

Regional Public Hearings on the Revised Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan



The South Coast Air Quality Management District announces the release of the Revised Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and invites you to participate in regional public hearings scheduled as shown in the table below. Multiple meetings are scheduled to provide more opportunities for stakeholders to discuss the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP. Meeting materials will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meetings at http://www.aqmd.gov/2022aqmp.

Meeting Information

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, the public hearings will only be conducted via videoconferencing and telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meetings remotely.

Date/Time	Revised Draft 2022 AQMP Regional Public Hearings	Location
October 12, 2022 2:00 p.m.	Meeting #1 for Los Angeles County	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: <u>https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/97319116794</u> Zoom Webinar ID: 973 1911 6794 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
October 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.	Meeting #2 for San Bernardino County	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: <u>https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91005796281</u> Zoom Webinar ID: 910 0579 6281 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
October 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.	Meeting #3 for Coachella Valley	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: <u>https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/99950751763</u> Zoom Webinar ID: 999 5075 1763 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
October 19, 2022 1:00 p.m.	Meeting #4 for Orange County	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: <u>https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/97747622239</u> Zoom Webinar ID: 977 4762 2239Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833

Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/94508364659 Zoom Webinar ID: 945 0836 4659 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833

Background

The South Coast Quality Management District is the local government agency responsible for air quality in the greater Los Angeles region and the Coachella Valley. The region suffers from the worst ozone air quality in the nation and fails to meet state and national air quality standards. While great strides have been made in reducing air pollution, the South Coast Air Basin exceeds the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and was designated as an "extreme" nonattainment area with a deadline to meet the standard by 2037. The Coachella Valley, located downwind of the Basin, is classified as a "severe-15" nonattainment area with a deadline to meet the standard by 2032. The Revised Draft 2022 AQMP serves as the blueprint for how the region will meet the standard and fulfills U.S. EPA's nonattainment area requirements. It was developed in partnership with the California Air Resources Board, the U.S. EPA, and the Southern California Association of Governments with input from stakeholders throughout the region including local and state governments, businesses, academia, and environmental organizations. The Revised Draft 2022 AQMP includes a variety of strategies relying on NOx emissions reductions through economy-wide transition to zero emission technologies when cost effective and feasible, and ultra low emissions technologies in other applications, best management practices, co-benefits from existing programs such as climate and energy efficiency policies, and incentive approaches where applicable. The Revised Draft 2022 AQMP also includes a voluntary reclassification request to "extreme" nonattainment for the Coachella Valley to provide additional time for that area to meet the standard, extending the deadline to 2037.

Documents Availability

The Revised Draft 2022 AQMP is available online at <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/2022aqmp</u>. All the chapters and Appendix II through VII are revised based on public comments received on the Draft 2022 AQMP and available for public review and comments. Appendix I is under development per the input from the Advisory Council and will be released soon.

Public Comments

Public comments on the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP should be submitted by Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at <u>AQMPteam@aqmd.gov</u> or through the online comment submission form at <u>https://forms.office.com/g/VB5eMFbAHb</u>.

For more information, please contact:

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Planning and Rules Manager, at (909) 396-3169 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to <u>AQMPTeam@aqmd.gov.</u>