

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Public Consultation Meeting
Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan for 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard
Notice of Public Workshop
Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX

Friday, September 25, 2020
2:00 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION

Per Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) and N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), this Public Consultation Meeting and the Public Workshop will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely. Teleconference locations do not need to be disclosed nor open to the public.

Instructions for Electronic Participation

Join Zoom Meeting from PC, Laptop, or Phone

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/98110612879>

Zoom Webinar ID: 981 1061 2879 (applies to all)

Teleconference Dial In +1 669 900 6833

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Audience will be allowed to provide public comment through telephone or Zoom connection. Spanish interpretation will be available

Purpose of The Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Consultation Meeting and a Public Workshop for the purpose of soliciting information, comments, and suggestions from the public, affected businesses, and stakeholders regarding the Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan (Plan) for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and Proposed Amended Regulation XIII – New Source Review, Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market, and Regulation XXX – Title V. The South Coast AQMD Governing Board will consider approval of the Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard and Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX at the Public Hearing scheduled on Friday, December 4, 2020.

Background

On July 10, 2019, the U.S. EPA granted a voluntary reclassification of the Coachella Valley Planning Area from “Severe-15” to “Extreme” for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, with an attainment date of June 15, 2024. A revision to the State Implementation Plan is required to address the requirements resulting from the U.S. EPA’s reclassification of the Coachella Valley to Extreme nonattainment status. The Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan is being developed to bring the area into attainment as expeditiously as practicable and by the required attainment date. Exceedances of the ozone NAAQS in Coachella Valley are primarily due to the direct transport of ozone and its precursors from the South Coast Air Basin, which is located upwind of the Coachella Valley. While local emissions controls benefit Coachella Valley air quality, the area must rely on emission controls being implemented upwind to demonstrate improved air quality and attainment of the federal ozone standard. Based on updated emissions inventory and air quality modeling, the Coachella Valley is expected to achieve the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS by the attainment date through continued implementation of existing rules and regulations. Other applicable federal Clean Air Act requirements are also presented in the Plan.

The objective of Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX rules are to reduce the major polluting facility threshold definition for VOC and NOx emissions, which are precursors to ozone, from 25 tons per year to 10 tons per year. Amendments are also needed to reduce the major modification threshold definition at a major polluting facility from 25 tons per year to one pound per day of VOC or NOx emissions. Lowering the thresholds could result in additional permitting requirements for Coachella Valley facilities with a potential to emit of 10 tons or more per year of VOC or NOx emissions.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD’s certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is reviewing the proposed project to determine if it will result in any potential

adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis. Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

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Supporting Documentation

The following supporting document will be available on or before September 11, 2020 on the South Coast AQMD's website at: [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions)

- Draft Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard

The following supporting documents will be available on or before September 18, 2020 on the South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>

- Proposed Amended Regulations XIII - NSR, XX - RECLAIM, and XXX - Title V
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Regulations XIII - NSR, XX - RECLAIM, and XXX - Title V

The agenda and presentation for the Public Consultation Meeting and Public Workshop will be available by September 22, 2020, on the South Coast AQMD website noted above. Electronic copies of the above documents may be obtained from:

Fabian Wesson
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South Coast AQMD
(909) 396-2001
PICrequests@aqmd.gov

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't 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. Please contact Jillian Wong at (909) 396-3176 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to jwong1@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the Public Consultation Meeting and Public Workshop and participate through video/audio conferencing. You may also send comments, questions, documents or other information as indicated below.

Please send comments, questions, and documents regarding the Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan to:

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Please send comments, questions, and documents regarding Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX to:

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Written comments relating to the Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan or on the Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX should be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 13, 2020.