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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Advisory Group Members

Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Benoit, LGSBA Chairman (Board Member) Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member) Felipe Aguirre Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California Todd Campbell, Clean Energy LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc. Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance Rita Loof, RadTech International Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Friday, April 9, 2021 11:30 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

- 1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks (No Motion Required)
- Approval of March 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes 2. (Motion Required) [Attachment 1]
- Review of Follow-Up/Action Items 3. (No Motion Required) Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the previous meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 through 6):

- 4. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) Role Staff will provide an overview of CEQA and information on the South Coast AQMD's CEQA-Intergovernmental Review Program and activities. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 2]
- 5. Update on Technology Advancement Office Clean Fuels Program, 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Plan *Staff's presentation will describe the Clean Fuels Program, show* what was accomplished in 2020 and outline what is planned for 2021. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 3]
- 6. Update on Refinery and Community Air Monitoring Pursuant to South Coast AQMD Rule 1180, refinery fenceline and community air monitoring commenced in Spring 2020. Staff will provide an update on the implementation of the Rule and an overview of the first year of air monitoring. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 4]

Joseph Impullitti Technology Demonstration Manager Science & Technology Advancement

> Olga Pikelnaya **Program Supervisor** Science & Technology Advancement

Mayor Pro Tem. Ben Benoit Committee Chair

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Derrick J. Alatorre Deputy Executive Officer Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Lijin Sun **Program Supervisor** Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

WRITTEN REPORT:

7. Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities Summary of assistance and outreach activities conducted by South Coast AQMD's Small Business Assistance Office for March 2021. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 5]

OTHER MATTERS:

8. Other Business

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9. Public Comment Period

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10. Next Meeting Date - Friday, May 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Benoit, LGSBA Chairman (Board Member) Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member) Felipe Aguirre Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc. Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance Rita Loof, RadTech International Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz Thomas Gross, Board Member Consultant *(Benoit)* Debra Mendelsohn, Board Member Consultant *(Rutherford)* Dan McGivney, SoCal Gas Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant *(Rutherford)* Ruthanne Taylor-Berger, Board Member Consultant *(Benoit)* Ross Zelen, Board Member Consultant *(Kracov)*

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Jill Whynot, Chief Operating Officer Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Daphne Hsu, Senior Deputy District Counsel Mark Henninger, Information Technology Manager Michael Morris, Planning & Rules Manager Al Baez, Program Supervisor Uyen-Uyen Vo, Program Supervisor Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist Bahareh Farahani, Senior Air Quality Engineer Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist Stacy Day, Legislative Assistant

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Benoit called for approval of the February 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Bill LaMarr commented that Michael Regan was appointed Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), which was mentioned in the minutes. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

No follow-up or action items.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Guidelines

Mr. Al Baez provided an update on the Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) Guidelines approved by the Governing Board on February 2021.

Ms. Rita Loof commented that although electron beam and ultraviolet (EB/UV) coatings are high cost, they become cost-effective in the long term as they contain 100% solids. Ms. Loof then asked if there is a process for South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) to relay information and findings to U.S. EPA. Mr. Baez replied that there are periodic meetings with both California Air Resources Board (CARB) and U.S. EPA. South Coast AQMD has been working with CARB to establish the BACT and Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) clearinghouse under the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 program. Additionally, U.S. EPA has its own BACT/BARCT and Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) clearinghouse. South Coast AQMD continues to work with both agencies and will be providing them with BACT determinations for major and minor sources in the future.

Mr. LaMarr stated that business industry representatives expressed concern at a recent CARB meeting where there was discussion of Air Toxic Control Measures (ATCM) and the transition from hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) to trivalent chromium (Cr(III)) and inquired if trivalent chromium would be considered BACT soon. Mr. LaMarr asked if this could be addressed through rule amendments, to which Mr. Baez replied yes.

Mr. Paul Avila referenced the guitar manufacturer in Corona and asked if the apparatus for clean air is for both fiberglass and oils. Mr. Baez said that facility manufactures wood guitars and was not aware of any fiberglass operations.

Ms. Loof said that facility added a UV coater to the existing system, which is vented to the thermal oxidizer.

