

NOTICE OF REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN ATTAINMENT PLAN FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL PM2.5 STANDARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that four Regional Public Hearings on the matter of the development of the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard (PM2.5 Plan) will be conducted through in-person and virtual attendance via video conferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment at the times listed below, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD. Instructions on how to attend the Regional Public Hearings are provided in the following table:

PM2.5 Plan Regional Public Hearings	Date	Time	Format	Location
Regional Public Hearing for San Bernardino County	Tuesday, April 23, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91090511540 Zoom Webinar ID: 910 9051 1540 <i>Spanish Language Audience</i> Zoom Webinar ID: 932 0955 9643 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
Regional Public Hearing for Riverside County	Wednesday, April 24, 2024	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	In-Person	CARB Headquarters 4001 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507
Regional Public Hearing for Orange County	Thursday, April 25, 2024	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91090511540 Zoom Webinar ID: 910 9051 1540 <i>Spanish Language Audience</i> Zoom Webinar ID: 932 0955 9643 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
Regional Public Hearing for Los Angeles County	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	In-Person	Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center 301 N. Tamarind Avenue, Compton, CA 90220

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast Air Basin is a “serious” nonattainment area for the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard with attainment in 2025. PM2.5 is particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers and smaller.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that South Coast AQMD included a plan to attain the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard by 2025 as part of its 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which was submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on April 27, 2017. However, U.S. EPA failed to take timely action on that plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, due to unforeseen challenges, the plan included in the 2016 AQMP no longer provided a path to attaining the standard, resulting in withdrawal of that plan in 2023 and triggering the need to develop a revised plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the PM2.5 Plan seeks a five-year extension of the new attainment date to 2030 to address the unforeseen challenges and intends to meet all federal Clean Air Act requirements for “serious” nonattainment areas that seek a five-year extension of the attainment date.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast Air Basin is expected to attain the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard in 2030 by reducing emissions of PM2.5 and its precursors from the 2022 AQMP nitrogen oxides (NOx) strategy required to meet the 2015 ozone standard in 2037 and additional control measures identified in this PM2.5 Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the PM2.5 Plan will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board for approval and subsequent submittal to the U.S. EPA for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the PM2.5 Plan includes key elements such as:

- Current air quality;
- Updated emissions inventories;
- A demonstration to exclude Volatile Organic Compounds and Sulfur Oxides from certain planning requirements;
- An overall control strategy and Attainment Demonstration;
- Best Available Control Measures (BACM) and Most Stringent Measures (MSM) analyses;
- A reasonable further progress demonstration;
- Quantitative milestones;
- Contingency measures; and
- Motor vehicle emission budgets for transportation conformity purposes.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the PM2.5 Plan is a later activity within the scope of the program approved earlier in the 2022 AQMP and the 2016 AQMP per CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 (c)(2), and the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2022 AQMP and the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP adequately describe the activities associated with implementing the PM2.5 Plan such that no new environmental document will be required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for the PM2.5 Plan is being prepared and will be released at least 30 days prior to the public hearing on June 7, 2024 (subject to change) at South Coast AQMD’s Headquarters in Diamond Bar, CA.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft PM2.5 Plan will be released in March 2024 for a 45-day public comment period and will be available, upon its release, at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft PM2.5 Plan, once released, may also be obtained from South Coast AQMD’s Public Information Center or from:

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21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(909) 396-2432
Email: PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that interested persons may attend any of the Regional Public Hearings and submit oral or written statements on the Draft PM2.5 Plan. Written comments can be submitted via email at: AQMPteam@aqmd.gov

South Coast AQMD's Governing Board will consider all comments received at the Regional Public Hearings as part of its deliberations on the adoption of the PM2.5 Plan at the Public Hearing on June 7, 2024 (subject to change) at South Coast AQMD's Headquarters in Diamond Bar, CA.

Additional information or comments on the PM2.5 Plan can be directed to: Sang-Mi Lee, Ph.D., Planning and Rules Manager, AQMPteam@aqmd.gov. Inquiries about CEQA and socioeconomic impacts can be directed to: Barbara Radlein, Planning and Rules Manager, bradlein@aqmd.gov. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations including translation services can be requested to allow participation in the Regional Public Hearings. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Requests can be sent to the Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2432 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov or PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

DATED: March 5, 2024