

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 3, 2023

AGENDA NO. 16

REPORT: Mobile Source Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Mobile Source Committee held on Friday, October 20, 2023.
The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Holly J Mitchell, Acting Chair
Mobile Source Committee

SLR:ja

Committee Members

Present: Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Committee Vice Chair
Mayor Larry McCallon
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Nithya Raman
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez

Absent: Board Member Gideon Kracov, Committee Chair

Call to Order

Committee Vice Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Items 1-2):

1. Status Update on South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard

Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented this item. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 8:40.

Supervisor Perez asked about air monitoring in Riverside County. Dr. Rees responded that one of the monitors with the highest PM2.5 levels is located in Riverside County, but clarified that Coachella Valley attains the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard. Supervisor Perez also inquired about unpaved and paved road dust and expressed concern about resuspended dust from paved roads. Dr. Rees explained that although paving helps reduce emissions compared to unpaved roads, vehicles driving on paved roads also resuspends dust. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 29:22.

Councilmember Rodriguez inquired about the interconnectivity of South Coast AQMD and federal efforts to reduce PM2.5 emissions. Dr. Rees responded that while both ozone and PM2.5 are sensitive to NOx reductions from federal sources, direct PM2.5 emissions have the greatest impact on ambient PM2.5 levels and most direct PM2.5 emission sources fall under South Coast AQMD's regulatory authority. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 35:27.

Councilmember Rodriguez raised concerns about the federal government not doing enough to control emissions and emphasized the need to engage with Congress and other policymakers to accelerate their efforts. Wayne Natri, Executive Officer, mentioned that staff recently met with senior U.S. EPA officials and policymakers in Washington, DC to highlight the need for U.S. EPA to control emissions and provide greater flexibility and tools for states to meet federal standards. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 37:23.

Supervisor Perez inquired about U.S. EPA's receptiveness to the need to reduce emissions from federal sources. Mr. Natri noted progress but expressed the need for more aggressive action. He cited an example of U.S. EPA's truck rule, although the rule was not as stringent as desired and ongoing efforts related to ocean-going vessels. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 44:38.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, discussed PM2.5 precursors, nonattainment classifications for ozone and PM2.5 standards, and the premature deaths associated with air pollution. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 32:00.

2. Annual Report on AB 2766 Funds from Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Lane Garcia, Program Supervisor/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented the Annual Report on AB 2766 Funds from Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for FY 2021-22.

- 3.** Chair Mitchell asked if educational institutions such as schools and community colleges are eligible for AB 2766 funds. Staff responded that the statutory language limits eligibility to local city and county governments.

Supervisor Perez asked for clarification on jurisdictions included in the AB 2766 program, and whether it applies to Special Districts or other types of entities. Staff explained that the statutory language specifies local city and county governments.

Supervisor Perez asked if any of the funds distribution shown in the presentation was associated with distribution criteria such as AB 617 communities, disadvantaged communities, refineries, or any other category. Staff explained that the distribution of funds and emission reductions were solely attributable to projects implemented by local governments using AB 2766 funds. Supervisor Perez also asked for clarification on how the funds were distributed to the city and county jurisdictions, and whether the funds are related to vehicles driven in their communities. Staff explained the funds are generated based on the paid vehicle registrations within the District and then distributed based on the population ratio of each jurisdiction.

Councilmember Rodriguez noted that Transportation Demand Management was at the top of the list of categories in terms of emission reduction and cost effectiveness. He asked if there was any dialog between staff and cities regarding suggestions for projects that are more cost effective. He also asked if staff is monitoring the fund balances for jurisdictions, noting that some cities save up a balance. Staff explained that the spirit of the legislation was to allow the participating jurisdictions flexibility in deciding what projects to pursue, provided there is a clear connection towards mobile source emissions reductions. Staff further explained outreach to jurisdictions is one of our primary roles in helping them decide on projects and ensuring they are spending funds appropriately. Staff also explained that the jurisdictions spend between 80 and 90 percent of their received funds each fiscal year.

Councilmember Raman asked if staff could highlight any particularly effective or innovative projects. Staff explained that city and county rideshare projects are very effective at reducing mobile source emissions and are very cost effective. Staff further explained that many jurisdictions are installing electric vehicle charging stations, but there is currently no emission factor associated with those types of projects.

