

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearings August 7, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

A. Determine That South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for PM2.5 and PM10 NAAQS Are Exempt from CEQA; Adopt South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for PM2.5 and PM10 NAAQS; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

The South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for PM2.5 and PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) include the redesignation requests and maintenance plans for the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS and the second maintenance plan for the 1987 PM10 NAAQS for the South Coast Air Basin (Basin). The Basin is in “moderate” nonattainment for the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS. Over the past two decades, air quality in the Basin has significantly improved, and current PM2.5 levels now meet these standards. This plan requests that U.S. EPA redesignate the Basin to attainment for the 1997 NAAQS and includes maintenance plans demonstrating continued attainment through 2039. In addition, U.S. EPA approved the Basin’s first maintenance plan for the 1987 24-hour PM10 standard in 2013. This plan includes the required second maintenance plan to ensure continued attainment of the PM10 standard through 2033. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; 2) Adopting the South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans; 3) Directing staff to submit the South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, May 15, 2026)

B. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1302 - Definitions, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1302

Rule 1302 defines terms used in Regulation XIII – New Source Review, which sets forth the federal and state mandated pre-construction review program for new, modified, or relocated sources for non-RECLAIM air contaminants. Proposed Amended Rule 1302 will amend the definition of Essential Public Service to include composting operations under specific circumstances, thus allowing qualified

operations to draw from credits in the Priority Reserve. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1302 – Definitions, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 1302. (To Be Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, June 26, 2026)

C. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1401 – New Source Review of Toxic Air Containments, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1401

Proposed amendments to Rule 1401 will update the list of toxic air containments to reflect new compounds identified by OEHHA or existing compounds with new risk thresholds. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1401 – New Source Review of Toxic Air Containments, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 1401. (To Be Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, June 26, 2026)

The complete text of the Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans, 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 July 7, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set Public Hearings August 7, 2026 to: 1) Determine that the Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for PM2.5 and PM10 are exempt from CEQA, adopt the Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans and submit for inclusion into the SIP; 2) Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1106 is exempt from CEQA, amend Rule 1106 and submit for inclusion into the SIP; 3) Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1302, is exempt from CEQA, and amend Rule 1302; 4) Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1401 is exempt Proposed Amended Rule 1401 is exempt from CEQA and amend Rule 1401.

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