

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 1, 2023

AGENDA NO. 28

REPORT: Mobile Source Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Mobile Source Committee held on Friday, August 18, 2023.
The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Gideon Kracov, Chair
Mobile Source Committee

SLR:ja

Committee Members

Present: Board Member Gideon Kracov, Committee Chair
Mayor Larry McCallon
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Council Member Nithya Raman
Council Member Carlos Rodriguez

Absent: Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Call to Order

Committee Chair Kracov called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEM S (Items 1-2):

1. Update on Rail Yard Facility Based Mobile Source Measures

Chair Kracov discussed various considerations in exploring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Union Pacific (UP) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe

(BNSF) railroads to reduce rail emissions. Mr. Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, followed with an update on implementing Rail Yard Facility Based Mobile Source Measures via a potential MOU. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:11.

Supervisor Mitchell and Councilmember Raman requested clarification on the differences in the public process between the MOU and Regulatory approach. Mr. MacMillan responded that the processes are similar; however, an MOU may offer some flexibility in potentially incorporating public input that cannot be addressed by air pollution regulation. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:32.

The following is a list of people that provided comments on the MOU approach:

- Alison Hahm, Natural Resources Defense Council
- David Pettit, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Pancho Nopales
- Lizbeth Sombrano
- Honey Bizarro
- Andrea Luna
- Chris Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air
- Jesse Marquez, Coalition For A Safe Environment
- Taylor Thomas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
- Laura Cortez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
- Raul Leon, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
- Tiff Sanchez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
- Jan Victor Andasan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
- Mark Lopez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
- Yasmine Agelidis Earthjustice
- Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice
- Theral Golden, West Long Beach Association
- Darby Osnaya, Sierra Club

The commentors above provided the following comments:

- Expressed concerns over an MOU approach;
- Urged South Coast AQMD to continue indirect source rulemaking (ISR) for rail yards;
- Asked for full transparency of the MOU process, status confirmation of the proposed new rail yards; and
- Any MOU needs to:
 - Demonstrate more emission reductions achievable than ISRs;
 - Be enforceable by third parties including citizens; and
 - Incorporate measurable targets, independent outcome verification, and reparation of historical harms.

Mr. Pettit cautioned staff not to reconsider the MOU approach for marine ports and emphasized the need for California Environmental Quality Act compliance. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 00:39.

Heather Tomley, Port of Long Beach, expressed support for an MOU approach. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:05. Thomas Jelenić, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, inquired how the proposed Ports ISR would account for rail emissions covered in an MOU. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:12.

Bethmarie Quiambao, Southern California Edison, offered to provide input on MOU components related to electrical infrastructure. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:13. Lupe Valdez, UP, and Allen Doyel, BNSF, acknowledged community concerns and expressed willingness to work with communities to find solutions via the proposed MOU. For additional details please refer to [Webcast](#) 1:16.

Councilmember Raman inquired on any differences in enforceability between a MOU and rule. Barbara Baird, Chief Deputy Counsel, responded that enforceability is similar and added that both can be submitted into the State Implementation Plan, which, if approved by U.S. EPA, will become enforceable by citizens.

Councilmember Raman then inquired whether staff regularly communicates with CARB and whether resources constraint prohibits staff from pursuing an MOU and ISRs simultaneously. Mr. Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer, responded yes to both. Councilmember Raman, Supervisor Mitchell, and Councilmember Rodriguez inquired on emission reductions comparison between the MOU and a regulatory approach, and they requested that estimates be provided in a future meeting. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) 1:25.

Mayor McCallon expressed support for an enforceable MOU citing concerns of delayed emission reductions due to litigation risk with a rule. Councilmember Raman requested to be briefed on past court cases involving railroads. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) 1:37.

Supervisor Mitchell asked if past public input on rulemaking will be considered for the proposed MOU and inquired on any subsequent action if no agreement is reached with the railroads on an MOU. Mr. Nastri responded affirmatively to the former and added that staff will seek the Board direction if there is no agreement by December 2023. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) 1:40.