Mayor McCallon asked about the status of any potential “bad actors” or jurisdictions that are not spending AB 2766 funds appropriately. Staff explained that in the most recent AB 2766 audit results, 99.4 percent of all funds received by the jurisdictions were spent appropriately.

4. Mr. Eder urged the need for cities to have teams dedicated to understanding energy concerns as well as health effects, especially in terms of particulate matter.

WRITTEN REPORTS (Items 3-5):

5. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program

This item was received and filed.

6. Rule 2202 Activity Report: Rule 2202 Summary Status Report

This item was received and filed.

7. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects

This item was received and filed.

OTHER MATTERS:

8. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

9. Public Comment Period

Thomas Jelenic, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, thanked the committee and the Board for its work with stakeholders during the development of the Ports ISR. He thanked Board Member Kracov for a recent visit to the Ports to see the steps being taken to reduce emissions, to become a zero emissions port. He also extended an invitation to any Mobile Source Committee member or Board Member that would like to visit. He further expressed the collaborative approach is the best way to reduce emissions and since the initiation of the Clean Air Action Plan, the San Pedro Port Complex has reduced diesel toxics by 90 percent through a voluntary program. Mr. Eder championed the idea of replacing oil and gas use with solar power. He stated that solar power technology is a viable option that needs to be tested and explored further.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Mobile Source Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Attachments

1. Attendance Record
2. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program – Written Report
3. Rule 2202 Activity Report – Written Report
4. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects – Written Report

ATTACHMENT 1

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendance – October 20, 2023

Mayor Larry McCallon.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Holly Mitchell	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Councilmember Nithya Raman	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Mayor Carlos Rodriguez	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Guillermo Gonzales.....	Board Consultant (Perez)
Jackson Guze	Board Consultant (Raman)
Loraine Lundquist	Board Consultant (Mitchell)
Debra Mendelsohn.....	Board Consultant (McCallon)
Andrew Silva	Board Consultant (Lock Dawson)
Mark Taylor.....	Board Consultant (Rodriguez)
Mark Abramowitz	Community Environmental Services
Curtis Coleman.....	Southern California Air Quality Alliance
Ramine Cromartie	Western States Petroleum Association
Helena DuPont.....	California Strategies
Harvey Eder.....	Public Solar Power Coalition
Thomas Jelenic	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Gillian Kass	Ramboll
Scott King.....	CARB
Bill La Marr.....	California Small Business Alliance
Bethmarie Quiambao	Southern California Edison
David Rothbart	Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Peter Whittingham.....	Public Affairs Advisors
Derrick Alatorre.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jacob Allen	South Coast AQMD Staff
Debra Ashby.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jason Aspell.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Laurence Brown	South Coast AQMD Staff
Cindy Bustillos	South Coast AQMD Staff
Marc Carreras-Sospedra	South Coast AQMD Staff
Philip Crabbe III.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Joshua Ewell.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Lane Garcia	South Coast AQMD Staff
Scott Gallegos.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Bay Gilchrist.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
De Groeneveld.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Alex Han.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sheri Hanizavareh	South Coast AQMD Staff
Dillon Harris.....	South Coast AQMD Staff

Christian Hynes	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sujata Jain.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
John Kampa	South Coast AQMD Staff
Roupen Karakouzian	South Coast AQMD Staff
Aaron Katzenstein	South Coast AQMD Staff
Farzaneh Khalaj.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Angela Kim	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ricky Lai	South Coast AQMD Staff
Howard Lee	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sang-Mi Lee	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jason Low	South Coast AQMD Staff
Paul Macias	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ian MacMillan	South Coast AQMD Staff
Terrence Mann.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ron Moskowitz	South Coast AQMD Staff
Susan Nakamura.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Wayne Nastri.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Robert Paud	South Coast AQMD Staff
Marissa Poon	South Coast AQMD Staff
Eric Praske.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sarah Rees	South Coast AQMD Staff
Mary Reichert.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Aisha Reyes.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Zafiro Sanchez.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Nicole Silva	South Coast AQMD Staff
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Vanessa Tanik	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sergio Torres Callejas	South Coast AQMD Staff
Paul Wright.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Victor Yip.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Alex Zhang	South Coast AQMD Staff



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Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report:
Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program

September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

1. Implementation and Outreach Activities:

Activity	Since Last Report	Since Rule Adoption
Calls and Emails to WAIRE Program Hotline (909-396-3140) and Helpdesk (waire-program@aqmd.gov)	352	5,164
Views of Compliance Training Videos (outside of webinars)	255	5,771
Emails Sent with Information About WAIRE Program Resources	3,261	~ 63,150
Visits to www.aqmd.gov/waire	2,687	~ 45,535
Presentations to Stakeholders	1*	143