<u>Agenda Item #5 – Overview of Adopted Rule 1407.1: Control of Toxic Air Contaminant Emissions</u> <u>from Chromium Alloy Melting Operations</u>

Ms. Uyen-Uyen Vo provided an overview on recently adopted Rule 1407.1, which applies to chromium metal melting operations.

<u>Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities</u> No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

Mr. LaMarr asked about the results of the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V). Mr. Alatorre stated that staff will email the Advisory Group with the status of MATES V.

Action item #1: Email the Advisory Group with the status of MATES V.

Mr. Avila referenced the Coalition for Clean Air program allowing funding of up to \$8,000 for low or zero emissions cars and asked if it is a grant or a loan and how would one qualify. Mr. Alatorre stated that CARB's Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program, which is South Coast AQMD's Replace Your Ride Program, is a grant and eligibility is dependent on income and requires scrapping of a qualifying older vehicle.

Ms. Loof requested a follow-up on South Coast AQMD's permitting requirements for facilities using hybrid coating systems, where a UV coater is added to a solvent-based coating system and vented to an afterburner.

Follow-up Item: Provide Ms. Loof with an update on South Coast AQMD's permitting requirements for hybrid coating systems vented to an afterburner.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular Local Government & Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. John DeWitt asked about in-person meetings. Chair Benoit stated it depends on spacing and there may some hybrid solutions and requested that staff provide the status.

Action item #2: *Provide the Advisory Group with an update on future in-person LGSBA meetings.*

<u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's Roles

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group April 9, 2021

> Lijin Sun, Program Supervisor CEQA-Intergovernmental Review Program Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

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PURPOSE OF CEQA

- Inform government decision makers and the public of the potential environmental impacts
- Identify & disclose significant environmental effects of projects or actions of public agencies by the Lead Agency
- Mitigate significant environmental effects, when feasible
- Avoid significant environmental effects, when feasible (e.g. by providing a reasonable range of feasible alternatives)
- Balance with other public interests, and disclose why a project is approved notwithstanding its unavoidable, significant environmental impacts
- Disclose to the public why a project was approved





CEQA REVIEW

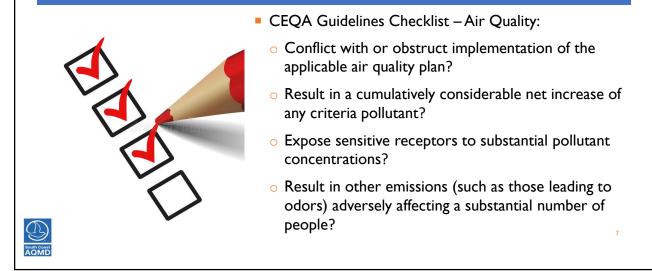
- When a discretionary project is being considered, determine if any CEQA exemption applies
 - Statutory Exemptions
 - Categorical Exemptions
- If not, an Initial Study is typically prepared to determine if the project qualifies for
 - Negative Declaration because the project could not have a significant effect on the environment
 - Mitigated Negative Declaration because the project could not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation measures are applied
 - Environmental Impact Report because the project may have a significant effect on the environment

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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN CEQA ANALYSIS? 19 environmental topic areas **Project Description** Hydrology and Water Quality Aesthetics Establish a Baseline Agriculture & Forestry Land Use and Planning Determine the impacts of the project compared to Resources **Mineral Resources** baseline Air Quality Noise Do the incremental impacts of the project exceed a **Biological Resources** Population and Housing significance threshold? **Cultural Resources** Public Services If so, are there mitigation measures and/or Energy Recreation alternatives that reduce or avoid the significant Geology and Soils Transportation adverse environmental effects? Greenhouse Gas Emissions **Tribal Cultural Resources** If there are any remaining significant adverse Hazards and Hazardous Utilities and Service Systems environmental effects, are there other benefits of Materials the project that outweigh the adverse environmental impacts? AOME

