

June 18, 2025

Chair Vanessa Delgado
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178

Subject: Concerns Regarding Virtual-Only Community Meetings for Proposed Rule 2304

Dear Chair Delgado,

On behalf of the Supply Chain Federation, we write today regarding the rule development process for Proposed Rule 2304 – Commercial Marine Ports.

During yesterday's PR 2304 Working Group meeting (June 17, 2025), SCAQMD staff indicated that two virtual community meetings will be held prior to the release of revised preliminary draft rule language. While we appreciate the District's ongoing efforts to engage stakeholders, we are deeply concerned that these meetings are scheduled to be held virtually rather than in person near the San Pedro Bay Port Complex.

Staff explained that the shift to virtual meetings was due to safety concerns stemming from recent political protests and national unrest. While we respect those concerns, we believe they are separate from this issue. In recent weeks and months, numerous public events and meetings have taken place safely and in person throughout the region—including in the very communities impacted by PR 2304. We are confident that SCAQMD can similarly conduct in-person meetings in a manner that is both safe and respectful of community needs.

As you are aware, SCAQMD staff previously committed during the February 28, 2025 workshop to holding two **in-person** community meetings prior to the release of revised draft rule language—a commitment documented in presentation materials and publicly reinforced during the workshop. The decision to now limit community participation to virtual-only formats not only undermines this commitment but also restricts access for many community members who may wish to express their thoughts in person for meaningful dialogue and have been unable to do so in Diamond Bar.

We respectfully urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District to honor its prior commitment and ensure that **two in-person community meetings** are held in or near the San Pedro Bay Port Complex before the release of revised draft rule language and the start of formal rulemaking.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your leadership in ensuring a transparent, inclusive, and community-centered public engagement process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact sarah@supplychainfederation.com.

Sincerely,

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