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South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)
Vanassa Delgado, *Chair*
21865 Copley Drive
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Subject: Ensure Local Community Meetings on PR2304 Prior to Beginning Rulemaking

Dear Chair Delgado,

The undersigned are writing you regarding the process for Proposed Rule 2304 - Commercial Marine Ports.

We are relieved that the first rule concept that contained “caps” on emissions, as described by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff, which would have had the effect of constraining cargo through the San Pedro Bay Port Complex, is no longer being considered. As such, we have remained actively involved in the Proposed Rule 2304 process and remain committed to meaningful dialogue.

During the February 28, 2025, workshop, SCAQMD staff committed to holding two in-person, local community meetings. (Proposed Rule 2304 –Commercial Marine Ports Working Group Meeting February 28, 2025, Presentation, slide 29). These meetings were scheduled to take place BEFORE the release of “revised preliminary draft rule language and draft staff report.”

Th assurance to hold two in-person community meetings was clear, documented, and reinforced by your staff’s presentation materials. As representatives of the communities most directly affected by Proposed Rule 2304, we took that commitment seriously and expected it to be honored.

Disappointingly, to date only a single working group meeting, held in Diamond Bar, nearly 50 miles from the port communities, has taken place. This falls short of the commitment made by SCAQMD staff to hold two in-person community meetings and does not amount to ensuring accessible and inclusive engagement for impacted stakeholders.

Thus, we ask that, as Chair, you ensure that SCAQMD staff fulfills their commitment and holds the “two in-person community meetings” promised before the release of revised preliminary draft rule language and draft staff report. Doing so will help restore trust and ensure that all communities impacted by Proposed Rule 2304 have a fair opportunity to engage in this important policy discussion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your leadership in upholding transparency and accountability in the public process.

Sincerely,



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