



South Coast Air Quality Management District

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN REDESIGNATION REQUESTS AND MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR PM2.5 AND PM10 NAAQS

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
5:00 P.M.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff invite you to attend a Public Consultation Meeting to discuss the Draft South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for PM2.5 and PM10 NAAQS (Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans). The purpose of the Public Consultation Meeting is to solicit information, comments, and suggestions from the public, affected businesses, and stakeholders on the Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans. Meeting materials will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Information

The Public Consultation Meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and telephone, with opportunity for public comment. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting.

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ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Instructions provided at bottom of this announcement

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL STILL BE TAKEN

Attendees will be allowed to provide public comment through Zoom connection or telephone. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person.

Background

The South Coast Air Basin (Basin) was designated as a nonattainment area for the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or standards) in 2005, and later reclassified as a "moderate" nonattainment area in 2014. However, stringent rules and regulations have driven emission reductions that successfully brought PM2.5 levels in the Basin below the 1997 standards. Since 2013, the Basin has consistently met these standards after excluding potential exceptional event days, such as those impacted by Independence Day fireworks or wildfires. To be redesignated to attainment, South Coast AQMD must submit

redesignation requests and maintenance plans demonstrating continued compliance with the standards. Accordingly, this State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision includes the required redesignation requests and maintenance plans for the 1997 PM2.5 standards.

The Basin was designated as a “moderate” nonattainment area for the 1987 24-hour PM10 standard in 1990 and later reclassified as a “serious” nonattainment area in 1993. After exclusion of exceptional events, monitoring data collected from 2004–2008 demonstrated attainment of the 24-hour PM10 standard in the Basin. In 2010, South Coast AQMD submitted a redesignation request and adopted the first PM10 maintenance plan, which were approved by U.S. EPA in 2013. The Basin has since remained below this standard, provided that potential exceptional events like wind-blown dust and wildfires are excluded. Under Section 175A(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), a second maintenance plan must be submitted eight years after redesignation to demonstrate continued attainment. To fulfill this requirement, this SIP revision also includes a second PM10 maintenance plan, which extends the demonstration of continued attainment through 2033—20 years after the Basin's redesignation.

Documents Availability

The Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans and meeting materials will be available on the South Coast AQMD website and subsequent notification of availability will be provided.

Public Hearing

The Governing Board meeting to consider adoption of the Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2026 (subject to change) at 9:00 a.m. in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the 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>.

For more information, please contact:

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Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations including translation services can be requested to allow participation in the Public Consultation Meeting. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Requests can be sent to the Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2432 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov or PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Instructions for Participating in a Virtual Meeting as an Attendee

As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to virtually raise your hand and provide public comment. Before joining the call, please silence your other communication devices such as your cell or desk phone. This will

prevent any feedback or interruptions during the meeting.

Please note:

- During the meeting, all participants will be placed on Mute by the host. You will not be able to mute or unmute your lines manually.
- Speakers may be limited to a total of 3 minutes.
- A countdown timer will be displayed on the screen for each public comment. If interpretation is needed, more time will be allotted.

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- Click on the “Raise Hand” feature at the bottom of the screen. This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

Directions to provide public comment via TELEPHONE:

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