

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 3, 2021

AGENDA NO. 15

REPORT: Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received

SYNOPSIS: This report provides a listing of CEQA documents received by South Coast AQMD between October 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021, and those projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, November 19, 2021, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

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Executive Officer

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**CEQA Document Receipt and Review Logs (Attachments A and B)** – Each month, South Coast AQMD receives numerous CEQA documents from other public agencies on projects that could adversely affect air quality. A listing of all documents received during the reporting period October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 is included in Attachment A. A list of active projects for which South Coast AQMD staff is continuing to evaluate or prepare comments for the August and September reporting periods is included as Attachment B. A total of 67 CEQA documents were received during this reporting period and 15 comment letters were sent.

The Intergovernmental Review function, which consists of reviewing and commenting on the adequacy of the air quality analysis in CEQA documents prepared by other lead agencies, is consistent with the Board's 1997 Environmental Justice Guiding Principles and Environmental Justice Initiative #4. As required by the Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for FY 2002-03, approved by the Board in October 2002, each attachment notes proposed projects where South Coast AQMD has been contacted regarding potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. South Coast AQMD has established an internal central contact to receive information on projects

with potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The public may contact South Coast AQMD about projects of concern by the following means: in writing via fax, email, or standard letters; through telephone communication; and as part of oral comments at South Coast AQMD meetings or other meetings where South Coast AQMD staff is present. The attachments also identify, for each project, the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date, if applicable. Interested parties should rely on the lead agencies themselves for definitive information regarding public comment periods and hearings as these dates are occasionally modified by the lead agency.

At the January 6, 2006 Board meeting, the Board approved the Workplan for the Chairman's Clean Port Initiatives. One action item of the Chairman's Initiatives was to prepare a monthly report describing CEQA documents for projects related to goods movement and to make full use of the process to ensure the air quality impacts of such projects are thoroughly mitigated. In response to describing goods movement, CEQA documents (Attachments A and B) are organized to group projects of interest into the following categories: goods movement projects; schools; landfills and wastewater projects; airports; general land use projects, etc. In response to the mitigation component, guidance information on mitigation measures was compiled into a series of tables relative to: off-road engines; on-road engines; harbor craft; ocean-going vessels; locomotives; fugitive dust; and greenhouse gases. These mitigation measure tables are on the CEQA webpages portion of South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>. Staff will continue compiling tables of mitigation measures for other emission sources.

Staff focuses on reviewing and preparing comments for projects: where South Coast AQMD is a responsible agency; that may have significant adverse regional air quality impacts (e.g. special event centers, landfills, goods movement); that may have localized or toxic air quality impacts (e.g. warehouse and distribution centers); where environmental justice concerns have been raised; and which a lead or responsible agency has specifically requested South Coast AQMD review. If staff provided written comments to the lead agency as noted in the column "Comment Status," there is a link to the "South Coast AQMD Letter" under the Project Description. In addition, if staff testified at a hearing for the proposed project, a notation is provided under the "Comment Status." If there is no notation, then staff did not provide testimony at a hearing for the proposed project.

During the period of October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021, South Coast AQMD received 67 CEQA documents. Of the 84 documents listed in Attachments A and B:

- 15 comment letters were sent;
- 46 documents were reviewed, but no comments were made;
- 23 documents are currently under review;
- 0 documents did not require comments (e.g., public notices);
- 0 documents were not reviewed; and
- 0 document was screened without additional review.

(The above statistics are from October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 and may not include the most recent “Comment Status” updates in Attachments A and B.)

Copies of all comment letters sent to lead agencies can be found on South Coast AQMD’s CEQA webpage at the following internet address:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>.

**South Coast AQMD Lead Agency Projects (Attachment C)** – Pursuant to CEQA, South Coast AQMD periodically acts as lead agency for stationary source permit projects. Under CEQA, the lead agency is responsible for determining the type of CEQA document to be prepared if the proposal for action is considered to be a “project” as defined by CEQA. For example, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared when South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, finds substantial evidence that the project may have significant adverse effects on the environment. Similarly, a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be prepared if South Coast AQMD determines that the project will not generate significant adverse environmental impacts, or the impacts can be mitigated to less than significance. The ND and MND are written statements describing the reasons why projects will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, do not require the preparation of an EIR.

Attachment C to this report summarizes the active projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency and is currently preparing or has prepared environmental documentation. As noted in Attachment C, South Coast AQMD continued working on the CEQA documents for three active projects during October.

