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## South Coast AQMD Meeting and Scheduled Changes Due to COVID-19

**DIAMOND BAR** – Due to recommendations from the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and other state and local public health agencies, changes will be made to South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) headquarters operations and upcoming meetings due to public health concerns regarding COVID-19. As part of efforts to minimize potential risk and exposure, and in an abundance of caution, meetings including public workshops and trainings will be cancelled, postponed or conducted online and via the telephone. For all remote meetings, a Zoom meeting link and dial-in number will be provided to the public.

For information on how to attend remote meetings, as well as updates on postponements and cancellations, please visit South Coast AQMD's calendar page at: <a href="www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/calendar">www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/calendar</a> v2 or by downloading our smartphone app.

**Committee and Board Meetings:** South Coast AQMD will continue to provide a physical location where the public can attend both Committee and Governing Board Meetings. Public comments can be provided either electronically or in person. Locations will be identified on meeting agendas and will include instructions on how to participate remotely.

**Public Information Center** (PIC): The PIC located in the lobby of South Coast AQMD Headquarters in Diamond Bar, Calif. will be temporarily closed. All inquiries should be made by calling the 1-800-CUT-SMOG line.

**Small Business Assistance Office:** The SBA office is only providing assistance via telephone or email at this time. Please call 1-800-388-2121 or email <a href="mailto:smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov">smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov</a>.

**Permit Applications:** Any questions or assistance with permits or permit applications can be made by calling 909-396-3385 or by emailing <a href="mailto:permitservicesonline@aqmd.gov">permitservicesonline@aqmd.gov</a>.

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