Chair Kracov stated that any MOU must not undermine CARB's in-use locomotive rule or include unacceptable "poison pills" that unduly circumscribe South Coast AQMD's enforcement authority. Mr. Nastri and Mayor McCallon added respectively that enforceability and community health benefits are the highest

priorities for MOU development. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast 1:53](#).

2. Update on the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program

This item was postponed to the September 15, 2023 Mobile Source Committee Meeting

WRITTEN REPORTS (Items 3-6):

3. Recommendations on Proposed Membership Roster for the AQMP Advisory Group

This item is to appoint members to the AQMP Advisory Group for a new four-year term. Dr. Rees recommended the addition of Curtis Coleman and Rita Loof to the proposed membership roster. Additionally, the primary member and alternate for Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce were switched upon request.

Arnold Sax, public member, expressed confusion regarding different agendas and titles.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented on the selection of base year, exceptional events and CARB's Climate Scoping Plan.

Board Member McCallon brought it to a motion, which Board Member Mitchell seconded. The motion was approved 5-0 with Board Member Perez absent. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:58:45.

4. Recommendations on Proposed Membership Roster for the Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group

This item is to appoint members to the Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group for a four-year term.

Mr. Sax expressed confusion regarding different agendas and titles.

Mr. Eder commented on the inclusion of solar power strategies in the 2022 AQMP.

Board Member McCallon brought it to a motion, which Board Member Mitchell seconded. The motion was approved 5-0 with Board Member Perez absent. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 2:03:45.

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

This item was received and filed.

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

This item was received and filed.

OTHER MATTERS:

7. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

8. Public Comment Period

Ms. Thomas, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice , encouraged the committee to focus on human rights and spoke against the Southern California International Gateway. Mr. Sax requested future discussions on the Alameda Corridor Construction Authority, high speed rail versus freight rail considerations and brought attention to the steep grades in Colton. Mr. Eder expressed support for Solar Trucks and would like solar to be considered for use with the railroads.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Mobile Source Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attachments

1. Attendance Record
2. Recommendations on Proposed Membership Roster for the AQMP Advisory Group – Written Report
3. Recommendations on Proposed Membership Roster for the Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group – Written Report

4. Rule 2202 Activity Report – Written Report

5. 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 – August 18, 2023**

Board Member Gideon Kracov.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Councilmember Larry McCallon.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.....	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)
Lorraine Lundquist	Board Consultant (Mitchell)
Debra Mendelsohn.....	Board Consultant (McCallon)
Uduak-Joe Ntuk.....	Board Consultant (Kracov)
Mark Taylor	Board Consultant (Rodriguez)
Andrew Silva	Board Consultant (Lock Dawson)
Yasmine Agelidis.....	Earthjustice
Jan Victor Andasan.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Matt Arms.....	Port of Long Beach
Angie Balderas.....	Sierra Club
Honey Bizarro.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Chris Chavez.....	Coalition for Clean Air
Trish Clary	Union Pacific Railroad
O.L. Cliatt II.....	Pacific Harbor Line
Curtis Coleman.....	Southern CA Air Quality Alliance
Laura Cortez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Ramine Cromartie.....	Western States Petroleum Association
Helena DuPont.....	California Strategies
Harvey Eder.....	Public Solar Power Coalition
Tim French	Public Member
Hortensia Galvez.....	Coalition for a Safe Environment
Fernando Gaytan.....	Earthjustice
Theral Golden.....	West Long Beach Association
Ma Carmen Gonzalez.....	People’s Collective for Env. Justice
Michele Grubbs.....	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Alison Hahm.....	National Resources Defense Council
Thomas Jelenic	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Gillian Kass.....	Ramboll
Bill La Marr.....	California Small Business Alliance
Raul Leon.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
David Libatique.....	Port of Los Angeles
Flor Boj Lopez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Marcos Lopez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Mark Lopez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Andrea Luna.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