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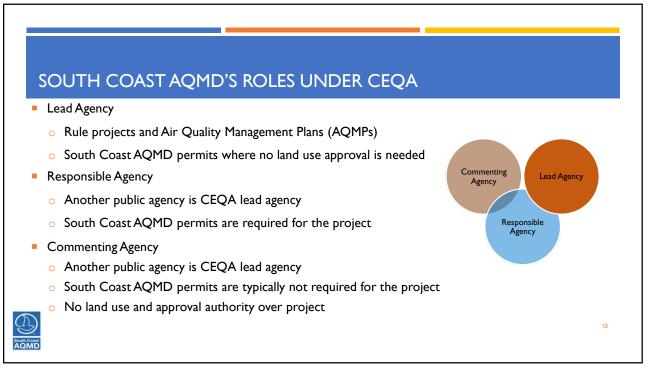


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	Mass Daily Thresholds		Ambi	ent Air Quality Standards for Criteria Pollutants
Pollutant	Construction	Operation	NO2	South Coast AQMD is in attainment; project is significant if it causes
NOx	100 lbs/day	55 lbs/day	I-hour average	or contributes to an exceedance of the following attainment standards:
voc	75 lbs/day	55 lbs/day	annual arithmetic	0.18 ppm (state)
PM10	150 lbs/day	150 lbs/day	mean	0.03 ppm (state) and 0.0534 ppm (federal)
PM2.5	55 lbs/day	55 lbs/day	PM10	
SOx	150 lbs/day	150 lbs/day	24-hour average	10.4 μg/m ³ (construction) ^e & 2.5 μg/m ³ (operation)
со	550 lbs/day	550 lbs/day	annual average	1.0 μg/m ³
Lead	3 Ibs/day	3 Ibs/day	PM2.5	1.0 µg/m
T-si-Air C-star		CUCTION	24-hour average	10.4 μ g/m ³ (construction) & 2.5 μ g/m ³ (operation)
Ioxic Air Contan	ninants (TACs), Odor, and		SO2	10.4 µg/m² (construction) & 2.5 µg/m² (operation)
	Maximum Incremental Cancer Risk ≥ 10 in 1 million Cancer Burden > 0.5 excess cancer cases		I-hour average	0.25 ppm (state) & 0.075 ppm (federal – 99th percentile)
			24-hour average	0.04 ppm (state)
TACs	(in areas ≥ I	in I million)	Sulfate	
(including carcinogens	Chronic & Acute H		24-hour average	25 μg/m³ (state)
and non-carcinogens)	(project ir	icrement)	со	South Coast AQMD is in attainment; project is significant if it causes or contributes to an exceedance of the following attainment standards:
	Project creates an odor nuisance pursuant to South		I-hour average	20 ppm (state) and 35 ppm (federal)
Odor	, Coast AQM	D Rule 402	8-hour average	9.0 ppm (state/federal)
	10.000 117/ 000		Lead	···· [] (-····· - ···)
GHG	10,000 MT/yr CO2eq	for industrial facilities	30-day Average	I.5 μg/m ³ (state)
			Rolling 3-month average	0.15 µg/m³ (federal)
			U	docs/default-source/cega/handbook/scagmd-air-guality-significance-thresholds.pdf

CEQA AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS

- Includes the project's air quality impacts from:
 - Construction generated by construction equipment
 - Operation generated by stationary equipment, area sources (e.g., coatings), and vehicular trips
- California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) used to estimate regional emissions from typical land use projects
- Mass look-up tables or project-specific dispersion modeling used to estimate localized impacts
- Projects that generate air toxics emissions should prepare a health risk assessment to analyze health risks
- Compare the project's impacts to South Coast AQMD's regional and localized CEQA significance thresholds
- If air quality impacts are significant, mitigation measures must be included to reduce impacts

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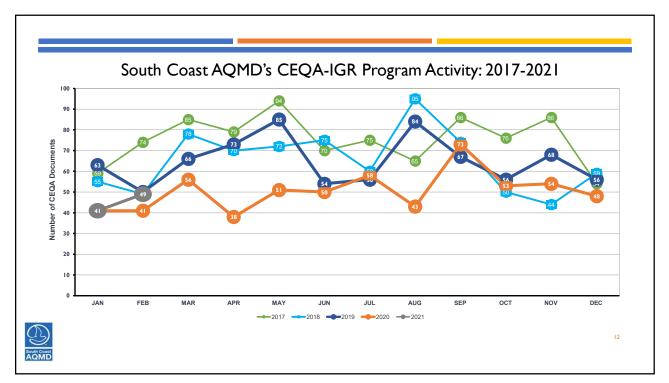