**Transportation Research Board Freight Data Workshop*

2. Highlights of Recent Implementation Activities

Phase 1 warehouse operators (including those with greater than or equal to 250,000 square feet) were required to submit their first Annual WAIRE Report (AWR) by March 2, 2023, which includes the actions and/or investments they completed in the 2022 compliance period. As of September 30th, 485 warehouse operators filed an AWR.¹ This represents about 48% of the anticipated Phase 1 group. Of the submitted reports, 46 warehouse operators still need to submit the required fees (including mitigation fees, as applicable). The 485 operators who submitted an AWR report earned a total of about 236,800 WAIRE Points, which far exceeds their total WAIRE Points Compliance Obligation. The number of WAIRE Points earned by an operator that are in excess of their compliance obligation may be banked for future compliance. The operators also reported that they will pay a total of approximately \$9.7 million in mitigation fees, of which about \$7.7 million were paid by September 30, 2023.

Rule 2305 allows warehouse operators the option of earning WAIRE Points for "early" actions completed prior to their first compliance period. In addition, warehouse facility owners may voluntarily earn WAIRE Points from early actions that can be transferred to operators at the same site. As of September 30th, 182 warehouse operators and facility owners filed Early Action AWRs.¹ These early action reports include a total earning of about 68,454 WAIRE Points.

¹ Staff has begun auditing these reports. Some of these reports may have been filed to bank points for future compliance periods. Information on these audits will be provided in future monthly reports and/or the annual report.

On September 12, 2023, a compliance advisory was sent out to 3,261 email addresses to inform warehouse owners and operators of Rule 2305 requirements and past deadlines. Hard copies were also mailed to 5,250 addresses related to warehouse facilities potentially subject to the rule. The compliance advisory included language regarding upcoming enforcement action and daily penalties for violators.

On September 15, 2023, staff presented an update on the WAIRE Program following the first year of implementation, including the status of reporting by the regulated entities, actions and/or investments completed to comply with the rule, the amount of WAIRE Points earned, enhanced outreach efforts, enforcement activities, and anticipated emissions reduced.

On September 20, 2023, South Coast AQMD issued a press release announcing the agency's enforcement initiative to bring warehouses into compliance with the rule.

Throughout September, staff completed the audit of records for acquiring near-zero emission and zero emission trucks and zero emission yard hostlers. Staff made a note if any of the records were not verifiable and provided guidance to operators to improve their recordkeeping practices. Staff continued to follow up with warehouse operators who have not yet paid the required fees for their AWR submittal. Staff also held virtual consultation sessions with various stakeholders to provide compliance support, as needed. Ongoing WAIRE Program implementation also included reviewing and verifying information in the Warehouse Operations Notifications (WONs) submitted by warehouse facility owners.

Staff is currently working on 5 Public Records Acts Requests this month requesting information related to Rule 2305 reporting data. Staff is continuing to work on developing a standard process for making WAIRE Program data available on the F.I.N.D. tool.

Rule 2305 provides an option of proposing a Custom WAIRE Plan for actions that are not on the WAIRE Menu. Staff received 8 Custom WAIRE Plan applications for the 2023 compliance period and is currently evaluating their potential for earning WAIRE Points. Four Custom WAIRE Plans were revised and resubmitted for evaluation. Per Rule 2305, Custom WAIRE Plans that will receive approval by the South Coast AQMD must be made available for public review 30 days prior to approval.

Anticipated Activities in October

- Staff plan to resume the in-person site visits targeting Phase 1 operators to ensure receipt of the compliance advisory, collect warehouse contact information, share information on rule requirements, and provide technical assistance, as needed.
- Continue to conduct outreach to Phase 1 and Phase 2 warehouse operators to advise of Rule 2305 requirements
- Make referrals to the Office of Compliance & Enforcement to evaluate potential enforcement action, if applicable.
- Continue to review and verify submitted information and analyze data submitted through R2305 reports (e.g., WONs, ISIRs, AWRs, early action AWRs).
- Continue to audit reports submitted by warehouse owners and operators in response to the Public Records Acts Requests.
- Complete final review of Custom WAIRE Plan applications submitted for the 2023 compliance period.

