

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 3, 2026

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearing May 1, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Determine That Proposed Amendments to Regulation III – Fees Are Exempt from CEQA; Amend Regulation III – Fees; and Adopt Executive Officer’s Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27

The Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27 have been developed and are recommended for adoption. The Proposed Budget includes adjustments to Executive Staff salaries to establish a 10 percent differential between Designated Deputy position levels. Proposed Amended Regulation III includes: an increase of most fees by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 3.2 percent; new or modified fees which are necessary to provide more specific cost recovery for regulatory actions taken by the agency such as: fees for source test continuous emission monitoring system evaluations; permit fee rate schedule for laser cutters; processing fee for permit application rejections; changes to Hearing Board fees; and administrative changes in Regulation III that include clarifications, deletions, insertions, or corrections of existing rule language, which have no fee impact. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; 2) Amending Regulation III - Fees; 3) Adopting the Executive Officer’s Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27; and 4) Approving the South Coast Air Quality Management District Salary Resolution Article 7 – Designated Deputy Annual Salaries. (To Be Reviewed: Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop, April 10, 2026)

The complete text of the proposed amended rules and other supporting documents will be made available from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-3327, publicadvisor@aqmd.gov and on the Internet (www.aqmd.gov) as of March 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set Public Hearing May 1, 2026 to determine that Proposed Amendments to Regulation III are exempt from CEQA, amend Regulation III and adopt the Executive Officer's Proposed Goals and Priority Objectives, and Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27.

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Executive Officer

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