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CEQA COMMENTING AGENCY

- Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Program
- Review air quality analysis, health risk assessment (HRA), and greenhouse gas emissions analysis in CEQA documents prepared by other public agencies to ensure:
 - Air quality impacts are adequately identified and analyzed
 - Mitigation is applied to minimize significant adverse air quality impacts, if any
- May prepare comments relative to air quality impacts and recommend mitigation measures, as necessary
- South Coast AQMD should be identified as a Responsible Agency in CEQA documents if implementation of the project or components of the project requires a permit from South Coast AQMD



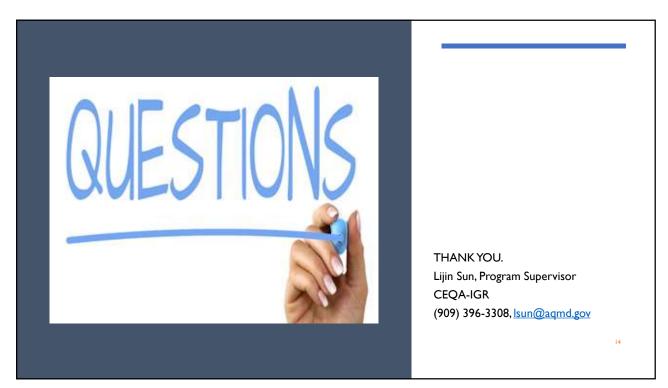


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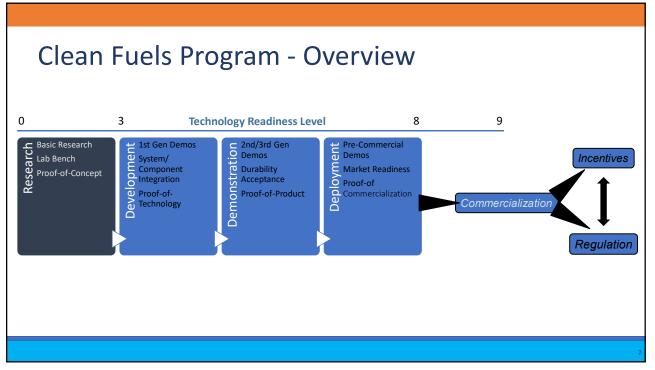
- South Coast AQMD CEQA main page: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/ceqa</u>
- South Coast AQMD CEQA documents for regulatory projects: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/documents-support-material/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects</u>
- South Coast AQMD CEQA documents for permit projects: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects</u>
- South Coast AQMD staff's comment letters: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/ceqa/commenting-agency/comment-letters-year-2021</u>
- Sign up to receive CEQA updates: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/sign-up</u>



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Background

2020 Annual Report and 2021 Plan Update

- Annual Report on Clean Fuels Program (HSC 40448.5.1)
- Technology Advancement Plan (Update) (HSC 40448.5)
- 2021 Plan Update (draft) submitted to Technology Committee October 16, 2020
- Annual public hearing to approve Annual Report and adopt (final) Plan Update
- Submit to Legislature by March 31 every year





Clean Fuels Program-Core Technologies

Hydrogen/Fuel Cell Technologies and Infrastructure

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- Engine Systems/Technologies (ultra-low emission NG HDVs)
- Electric/Hybrid Technologies and Infrastructure
- Fueling Infrastructure and Deployment (NG/RNG)
- Stationary Clean Fuel Technologies
- Fuels/Emissions Studies
- Emission Control Technologies
- Health Impacts Studies
- Technology Assessment/Transfer and Outreach







2020 Key Projects Completed

- Electric/Hybrid Technologies
 - ZECT I: Class 8 Zero-Emission Electric and **CNG Plug-in Hybrid Electric Trucks**
 - Near-Zero ISX12N Beta Engines
- Hydrogen/Fuel Cell Technologies and Infrastructure
 - Solid Oxide Fuel Cell and Gas Turbine
 - Installation of Renewable Hydrogen Stations in Chino and Riverside
- Engine Systems
 - Ultra-Low Emission Diesel Engine for **On-Road Heavy Duty Vehicles**

