



South Coast Air Quality Management District

NOTICE OF REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN ATTAINMENT PLAN FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL PM2.5 STANDARD



The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) announces the release of the Draft South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard (PM2.5 Plan) and invites you to participate in regional public hearings scheduled as shown in the table below. Multiple meetings are scheduled to provide more opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback on the PM2.5 Plan. Meeting materials will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meetings at [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/2012-annual-pm2-5-plan](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/2012-annual-pm2-5-plan).

Meeting Information

The regional public hearings will be conducted through in-person and virtual attendance via video conferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment at the times listed below. Please follow the instructions below to join the meetings.

PM2.5 Plan Regional Public Hearings	Date	Time	Format	Location
Regional Public Hearing for San Bernardino County	Tuesday, April 23, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91090511540 Zoom Webinar ID: 910 9051 1540 <i>Spanish Language Audience</i> Zoom Webinar ID: 932 0955 9643 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
Regional Public Hearing for Riverside County	Wednesday, April 24, 2024	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	In-Person	CARB Headquarters 4001 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507
Regional Public Hearing for Orange County	Thursday, April 25, 2024	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Virtual	https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91090511540 Zoom Webinar ID: 910 9051 1540 <i>Spanish Language Audience</i> Zoom Webinar ID: 932 0955 9643 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
Regional Public Hearing for Los Angeles County	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	In-Person	Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center 301 N. Tamarind Avenue, Compton, CA 90220

Background

The South Coast Air Basin is a “serious” nonattainment area for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5}¹ standard with an attainment date of December 31, 2025. South Coast AQMD developed a plan to attain the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard by 2025 and submitted it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on April 27, 2017. However, U.S. EPA failed to take timely action on that plan. Due to unforeseen challenges, the submitted plan no longer provided a path to attaining the standard, resulting in withdrawal of that plan in 2023 and triggering the need to develop a revised plan.

The PM_{2.5} Plan includes a request to extend the attainment date to 2030 to address the unforeseen challenges and intends to meet all federal Clean Air Act requirements for “serious” nonattainment areas that seek a five-year extension of the attainment date. The South Coast Air Basin is expected to attain the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard in 2030 by reducing emissions of direct PM_{2.5} and its precursors through the 2022 AQMP nitrogen oxides (NO_x) strategy, which was developed to meet the 2015 ozone standard in 2037. The PM_{2.5} Plan also proposes limited additional control measures to satisfy U.S. EPA’s stringency requirements.

Documents Availability

The Draft PM_{2.5} Plan is available online at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/2012-annual-pm2-5-plan](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/2012-annual-pm2-5-plan). All chapters and Appendices from I to VI and VIII are available for public review and comments. Appendix VII, the Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for the PM_{2.5} Plan, is being prepared and will be released at least 30 days prior to the public hearing scheduled for June 7, 2024 (subject to change) at the South Coast AQMD’s Headquarters in Diamond Bar, CA.

Public Comments

Written comments on the Draft PM_{2.5} Plan should be submitted by May 7, 2024 via email at: AQMPteam@aqmd.gov.

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 Regional Public Hearings. 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.

¹ PM_{2.5} is fine particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers and smaller and is linked to adverse cardiovascular and respiratory health effects including premature death, asthma, and lung cancer.