- Continue to develop an approach for addressing business confidentiality concerns and making WAIRE Program data publicly accessible via the online F.I.N.D. tool on the South Coast AQMD website.
- Continue to enhance the WAIRE POP software to support improved functionality (e.g., program administration, and an amendment process for submitted reports).



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Rule 2202 Summary Status Report

Activity for January 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

Employee Commute Reduction Program (ECRP)	
# of Submittals:	283

Emission Reduction Strategies (ERS)	
# of Submittals:	167

Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) Exclusively		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	37	\$ 212,730
Orange	2	\$ 15,982
Riverside	2	\$ 9,720
San Bernardino	1	\$ 4,766
TOTAL:	42	\$ 243,198

ECRP w/AQIP Combination		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	0	\$ 0
Orange	0	\$ 0
Riverside	0	\$ 0
San Bernardino	0	\$ 0
TOTAL:	0	\$ 0

Total Active Sites as of September 30, 2023

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
526	8	68	602	100	645	1,347
39.05%	0.59%	5.05%	44.69%	7.42%	47.89%	100% ⁴

Total Peak Window Employees as of September 30, 2023

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
378,772	2,760	9,828	391,360	13,381	265,761	670,502
56.49%	0.41%	1.47%	58.37%	1.99%	39.64%	100% ⁴

- Notes:**
1. ECRP Compliance Option.
 2. ECRP Offset (combines ECRP w/AQIP). AQIP funds are used to supplement the ECRP AVR survey shortfall.
 3. ERS with Employee Survey to get Trip Reduction credits. Emission/Trip Reduction Strategies are used to supplement the ECRP AVR survey shortfall.
 4. Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: November 3, 2023

AGENDA NO.

REPORT: Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects

SYNOPSIS: This report provides a listing of environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD between September 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, October 20, 2023, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

SR:MK:MM:BR:SW:ET

Background

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines require public agencies, when acting in their lead agency role, to provide an opportunity for other public agencies and members of the public to review and comment on the analysis in environmental documents prepared for proposed projects. A lead agency is when a public agency has the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving a proposed project and is responsible for the preparation of the appropriate CEQA document.

Each month, South Coast AQMD receives environmental documents, which include CEQA documents, for proposed projects that could adversely affect air quality. South Coast AQMD fulfills its intergovernmental review responsibilities, in a manner that is consistent with the Board's 1997 Environmental Justice Guiding Principles and Environmental Justice Initiative #4, by reviewing and commenting on the adequacy of the air quality analysis in the environmental documents prepared by other lead agencies.

The status of these intergovernmental review activities is provided in this report in two sections: 1) Attachment A lists all of the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD that were received during the reporting period; and 2) Attachment B lists the active projects for which South Coast AQMD has reviewed or is continuing to conduct a review of the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies. Further, as required by the Board's October 2002 Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for fiscal year (FY) 2002-03, each attachment includes notes for proposed projects which indicate when South Coast AQMD has been contacted regarding potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The attachments also identify for each proposed project, as applicable: 1) the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date; 2) whether staff provided written comments to a lead agency and the location where the comment letter may be accessed on South Coast AQMD's website; and 3) whether staff testified at a hearing.

In addition, the South Coast AQMD will act as lead agency for a proposed project and prepare a CEQA document when: 1) air permits are needed; 2) potentially significant adverse impacts have been identified; and 3) the South Coast AQMD has primary discretionary authority over the approvals. Attachment C lists the proposed air permit projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency under CEQA.

Attachment A – Log of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review, and Attachment B – Log of Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies

Attachment A contains a list of all environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD that were received pursuant to CEQA or other regulatory requirements. Attachment B provides a list of active projects, which were identified in previous months' reports, and which South Coast AQMD staff is continuing to evaluate or prepare comments relative to the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies. The following table provides statistics on the status of review¹ of environmental documents for the current reporting period for Attachments A and B combined²:

¹ The status of review reflects the date when this Board Letter was prepared. Therefore, Attachments A and B may not reflect the most recent updates.

² Copies of all comment letters sent to the lead agencies are available on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>.