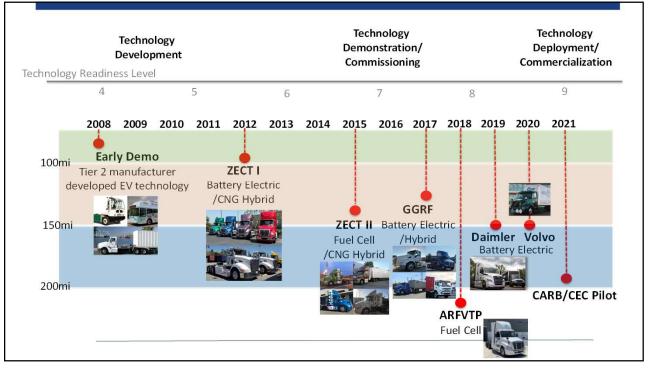
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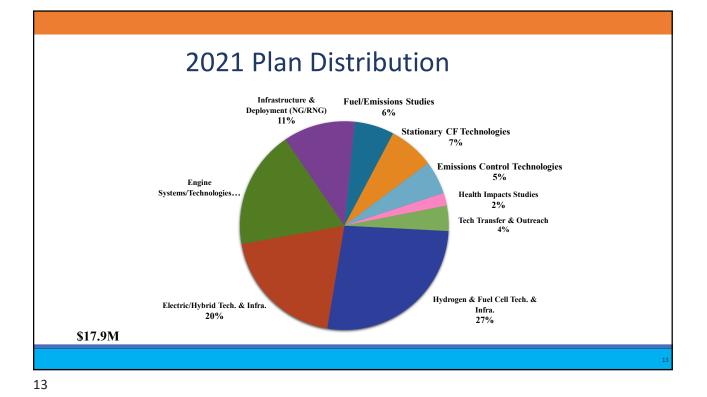
Riverside H2 Station











Development	Schedule	
 Technology Committee 	October 16, 2020 (Draft 2021 Plan Update)	
 Advisory Group Review 	September 17, 2020 February 2, 2021	
 Technology Committee 	February 19, 2021	
 Board Approval 	March 5, 2021	
 Submit to State Legislature 	March 31, 2021	

New Advisory Group Members

Clean Fuels Advisory Group (13 members in total):

- Keith Brandis, Volvo Trucks NA replacing Steve Ellis, Honda
- Dwight Robinson, Entrepreneur replacing Michael Walsh, Consultant

Technology Advancement Advisory Group (14 members in total):

- Laura Renger, SCE replacing Dawn Wilson, SCE (Retired)
- TBD replacing Steve Cliff, CARB

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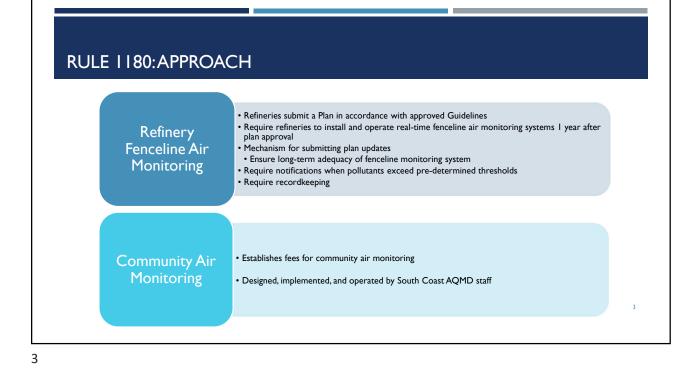
RULE 1180: NEED AND PURPOSE

