



## MEETING INVITE

**Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Jurupa Community Center

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AQMD staff invites you to participate in a meeting to discuss proposed local requirements for including a state-approved greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction protocol, Manure Management Project Protocol (or Livestock Project Reporting Protocol) in AQMD's Regulation XXVII – Climate Change.

The protocol covers reducing methane emissions from livestock operations by installing manure biogas control systems. It is proposed to be included in Proposed Rule 2702 – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program and Proposed Amended Rule 2701 – SoCal Climate Solutions Exchange.

Proposed Rule 2702 will create a voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program administered by AQMD. The AQMD can accept funds to generate GHG reductions and Requests for Proposals would be issued. Projects selected by the AQMD would follow pre-approved protocols to generate GHG emission reductions in the AQMD. Proposed Amended Rule 2701 was adopted at the December 5, 2008 Board meeting. The Board directed staff to evaluate the potential environmental justice impacts, if any, relative to the Manure Management Project Protocol prior to adding it to the list of approved protocols under the District's greenhouse gas reduction program. The Manure Management Project Protocol can be used in California for Rules 2701 and 2702. Staff is proposing some additional local requirements to address concerns raised at the December 2008 Governing Board meeting when Rule 2701 was adopted (without this protocol).

Staff recommends inclusion of the Manure Management Project Protocol with some local requirements to the list of approved greenhouse gas emission reduction protocols in Rule 2701. Staff is proposing that if a project seeking GHG reductions through Proposed Rule 2702 or Proposed Amended Rule 2701 is located in an environmental justice area, any equipment would be located greater than a quarter mile (1,320ft, 400m) of a sensitive receptor. A sensitive receptor means any residence, education resources such as preschools and kindergarten through grade twelve (k-12) schools; daycare centers; and health care facilities. This distance would conservatively provide protection for local residents and other sensitive receptors, and is based on land use guidance criteria for new school sites.

Environmental justice areas for the District have two components – poverty level and air quality. An environmental justice area has 10 percent or more of the population below the federal poverty level and the top 15 percent particulate exposures or more than 1,000 in a million cancer risk.

Please attend this meeting in person or via phone to participate in the discussion and assist staff in understanding and addressing environmental justice concerns related to this, and future, protocols.

Background information can be found at:

[Set Hearing Packages - PR 2702; PAR 2701](#)

[White Paper on SoCal Climate Solutions Exchange](#) – June 2008

Please call Jill Whynot at (909) 396-3104 if you have questions. We look forward to working with you.