

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 3, 2024

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearings June 7, 2024 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

A. Determine That Proposed Rule 317.1 – Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards Is Not Considered Subject to CEQA; and Adopt Rule 317.1

Sections 185 of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, requires major stationary sources of NO_x and VOC located in air basins that do not attain a federal 8-hour ozone standard by the statutory deadline to pay fees based upon a prescribed formula each year until the NAAQS are attained. Proposed Rule 317.1 – Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (PR 317.1) would implement these Clean Air Act requirements for the 1997 and 2008 8-hour ozone standards. The provisions of PR 317.1 would address when and how the CAA nonattainment fees would be assessed and collected. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Rule 317.1 – Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards, is not considered a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Adopt Rule 317.1 – Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 19, 2024)

B. Certify Final Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage; and Amend Rule 463

Proposed Amended Rule 463 (PAR 463) establishes enhanced leak detection using optical gas imaging OGI, more stringent control requirements to dome external floating roof tanks, and other requirements. Additionally, PAR 463 will include contingency measures for both the Coachella Valley and the South Coast Air Basin, which will require more frequent use of optical gas imaging, if triggered. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Certifying the Final Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage; and 2) Amending Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 19, 2024)

C. Determine That South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard Does Not Require A New Environmental Document; and Adopt South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard

The South Coast Air Basin is designated as “serious” nonattainment for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 national ambient air quality standard. A plan to attain this standard was originally submitted to U.S. EPA in 2017 but was withdrawn due to U.S. EPA’s delay in considering that plan, and availability of new air quality data taken near roadways. Subsequently, a new plan was developed to satisfy State Implementation Plan requirements. The control strategy in the 2022 AQMP and limited controls for PM2.5 and its precursor are expected to lead to attainment of the 2012 Annual PM2.5 standard by December 31, 2030. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard is a later activity within the scope of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2022 AQMP and the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP such that no new environmental document will be required; and 2) Adopting the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard, and directing staff to forward the Attainment Plan to CARB for approval and submission to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the SIP. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, October 20, 2023 and March 15, 2024; and Governing Board, April 5, 2024)

The complete text of the proposed and proposed amended rules, staff report and other supporting documents will be available from the South Coast AQMD’s Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, dalatorre@aqmd.gov and on the Internet (www.aqmd.gov) as of May 7, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set public hearings June 7, 2024 to: 1) Determine that Proposed Rule 317.1 – Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees for 8-Hour Ozone Standards, is not considered a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and Adopt Rule 317.1; 2) Certify the Final Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage and Amend Rule 463; and 3) Determine that the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard is a later activity within the scope of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 AQMP and the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP such that no new

environmental document will be required, and Adopt the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard, and directing staff to forward the Attainment Plan to CARB for approval and submission to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the SIP.

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