Mark Lutz.....	Public Member
Artie Mandel.....	Port of Los Angeles
Jesse Marquez.....	Coalition for a Safe Environment
Bridget McCann.....	Chevron
Dan McGivney.....	SoCalGas
Fred Minassian.....	Public Member
Kristi Monji.....	Alta Environmental
Gem Montes.....	Public Member
Jacqueline Moore	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Alex Nieves.....	Public Member
Pancho Nopales.....	Public Member
Don Nguyen.....	Orange County Sanitation
Darby Osnaya.....	Sierra Club
David Pettit.....	Natural Resources Defense Council
Bethmarie Quiambao,	Southern California Edison
Theresa Romanosky.....	Association of American Railroads
David Rothbart.....	LA County Sanitation District
Tiff Sanchez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Arnold Sax.....	Public Member
Mario Salguero	Public Member
Tiff Sanchez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Melissa Schop.....	Union Pacific Railroad
Shay Syed.....	Public Member
Taylor Thomas	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Heather Tomley	Port of Long Beach
Paola Vargas	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Andrea Vidaure.....	People’s Collective for Environmental Justice
Lizbeth Zambrano-Sanchez.....	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Debra Ashby.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Barbara Baird.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Rachel Ballon.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Cindy Bustillos	South Coast AQMD Staff
Marc Carreras-Sospedra	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jack Cheng.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Maria Corralejo	South Coast AQMD Staff
Javier Enriquez	South Coast AQMD Staff
Sheri Hanizavareh.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Dillon Harris.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Lauren Henninger.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Mark Henninger.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Scott Gallegos.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Bay Gilchrist.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Angela Kim	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ricky Lai.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Ruby Laity.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jonathan Liu.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Mikaela Lim.....	South Coast AQMD Staff

Myrna Nunez..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Jason Low South Coast AQMD Staff
 Sujata Jain..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Ian MacMillan..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Terrence Mann South Coast AQMD Staff
 Karin Manwaring..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Ron Moskowitz..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Susan Nakamura..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Wayne Nastri..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Lisa Tanaka O'Malley..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Sarah Rees..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Aisha Reyes..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Zafiro Sanchez..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Penny Shaw-Cedillo..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Nicole Silva South Coast AQMD Staff
 Vanessa Tanik South Coast AQMD Staff
 Sergio Torres Callejas South Coast AQMD Staff
 Mei Wang South Coast AQMD Staff
 Sam Wang..... South Coast AQMD Staff
 Vicki White..... 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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PROPOSAL : Request Approval of Proposed Membership Roster for the AQMP Advisory Group

SYNOPSIS : Staff is recommending that membership be granted for the AQMP Advisory Group for a new four-year term. The current term for the AQMP Advisory Group is set to expire on September 5, 2023. The AQMP Advisory Group consists of representatives from environmental/community groups, government agencies, academia, and businesses. The primary role of the AQMP Advisory Group is to review and provide recommendations to staff regarding the implementation of the 2022 AQMP and the development of SIPs aimed at demonstrating attainment of NAAQS. In December 2002, the Blue Ribbon Panel developed recommendations for the AQMP Advisory Group, including the applicable Board Committee. The proposed action seeks to have revisions to the AQMP Advisory Group membership reviewed by the Mobile Source instead of Stationary Source Committee and to approve suggested membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group.

