

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearings June 5, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

- A. Determine That Proposed Rule 444.1 – Particulate Matter Emission Reductions from Forestry and Agricultural Waste, Proposed Amended Rule 401 – Visible Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 404 – Particulate Matter - Concentration, Proposed Amended Rule 405 – Solid Particulate Matter - Weight, Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Adopt Rule 444.1 and Amend Rules 401, 404, 405, 219, and 222

Proposed Rule 444.1 will establish requirements for air curtain incinerators (ACIs) and prescribed fire vehicles used to reduce vegetative waste and will help reduce PM emissions from forestry and agricultural waste management practices.

Proposed Amended Rules 401, 404, and 405 will include an exemption for ACIs and prescribed fire vehicles to allow the use of these technologies in South Coast AQMD jurisdiction provided certain criteria are met. Proposed Amended Rule 219 will exempt some ACIs and prescribed fire vehicles, not subject to Title V, from permitting requirements. Proposed Amended Rule 222 will require ACIs and prescribed fire vehicles, exempt from permitting in Proposed Amended Rule 219, to be registered. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Rule 444.1 – Particulate Matter Emission Reductions from Forestry and Agricultural Waste, Proposed Amended Rule 401 – Visible Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 404 – Particulate Matter - Concentration, Proposed Amended Rule 405 – Solid Particulate Matter - Weight, Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Adopting

Rule 444.1 and Amending Rules 401, 404, 405, 219, and 222.  
(Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 17, 2026)

B. Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 2011 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 2012 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions, and Proposed Amended Rule 2015 – Backstop Provisions, Are Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rules 2011, 2012, and 2015

Proposed Amended Rule 2011 and Proposed Amended Rule 2012 will allow an additional pathway for reporting emissions data. Proposed Amended Rule 2015 will revise the publication date and streamline the RECLAIM annual audit report. The proposed amendments also include minor editorial corrections and revisions for clarity. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 2011 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions, Proposed Amended Rule 2012 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions, and Proposed Amended Rule 2015 – Backstop Provisions, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rules 2011, 2012, and 2015.  
(Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, April 17, 2026)

The complete text of the proposed rule and 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](mailto:publicadvisor@aqmd.gov) and on the Internet ([www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)) as of May 5, 2026.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Set Public Hearings June 5, 2026 to: 1) Determine that Proposed Rule 444.1, Proposed Amended Rule 401, Proposed Amended Rule 404, Proposed Amended Rule 405, Proposed Amended Rule 219, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 are exempt from CEQA, and adopt Rule 444.1 and amend Rules 401, 404, 405, 219, and 222; and 2) Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 2011, Proposed Amended Rule 2012, and Proposed Amended Rule 2015 are exempt from CEQA, and amend Rules 2011, 2012, and 2015.

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