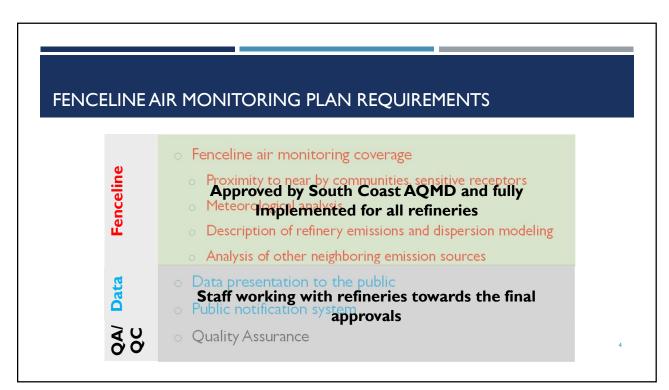
- Petroleum refineries are among the largest stationary sources of criteria and toxic pollutants in the South Coast Air Basin
- Operational activities and upset conditions can result in the release of
 Criteria pollutants, VOCs, other toxic compounds
- Need for real-time continuous air monitoring to
 - Support efforts to address regional and local community air quality concerns
 - Support refinery operator's efforts to identify leaks and other sources of emissions sooner
- Purpose is to <u>measure and record air pollutant concentrations</u> at the fenceline and in nearby communities <u>continuously and in near real-time</u>
- Make data available to the public





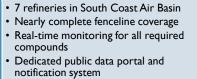






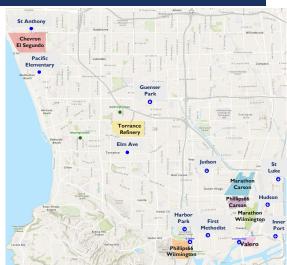


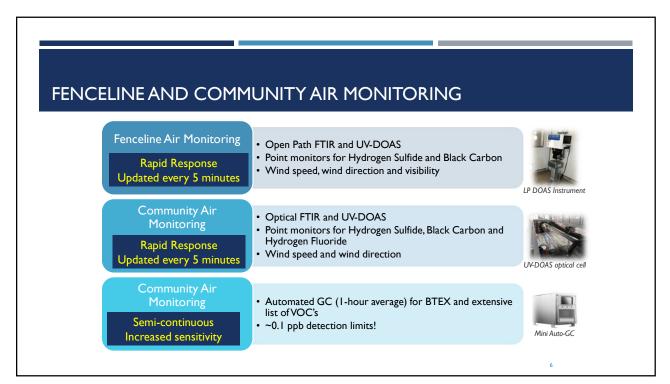


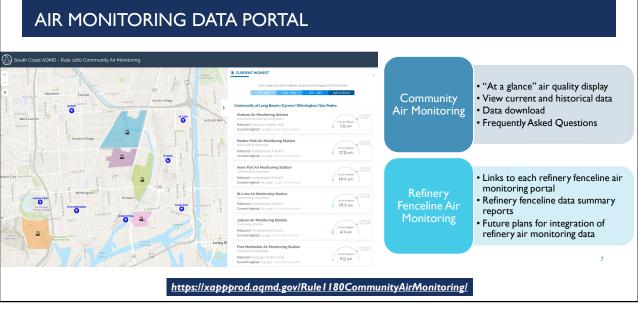


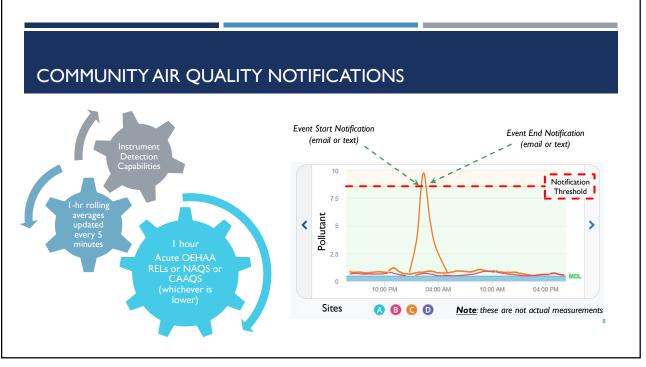
Community Air Monitoring

- 10 permanent fully-equipped community stations
 Real-time monitoring for all required compounds
 Dedicated public data portal and
- notification system