COMMITTEE : Reviewed Mobile Source, August 18, 2023 ; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION S:

1. Revise the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations to review changes to the membership of the AQMP Advisory Group with the Mobile Source Committee instead of the Stationary Source Committee.
2. Approve proposed membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group (Attachment A) for a new four-year term.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

Background

In January 1997, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Board formed six Advisory Groups to provide advice and recommendations to Board Committees and the Board on specific areas of expertise. In December 2002, the Board adopted the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations regarding the duties and activities of the Advisory Groups. Since then, the AQMP Advisory Group has contributed to the development of the overall aspects of the region's AQMPs and has made recommendations concerning policy, control measures, and attainment strategies. Specifically, the AQMP Advisory Group charter states that its mission is to: 1) review and provide comments on: (a) studies relevant to advancing scientific and technical knowledge in support of AQMP and SIP preparation, (b) emissions inventory development and modeling approaches, (c) the development of new and revised control strategies, including on- and off-road mobile sources, and (d) socioeconomic data and evaluations; 2) foster coordinated approaches toward overall attainment strategies and implementation of AQMPs; and 3) assist in resolving key technical issues. Currently, the Blue Ribbon Panel states that changes to the membership of the AQMP Advisory Group should be reviewed by the Stationary Source Committee. However, since all matters related to AQMPs are presented to the Mobile Source Committee, staff is recommending that changes to the membership of the AQMP Advisory Group be reviewed by the Mobile Source Committee.

The AQMP Advisory Group members are appointed by the South Coast AQMD Board. The AQMP Advisory Group charter calls for approximately 40 members comprised of representatives from environmental/community groups, government agencies, academia, and businesses. The previous membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group was approved in September 2019 for a four-year term, expiring in September 2023.

Proposal

Staff is proposing a new membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group to assist staff with various AQMP/SIP related projects for the new four-year term commencing upon the Board's approval and expiring in September 2027. The proposed membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group is provided in Attachment A. The roster consists of 30 members representing partner agencies, government agencies, businesses, environmental/community groups, academic/research and labor. Business interests and environmental/community groups comprise the majority of the Advisory Group at approximately 43 percent and 23 percent of the proposed membership, respectively. The proposed membership roster was developed by soliciting nominations from existing Advisory Group members and public members. After the nomination process concluded, staff contacted representatives from under-represented group types to ensure the AQMP Advisory Group include a diverse stakeholder membership.

The duties of this Advisory Group includes reviewing and providing feedback on a SIP revision to demonstrate attainment of the 2012 annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), implementation of the 2022 AQMP, as needed, and future AQMP/SIP revisions. The AQMP Advisory Group will meet throughout the year at various frequencies (e.g., monthly, quarterly) depending on the plan development schedule.

Resource Impacts

Existing South Coast AQMD resources are adequate to host the AQMP Advisory Group meetings.

Attachments

Proposed AQMP Advisory Group Roster

**Proposed Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group Roster
September 2023 to September 2027**

ATTACHMENT A

No.	Affiliation	Group Type	Member	Alternate
1	American Coatings Association	Business	Rhett Cash	
2	California Air Resources Board (CARB)	Partner Agency	Michael Benjamin	Edie Chang
3	California Alliance of Small Business Associations	Business	Bill La Marr	
4	California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance	Business	Bill Quinn	Christine Wolfe
5	CEA Consulting	Business	Peter Okurowski	
6	Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)	Environmental/ Community	Ana Gonzalez	Marven Norman
7	Clean Energy	Business	Todd Campbell	Ryan Kenny
8	Clean Water SoCal	Govt. Agency	David Rothbart	Alison Torres
9	Community Environmental Services	Environmental/ Community	Mark Abramowitz	
10	Earthjustice	Environmental/ Community	Adrian Martinez	Fernando Gaytan
11	FuturePorts	Business	Varalakshmi Jayaram	
12	Holland & Knight LLP	Business	Brian Bunger	
13	International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU)	Labor	Marcos R. Holguin	Marvin Fernando Pineda
14	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Academic/Research	Greg Osterman	
15	Latham & Watkins LLP	Business	John C. Heintz	Jen Garlock
16	Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce	Business	Patricia Torres Bruno	Jacqueline Romero
17	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)	Govt. Agency	Lori Huddleston	

