

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF THE CONTINGENCY MEASURE PLAN FOR THE 1997 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD FOR THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of approval of the proposed Contingency Measure Plan for the South Coast Air Basin will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019, in the Auditorium at South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast Air Basin is classified as an Extreme nonattainment area for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), with an attainment date of June 15, 2024. The attainment strategy in the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (2016 AQMP) includes both defined measures as well as “further deployment of cleaner technologies” measures, as allowed under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) section 182(e)(5). Under CAA requirements, development and approval of contingency measures for emission reductions identified under section 182(e)(5) are required no later than 3 years before the attainment date.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD, in collaboration with California Air Resources Board, has prepared the proposed Contingency Measure Plan to address the contingency measure requirements of CAA section 182(e)(5) for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS for the South Coast Air Basin. The proposed Contingency Measure Plan includes three components: 1) Identified Emissions Reductions Strategies; 2) Additional Incentive Funding; and 3) Federal Measures and/or Funding.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Contingency Measure Plan will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the draft Contingency Measure Plan was released on October 8, 2019 for a comment and review period ending on October 29, 2019. Comments received and staff responses will be released prior to the Board Hearing for consideration during the hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public workshop was held on October 18, 2019, in the Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA. The draft final Contingency Measure Plan will be released on November 5, 2019.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the proposed Contingency Measure Plan is within the scope of the project covered by the March 2017 Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan such that no new environmental document would be required pursuant to CEQA

Guidelines Section 15168(c) and no subsequent CEQA document would be required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD has prepared the following document, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Board:

- Draft Final Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard in the South Coast Air Basin

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above document and presentations given at the public workshop are available and may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD's AQMP website located at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan>, or from South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center located in the South Coast AQMD Headquarters lobby, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Publication Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that interested persons may attend the public hearing and submit oral or written statements on the document listed above. The South Coast AQMD Board will consider all comments from the public hearing as part of its deliberations on the approval of the proposed Contingency Measure Plan at the public hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD Board may approve the proposed Contingency Measure Plan or variations of the proposed Contingency Measure Plan, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to approve all or part of the proposed Contingency Measure Plan.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding the proposed Contingency Measure Plan can be directed to Kalam Cheung, Program Supervisor, Policy Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, kcheung@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3281. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Ryan Bañuelos, Air Quality Specialist, CEQA Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, rbanuelos@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3479.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the Board Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments for review prior to the hearing must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

DATED: October 30, 2019

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Boards