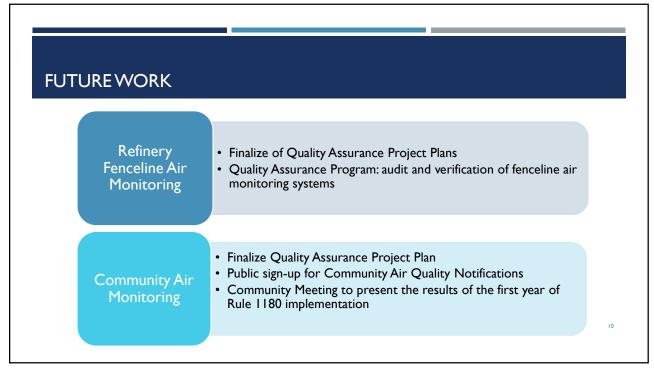


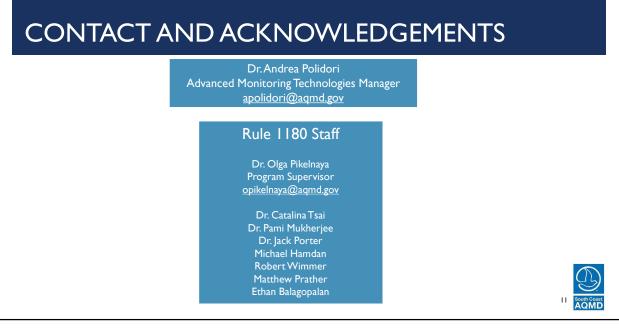


REFINERY NOTIFICATIONS

- In 2020 most notification events were caused by H₂S exceedances
 - Occurred at Chevron, Marathon, Valero and Phillips 66 refineries
- H₂S levels at community air monitoring sites remained low
- Compliance staff followed-up as needed
- Refineries investigated and corrected the causes









Small Business Assistance Report on March 2021 Activities for

LG&SBA Advisory Group Meeting of 4/9/2021





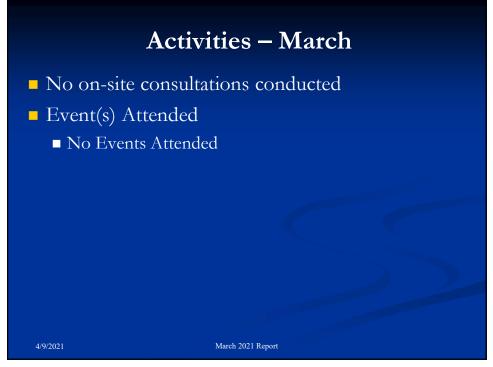
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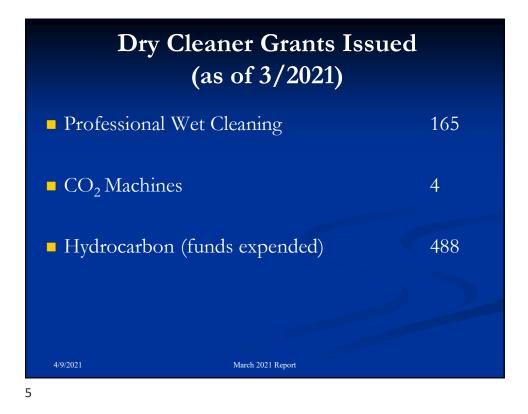
- 1 Granted (Reinstate Permit)
- 3 Denied (2 Reinstate Permit, 1 Waive Late Fee)

March 2021 Report

Air Quality Permit Checklists Processed 90







Small Business Activity March 2020 – March 2021

		0.0%			Air Quality
	Permit	On-Site	Variance	Fee Review	Permit
ACTIVITY	Assistance	Consultations	Assistance	Requests	Checklists
Mar-2020	258	7	0	3	47
Apr-2020	223	0	0	3	49
May-2020	249	0	0	3	65
Jun-2020	220	0	0	1	51
Jul-2020	345	0	2	3	110
Aug-2020	216	0	0	2	57
Sep-2020	381	0	0	2	65
Oct-2020	280	0	0	3	84
Nov-2020	214	0	15	2	50
Dec-2020	251	0	43	2	59
Jan-2021	226	0	3	1	70
Feb-2021	179	0	1	2	62
Mar-2021	236	0	0	4	90
TOTAL	3278	7	64	31 📈	859
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