**Proposed Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group Roster
September 2023 to September 2027**

No.	Affiliation	Group Type	Member	Alternate
18	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	Environmental/ Community	David Pettit	Alison Hahm
19	Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)	Govt. Agency	Gregory Nord	
20	Pacific Environment	Environmental/ Community	Dawny'all Heydari	Teresa Bui
21	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)	Business	Thomas Jelenic	Jacqueline Moore
22	Redeemer Community Partnership	Environmental/ Community	Richard Parks	Brittney Lu
23	Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)	Govt. Agency	Jenny Chan	Martha Masters
24	Sierra Club	Environmental/ Community	Yassi Kavezade	
25	South Bay Cities Council of Governments	Govt. Agency	Kim Fuentes	David Leger
26	Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Partner Agency	Rongsheng Luo	Lijin Sun
27	Southern California Edison (SCE)	Business	Bethmarie Quiambao	
28	Southern California Gas (SoCalGas)	Business	Daniel McGivney	Jessilyn-Elise K. Davis
29	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 9	Partner Agency	Ben Machol	Ginger Vagenas
30	Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA)	Business	Ramine Cromartie	Patty Senecal

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PROPOSAL: Request Approval of Proposed Membership Roster for the Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group

SYNOPSIS: Staff is recommending that membership be granted for the Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review (STMPR) Advisory Group for a new four-year term. The current term for the Advisory Group is set to expire on September 5, 2023. The STMPR Advisory Group consists of experts in the fields of air quality modeling, atmospheric chemistry and physics, socioeconomic modeling, and public health. The primary role of the STMPR Advisory Group is to review scientific and technical approaches needed to develop a future AQMP/SIP aimed at demonstrating attainment of NAAQS. In December 2002, the Blue Ribbon Panel developed recommendations for the STMPR Advisory Group, including the applicable Board Committee. The proposed action seeks to approve suggested membership roster for the STMPR Advisory Group.

COMMITTEE: Reviewed: Mobile Source, August 18, 2023 ; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve proposed membership roster for the STMPR Advisory Group (Attachment A) for a new four-year term.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

Background

In January 1997, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Board formed six Advisory Groups to provide advice and recommendations to Board Committees and the Board on specific areas of expertise. In December 2002, the Board adopted the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations regarding the duties and activities of the Advisory Groups. Since then, the STMPR Advisory Group has contributed to the development of the scientific and technical aspects of the region's AQMPs and have made recommendations concerning emission inventories, photochemical modeling and socioeconomic impacts. Specifically, this advisory group provides critical review of current air quality and socioeconomic modeling techniques, as well as recommendations for proposed new approaches.

The STMPR Advisory Group members are appointed by the SouthCoast AQMD Board. The STMPR Advisory Group charter calls for approximately 15 members. The proposed membership for the STMPR Advisory Group is comprised of experts in the fields of air quality modeling, atmospheric chemistry and physics, socioeconomic modeling, and a medical doctor. The previous membership roster for the Advisory Group was approved in September 2019 for a four-year term, expiring in September 2023.

Proposal

Staff is proposing a new membership roster for the STMPR Advisory Group to assist staff with various AQMP/SIP related projects for the new four-year term commencing upon the Board's approval and expiring in September 2027. The proposed membership roster for the STMPR Advisory Group is provided in Attachment A. The roster consists of eight experts in the fields of atmospheric chemistry, physics and air quality modeling, eight experts in the field of socioeconomics, and one physician. The proposed membership roster for the Advisory Group was developed by soliciting nominations from existing Advisory Group members and public members.

The duties of this advisory group will include reviewing and providing feedback on an AQMP/SIP modeling, socioeconomic modeling techniques and making recommendations for and comments on proposed new approaches. The Advisory Group will meet throughout the year at various frequencies (e.g., monthly, quarterly) depending on the plan development schedule.

Resource Impacts

Existing South Coast AQMD resources are adequate to host STMPR Advisory Group meetings.

