

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED 2021 REDESIGNATION REQUEST AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE 2006 AND 1997 24-HOUR PM_{2.5} STANDARDS FOR SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of the 2021 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the 2006 and 1997 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Standards for South Coast Air Basin will be held on **Friday, November 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**, in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. The meeting will also be conducted via webcast with opportunities for public comment. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), auditorium seating availability may be limited, and the meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. Please refer to South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of this hearing is for the South Coast AQMD Board to consider approval of the 2021 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the 2006 and 1997 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Standards for South Coast Air Basin and its submittal to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast Air Basin is designated as a nonattainment area for the 2006 and 1997 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and that pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, an area can be redesignated to attainment if the NAAQS have been attained and other requirements are met.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the U.S. EPA determined, effective August 24, 2016, that the South Coast Air Basin attained the 1997 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS based on data from year 2011 through 2013.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the 2021 PM_{2.5} Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan is to request redesignation of the South Coast Air Basin to attainment for both the 2006 24-hour average PM_{2.5} standard and the 1997 24-hour average PM_{2.5} standard, and to submit the maintenance plan and other required actions to qualify for such redesignation by the U.S. EPA.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2021 PM_{2.5} Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan is a subsequent plan revision to the SIP.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2021 PM_{2.5} Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan implements section 107 (d)(3)(E) of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and section 175A of the CAA.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2021 PM_{2.5} Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan includes new information on key elements such as:

- Requests U.S. EPA to redesignate the South Coast Air Basin as attainment of the 2006 and 1997 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS.
- Demonstration that the South Coast Air Basin has attained the 2006 and 1997 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS during 2018 – 2020, subject to U.S. EPA approval of an exceptional event demonstration showing that exceedances recorded from September 11th to 16th, 2020, were the result of the Bobcat and El Dorado Fires;

- Trends of 24-Hour PM2.5 design values in the South Coast Air Basin during 2001 – 2020;
- Maintenance demonstration based on a chemical transport modeling analysis;
- Updated motor vehicles emissions budget for Transportation conformity determination;
- Commitment to maintain a future PM2.5 monitoring network;
- Verification of continued attainment of the 24-Hour PM2.5 standards;
- Contingency plan measures; and
- Contingency plan trigger.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft 2021 PM2.5 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan was released on August 31, 2021 for public review. Written comments received on or before September 20, 2021 will be addressed and included in the Draft Final 2021 PM2.5 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan to be released on or before October 5, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public consultation meeting was held on September 7, 2021 via video conference and telephone and comments from the public were received and addressed at the meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308. Further, there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft Final 2021 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the 2006 and 1997 24-Hour PM2.5 Standards for South Coast Air Basin is available at: [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions), or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Derrick Alatorre - Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to the 2021 PM2.5 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to approve.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, if approved by the South Coast AQMD Board, the maintenance plan will be submitted to CARB and U.S. EPA for inclusion into the SIP.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding the maintenance plan can be directed to Nico Schulte, nschulte@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2349. CEQA inquiries can be directed to Kendra Reif, kreif@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2492. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the public hearing. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before 5 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

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DATED: September 30, 2021

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Clerk of the Boards