submitted via email at: AQMPTeam@aqmd.gov.

At the conclusion of the regional public hearing, the South Coast AQMD Board will consider all comments received as part of its deliberations on the adoption of the Attainment Plan tentatively scheduled for the final public hearing on December 4, 2020 at the South Coast AQMD headquarters in Diamond Bar, CA.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding the Draft Attainment Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standard for the South Coast Air Basin can be directed to:

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Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the regional public hearing. 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 Mr. Zorik Pirveysian, Planning and Rules Manager, at (909) 396-2431 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to AQMPTeam@aqmd.gov.