Statistics for Reporting Period from September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023	
Attachment A: Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review	74
Attachment B: Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies (which were previously identified in the July 2023, and August 2023 reports)	13
Total Environmental Documents Listed in Attachments A & B	87
<i>Comment letters sent</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Environmental documents reviewed, but no comments were made</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Environmental documents currently undergoing review</i>	<i>27</i>

Staff focuses on reviewing and preparing comments on environmental documents prepared by other public agencies for proposed projects: 1) where South Coast AQMD is a responsible agency under CEQA (e.g., when air permits are required but another public agency is lead agency); 2) that may have significant adverse regional air quality impacts (e.g., special event centers, landfills, goods movement); 3) that may have localized or toxic air quality impacts (e.g., warehouse and distribution centers); 4) where environmental justice concerns have been raised; and 5) which a lead or responsible agency has specifically requested South Coast AQMD review.

If staff provided written comments to a lead agency, a hyperlink to the “South Coast AQMD Letter” is included in the “Project Description” column which corresponds to a notation in the “Comment Status” column. In addition, if staff testified at a hearing for a proposed project, a notation is also included in the “Comment Status” column. Copies of all comment letters sent to lead agencies are available on South Coast AQMD’s website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>. Interested parties seeking information regarding the comment periods and scheduled public hearings for projects listed in Attachments A and B should contact the lead agencies for further details as these dates are occasionally modified.

In January 2006, the Board approved the Clean Port Initiative Workplan (Workplan). One action item of the Workplan 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 accordance with this action item, Attachments A and B organize the environmental documents received according to the following categories: 1) goods movement projects; 2) schools; 3) landfills and wastewater projects; 4) airports; and 5) general land use projects. In response to the action item relative to mitigation, staff maintains a compilation of mitigation measures presented as a series of tables relative to off-road engines; on-road engines; harbor craft; ocean-going vessels; locomotives; fugitive dust; and greenhouse gases which are available on 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 such as ground support equipment.

Attachment C – Proposed Air Permit Projects for Which South Coast AQMD is CEQA Lead Agency

The CEQA lead agency is responsible for determining the type of environmental document to be prepared if a proposal requiring discretionary action is considered to be a “project” as defined by CEQA. South Coast AQMD periodically acts as lead agency for its air permit projects and the type of environmental document prepared may vary depending on the potential impacts. For example, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared when there is 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 a proposed project will not generate significant adverse environmental impacts, or the impacts can be mitigated to less than significance. The ND and MND are types of CEQA documents which analyze the potential environmental impacts and describe the reasons why a significant adverse effect on the environment will not occur such that the preparation of an EIR is not required.

Attachment C of this report summarizes the proposed air permit projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency and is currently preparing or has prepared environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA. As noted in Attachment C, South Coast AQMD is lead agency for three air permit projects during September 2023.

Attachments

- A. Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review
- B. Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies
- C. Proposed Air Permit Projects for Which South Coast AQMD is CEQA Lead Agency

ATTACHMENT A
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND STATUS OF REVIEW
September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> ORC230901-07 Walker Street Digital Billboard Project	The project consists of constructing a double-sided digital billboard. The project is located near the northwest corner of Walker Street and State Route 91. Comment Period: 8/25/2023 - 9/26/2023 Public Hearing: 10/3/2023	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of La Palma	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> ORC230914-01 The DisneylandForward Project	The project consists of modifying the limits of the existing Theme Park and Hotel District boundaries within the existing Disneyland Resort Specific Plan (DRSP) perimeter, renaming Districts within the DRSP, and establishing Overlays for Disney's Anaheim Resort Specific Plan No. 92-2 (ARSP) Properties. The project is bordered generally by East Ball Road to the north, State Route 57 to the east, State Route 22 to the south, and South West Street to the west. Comment Period: 9/14/2023 - 10/30/2023 Public Hearing: 10/9/2023	Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report	City of Anaheim	** Under review, may submit written comments
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> ORC230920-06 Walker Street Digital Billboard Project	The project consists of constructing a double-sided digital billboard. The project is located near the northwest corner of Walker Street and State Route 91. Reference ORC230901-07 Comment Period: 9/14/2023 - 10/13/2023 Public Hearing: 11/7/2023	Recirculated Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of La Palma	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> SBC230920-09 El Camino Project (Primary Case File No. DRC2023-00067)	The project consists of the following two options on a 30.11 acre-site: 1) demolishing 175,685 square feet of existing structures and constructing 992,331 square feet of buildings; or 2) demolishing 237,895 square feet of existing structures, redeveloping 32,890 square feet of remaining structures, and constructing a 40,085 square foot beverage distribution facility. The project is located near the northeast corner of Haven Avenue and 6th Street. Reference SBC230823-07 Comment Period: 9/14/2023 - 10/14/2023 Public Hearing: 9/28/2023	Revised Notice of Preparation	City of Rancho Cucamonga	** Under review, may submit written comments