Attachments

Proposed STMPR Advisory Group Roster

**Proposed Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group Roster
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ATTACHMENT A

No.	Organization	Member	Alternate
1	California Air Resources Board	Dr. Anthony Oliver	
2	California Air Resources Board	Dr. Jeremy Avise	Dr. Chenxia Cai
3	Claremont Graduate University	Dr. Heather Campbell	Dr. Javier Rodriguez
4	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Dr. Greg Osterman	
5	Self	Eric El-Togby, MD, MPH	
6	Ramboll	Mr. Ralph Morris	
7	Regional Economic Models, Inc.	Dr. Peter Evangelakis	Mr. Billy Leung
8	Southern California Association of Governments	Dr. John Cho	Dr. Mana Sangkapichai
9	University of California, Berkeley	Dr. Reed Walker	
10	University of California, Davis	Dr. Michael Kleeman	
11	University of California, Davis	Dr. Erich Muehlegger	
12	University of California, Irvine	Dr. Alex Gunther	
13	University of California, Los Angeles	Dr. Pablo Saide	
14	University of California, San Diego	Dr. Joshua Graff Zivin	
15	University Corporation for Atmospheric Research	Dr. Kelley Barsanti	
16	US Environmental Protection Agency	Mr. Ken Davidson	
17	US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Dr. Rynda Kay	Dr. William Tsui

**Proposed Scientific, Technical, and Modeling Peer Review Advisory Group Roster
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No.	Organization	Member	Alternate
1	California Air Resources Board	Dr. Anthony Oliver	
2	California Air Resources Board	Dr. Jeremy Avise	Dr. Chenxia Cai
3	Claremont Graduate University	Dr. Heather Campbell	Dr. Javier Rodriguez
4	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Dr. Greg Osterman	
5	Self	Eric El-Togby, MD, MPH	
6	Ramboll	Mr. Ralph Morris	
7	Regional Economic Models, Inc.	Dr. Peter Evangelakis	Mr. Billy Leung
8	Southern California Association of Governments	Dr. John Cho	Dr. Mana Sangkapichai
9	University of California, Berkeley	Dr. Reed Walker	
10	University of California, Davis	Dr. Michael Kleeman	
11	University of California, Davis	Dr. Erich Muehlegger	
12	University of California, Irvine	Dr. Alex Gunther	
13	University of California, Los Angeles	Dr. Pablo Saide	
14	University of California, San Diego	Dr. Joshua Graff Zivin	
15	University Corporation for Atmospheric Research	Dr. Kelley Barsanti	
16	US Environmental Protection Agency	Mr. Ken Davidson	
17	US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Dr. Rynda Kay	Dr. William Tsui



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Rule 2202 Summary Status Report Activity for January 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023

Employee Commute Reduction Program (ECRP)	
# of Submittals:	218

Emission Reduction Strategies (ERS)	
# of Submittals:	100

Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) Exclusively		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	36	\$ 157,309
Orange	2	\$ 15,982
Riverside	2	\$ 9,720
San Bernardino	0	\$ 0
TOTAL:	40	\$ 183,011

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 July 31, 2023

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
524	8	71	603	101	648	1,352
38.75%	0.59%	5.25%	44.59%	7.47%	47.94%	100% ⁴

Total Peak Window Employees as of July 31, 2023

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
372,164	2,760	11,006	385,930	13,674	277,585	677,189
54.95%	0.41%	1.63%	56.99%	2.02%	40.99%	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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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 July 1, 2023 and July 31, 2023, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, August 18, 2023, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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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 July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023	
Attachment A: Environmental Documents Prepared By Other Public Agencies and Status of Review	40
Attachment B: Active Projects With Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared By Other Public Agencies (which were previously identified in the May 2023 and June 2023 reports)	20
Total Environmental Documents Listed in Attachment s A & B	60
<i>Comment letters sent</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Environmental documents reviewed, but no comments were made</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Environmental documents currently under going review</i>	<i>21</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 is 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 July 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 C
PROPOSED AIR PERMIT PROJECTS FOR
WHICH SOUTH COAST AQMD IS CEQA LEAD
AGENCY THROUGH JULY 31, 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>