### **Attachments**

- A. Incoming CEQA Documents Log
- B. Ongoing Active Projects for Which South Coast AQMD Has or Will Conduct a CEQA Review
- C. Active South Coast AQMD Lead Agency Projects

**ATTACHMENT A\***  
**INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG**  
**October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021**

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC211001-03</b> Compass Danbe Centerpointe Project#	Staff provided comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, which can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2021/august/RVC210729-01.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2021/august/RVC210729-01.pdf</a> . The project consists of construction of two warehouses totaling 389,603 square feet on 17.7 acres. The project is located on the southeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Frederick Street. Reference RVC210729-01  Comment Period: N/A <span style="float: right;">Public Hearing: 10/19/2021</span>	Response to Comments	City of Moreno Valley	Under review, may submit written comments
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC211005-07</b> Plot Plan No. 210130	The project consists of construction of a 239,208 square foot warehouse on 15.2 acres. The project is located on the northeast corner of Oleander Avenue and Decker Road in the community of Mead Valley.  Comment Period: 9/27/2021 - 10/7/2021 <span style="float: right;">Public Hearing: 10/7/2021</span>	Site Plan	County of Riverside	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC211007-02</b> MA21235	The project consists of construction of a 72,288 square foot warehouse on 3.8 acres. The project is located at 2780 Rubidoux Boulevard on the northeast corner of Rubidoux Boulevard and 28th Street.  Comment Period: 10/7/2021 - 10/21/2021 <span style="float: right;">Public Hearing: 10/21/2021</span>	Site Plan	City of Jurupa Valley	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC211012-02</b> Havana Investment Industrial Project	The project consists of construction of a 72,288 square foot warehouse on 3.8 acres. The project is located at 2780 Rubidoux Boulevard on the northeast corner of Rubidoux Boulevard and 28th Street. Reference RVC211007-02  Comment Period: 10/7/2021 - 10/21/2021 <span style="float: right;">Public Hearing: 10/21/2021</span>	Site Plan	City of Jurupa Valley	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received

\*Sorted by Land Use Type (in order of land uses most commonly associated with air quality impacts), followed by County, then date received.

# - Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.

Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.







**ATTACHMENT A  
INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG  
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SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> <b>SBC211026-05</b> Angelus Block Co., Inc. Concrete Block Manufacturing Facility	The project consists of construction of a 189,547 square foot building on 29.37 acres. The project is located near the northeast corner of Fortuna Way and Industrial Drive.  Comment Period: 10/25/2021 - 11/13/2021 Public Hearing: N/A	Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Rialto	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211001-05</b> Quemetco, Inc.#	The project consists of appeals of temporary authorization for modifications to an existing hazardous waste facility permit to install a compression auger and a centrifuge to improve dewatering of battery wrecker material. The project is located at 720 South Seventh Avenue near the northeast corner of South Seventh Avenue and Salt Lake Avenue in the City of Industry. Reference LAC210907-04, LAC210907-03, LAC210427-09, LAC210223-04, LAC210114-07, LAC191115-02, and LAC180726-06  Comment Period: 9/17/2021 - 10/29/2021 Public Hearing: N/A	Temporary Authorization Appeal	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211005-03</b> Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage Improvement Project	The project consists of construction of stormwater catch basins, underground infiltration system, and a 30 inch pump stormwater discharge line to reduce flood risk. The project is located near the northwest corner of Interstate 10 and Garvey Avenue.  Comment Period: 9/30/2021 - 11/29/2021 Public Hearing: N/A	Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of El Monte	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211008-01</b> Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plan	The project consists of construction of a groundwater well 1,010 feet in depth with a capacity of 1,500 gallons per minute, 4,470 linear feet of water pipelines ranging from eight inches to 12 inches in diameter, a 230 kilowatt generator, a 1,000 gallon diesel tank, and a 7,700 square foot structure on 16,268 square feet. The project is located at 6157 Long Beach Boulevard near the southwest corner of North Long Beach Boulevard and West Barclay Street in the designated AB 617 Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach community.  Comment Period: 10/8/2021 - 11/8/2021 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Long Beach	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received