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

Note

1: Disposition may change prior to Governing Board Meeting

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

ATTACHMENT A
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND STATUS OF REVIEW
September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
Industrial and Commercial SBC230927-02 Philadelphia Street Industrial Development Site and East End Annexation project (PL20-0003, PL20-0004, PL20-0005)	The project consists of annexing of 56.87 acres of land from unincorporated San Bernardino County and constructing three industrial buildings totaling 63,900 square feet on 3.95 acres. The project is located near the southwest corner of Francis Avenue and East End Avenue. Reference SBC230719-05 Comment Period: 9/27/2023 - 10/3/2023 Public Hearing: 10/3/2023	Other	City of Chino	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
Waste and Water-related LAC230906-02 World Oil Terminals - Vernon	The project consists of a permit renewal of an existing hazardous waste facility permit to increase volume per rail car to transfer and store hazardous waste. The project is located at 3650 East 26th Street on the southeast corner of East 26th Street and South Downey Road in Vernon. Reference LAC230712-05, LAC220414-06, LAC211109-10, LAC211019-02, LAC201110-09, LAC190919-04, and LAC180515-07 Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Final Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Decision	Department of Toxic Substance Control	** Under review, may submit written comments
Waste and Water-related LAC230920-08 Berg Metals Investigation#	The project consists of an update to the investigation extension of soil contaminated with lead, copper, antimony, and zinc on 10.6 acres. The project is located at 2652 Long Beach Avenue near the southeast corner of Long Beach Avenue and East 24th Street in Los Angeles within the designated AB 617 South Los Angeles community. Reference LAC230322-08 and LAC210114-02 Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Other	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received
Waste and Water-related LAC230920-12 F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plan and La Verne Site Improvements Program	The project consists of improving four existing facilities, constructing a 60,000 square foot warehouse, and constructing a 35,000 square foot engineering building on 135 acres. The project is located near the northwest corner of Wheeler Avenue and 5th Street in La Verne. Reference LAC221213-09 Staff previously provided comments on the Notice of Preparation for the project, which can be accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2023/january-2023/LAC221213-09.pdf . Comment Period: 9/18/2023 - 11/2/2023 Public Hearing: 10/4/2023	Draft Program Environmental Impact Report	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Document reviewed - No comments sent for this document received

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

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**ATTACHMENT C
PROPOSED AIR PERMIT PROJECTS FOR
WHICH SOUTH COAST AQMD IS CEQA LEAD
AGENCY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
<p>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.</p>	<p>Quemetco</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>The Draft EIR was released for a 124-day public review and comment period from October 14, 2021 to February 15, 2022 and approximately 200 comment letters were received.</p> <p>Staff held two community meetings, on November 10, 2021 and February 9, 2022, which presented an overview of the proposed project, the CEQA process, detailed analysis of the potentially significant environmental topic areas, and the existing regulatory safeguards. Written comments submitted relative to the Draft EIR and oral comments made at the community meetings, along with responses will be included in the Final EIR which is currently being prepared by the consultant.</p> <p>After the Draft EIR public comment and review period closed, Quemetco submitted additional applications for other permit modifications which are also being evaluated by staff.</p>	<p>Trinity Consultants</p>
<p>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 emission flares with two additional 300-horsepower electric blowers; and 2) increase the landfill gas flow limit of the existing flares.</p>	<p>Sunshine Canyon Landfill</p>	<p>Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)</p>	<p>South Coast AQMD staff reviewed and provided comments on the preliminary air quality analysis, health risk assessment (HRA), and Preliminary Draft SEIR which are currently being addressed by the consultant.</p>	<p>SCS Engineers</p>
<p>Tesoro is proposing to modify its Title V permit to: 1) add gas oil as a commodity that can be stored in three of the six new crude oil storage tanks at the Carson Crude Terminal (previously assessed in the May 2017 Final EIR); and 2) drain, clean and decommission Reservoir 502, a 1.5 million barrel concrete lined, wooden-roof topped reservoir used to store gas oil.</p>	<p>Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC (Tesoro)</p>	<p>Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the May 2017 Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project (LARIC)</p>	<p>The consultant provided a Preliminary Draft Addendum, which is undergoing South Coast AQMD staff review.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>