Comment on the Draft 2022 AQMP

Comment Letter #28

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Subject: Emissions plans

I am disturbed by several components of the air quality plan that only make sense if your goal is to reduce air emissions to X level, but completely throw out any idea of living cheaply or ultimately safely for the environment.

Sixty-six percent of CA’s energy comes from non-renewable sources, like coal, oil and nuclear. Yet for the sake of emissions, not the planet or even the state as a whole, you want southern CA gardeners and residents to switch to electric stoves, water heaters, furnaces, appliances, and electric garden appliances despite the fact that the actual number of those items might not have a measurable effect on lowering our air pollutants due to emissions you don’t have the power to regulate, and due to our weather patterns. In addition, those appliances are often more costly to purchase, more costly to run, and less efficient than their natural gas or gasoline powered counterparts. This hurts the middle and lower class much more than it hurts So Cal’s wealthy. We already pay more to live in CA than in much of the rest of the nation, and now the proposed measures make it more expensive and less efficient.

I understand that it’s the job of the board to meet expectations in emissions levels. But who will stand up to say anything when the standards handed to you aren’t achievable or reasonable?

Please reconsider the new standards you are proposing.

Thanks,
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