



South Coast Air Quality Management District

UPDATE – WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOUTH COAST AQMD FEE RULES (REGULATION III & RULE 1480)

Withdrawal of Proposed Amendments to Regulation III and Rule 1480:

Every year as part of the annual budget process, South Coast AQMD staff reviews its fee rules (Regulation III) and proposes updates for the Governing Board's consideration. Regulation III primarily establishes the fee rates to recover South Coast AQMD's costs of regulating and providing services to permitted sources. In addition, most South Coast AQMD fees are automatically increased every year by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to cover the costs of inflation.

As part of this annual process, staff recently proposed six minor amendments (including two that would raise fees) to Regulation III and Rule 1480 and presented these on March 13, 2020 at a Public Consultation Meeting. However, given the recent circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, staff is no longer proposing any amendments to Regulation III or Rule 1480 this year. In addition, staff is proposing to credit back this year's automatic 2.8% CPI increase so that facilities will not experience any new fee increases for this upcoming fiscal year (FY 2020-2021).

Opportunities to comment:

April 3, 2020: Governing Board Budget Advisory Committee meeting

April 7, 2020: Public Consultation Meeting on Proposed Budget and Work Program

Zoom meeting link: <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/8989171437>

Meeting ID: 898 917 143

Dial-in number: 669 900-6833

May 1, 2020: Public hearing to consider this action and adopt the FY 2020-2021 budget

(all meetings are currently expected to be conducted via video conference and/or telephone)

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Online Resources:

Budget documents: <https://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/finance#Budgets>