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<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211019-07</b> Pacific Resource Recovery Services	The project consists of renewal of an existing hazardous waste facility permit to continue existing industrial waste management operations, construction of additional container storage space, and inclusion of additional waste codes on 20 acres. The project is located at 3150 East Pico Boulevard on the southwest corner of East Pico Boulevard and South Ezra Street in the City of Los Angeles within the designated AB 617 East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community. Reference LAC190614-01, LAC180315-07, LAC150122-10, LAC140211-08, and LAC120529-02  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 11/3/2021	Permit Modification	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211019-13</b> Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC	The project consists of modifications to an existing hazardous waste facility permit to conduct containment coating and lining maintenance activities, and a request for temporary authorization to allow storage of additional hazardous waste materials and extension of storage period. The project is located at 1704 West First Street near the southwest corner of South Motor Avenue and West First Street in the City of Azusa. Reference LAC210914-04, LAC201124-10, and LAC191219-05  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Permit Modification	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Under review, may submit written comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211026-07</b> SBD Real Estate Four, LLC	The project consists of development of cleanup actions to excavate, remove, and dispose top 24 inches of soil contaminated with volatile organic compounds, and installation of a soil vapor barrier on 0.28 acres. The project is located at 1341 West Gardena Boulevard near the northeast corner of West Gardena Boulevard and Normandie Avenue in the City of Gardena.  Comment Period: 10/22/2021 - 11/24/2021 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Removal Action Workplan	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Under review, may submit written comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC211028-04</b> La Mirada High School Modernization	The project consists of development of cleanup actions to excavate, remove, and dispose 224 cubic yards of soil contaminated with arsenic on 8.3 acres. The project is located at 13520 Adelfa Drive on the southwest corner of Foster Road and Adelfa Drive in the City of La Mirada. Reference LAC200507-05  Comment Period: 11/1/2021 - 12/3/2021 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Removal Action Workplan	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received

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<i>Utilities</i> <b>ODP211012-03</b> Vandenberg Offshore Wind Energy Projects	The project consists of construction of eight floating wind turbines with a combined capacity of 100 megawatts and infrastructure. The project is located offshore three nautical miles west of the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve in Santa Barbara County. Reference ODP210720-01  Comment Period: N/A	Final Preliminary Environmental Assessment	California State Lands Commission	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Transportation</i> <b>LAC211014-01</b> Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Study	The project consists of construction of anchorage area, turning basin, and infrastructure to improve navigation flow and safety for liquid bulk vessel operations. The project is located in federal portions of Pier J and Pier T on the southeast corner of Seaside Freeway and Navy Way within the Port of Long Beach in the designated AB 617 Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach community. Reference LAC191101-07, LAC190201-09, LAC161103-03, and LAC160105-02  Comment Period: 10/8/2021 - 11/8/2021	Notice of Availability of a Final Integrated Feasibility Report/Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report	United States Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Transportation</i> <b>RVC211001-07</b> Ethanac Road Bridge Project	The project consists of construction of a 450 linear foot bridge 114 feet in width with four lanes and 1,165 linear feet of road improvements on nine acres. The project is located along Ethanac Road between River Road and Watson Road.  Comment Period: 9/29/2021 - 10/28/2021	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Perris	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received

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**ATTACHMENT C**  
**ACTIVE SOUTH COAST AQMD LEAD AGENCY**  
**PROJECTS THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
Matrix Oil is proposing to: 1) install one new flare with a maximum rating of 39 million British thermal units per hour (MMBtu/hr) at Site 3 of the Sansinena Oil Field; and 2) increase the throughput of the existing flare at Site 9 from the previous permit limit of 13.65 million standard cubic feet over a 30-day period (MMSCF/30 days) to the maximum rating of 39 MMBtu/hr which is equivalent to 25.39 MMSCF/30days.	Matrix Oil	Mitigated Negative Declaration	The consultant provided a preliminary draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and South Coast AQMD staff has provided comments which are being addressed by the consultant.	Yorke Engineering
Quemetco is proposing to modify existing South Coast AQMD permits to allow the facility to recycle more batteries and to eliminate the existing daily idle time of the furnaces. The proposed project will increase the rotary feed drying furnace feed rate limit from 600 to 750 tons per day and increase the amount of total coke material allowed to be processed. In addition, the project will allow the use of petroleum coke in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke, and remove one existing emergency diesel-fueled internal combustion engine (ICE) and install two new emergency natural gas-fueled ICEs.	Quemetco	Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	A Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) was released for a 56-day public review and comment period from August 31, 2018 to October 25, 2018, and 30 comment letters were received. Two CEQA scoping meetings were held on September 13, 2018 and October 11, 2018 in the community and 153 oral comments were received. The Draft EIR was released on October 14, 2021 for a 61-day public review and comment period which ends at 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021 <sup>1</sup> . Responses to the comment letters and oral comments relative to the NOP/IS and CEQA scoping meetings have been prepared and are included in Appendix B of the Draft EIR.	Trinity Consultants
Sunshine Canyon Landfill is proposing to modify its South Coast AQMD permits for its active landfill gas collection and control system to accommodate the increased collection of landfill gas. The proposed project will: 1) install two new low emissions flares with two additional 300-hp electric blowers; and 2) increase the landfill gas flow limit of the existing flares.	Sunshine Canyon Landfill	Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)	South Coast AQMD staff reviewed and provided comments on the preliminary air quality analysis and health risk assessment (HRA), which are being addressed by the consultant.	SCS Engineers

<sup>1</sup> In November, per several requests, the public review and comment period was extended 60 more days until 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2022.