N O T I C E O F P U B L I C H E A R I N G

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO,
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1302 – Definitions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, **August 7, 2026** in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at **9:00 a.m.**, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. 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 instructions on South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1302 – Definitions (PAR 1302). The objective of PAR 1302 is to define composting operations under specific circumstances as an Essential Public Service, thus allowing qualified operations to draw from a pool of offset credits from the Priority Reserve. Being defined as an Essential Public Service will eliminate VOC offset costs for qualified operators.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1302 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1302 implements sections 172 and 173 of the federal Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1302 does not impose a new emission limit or standard, make an existing emission limit or standard more stringent, or impose new or more stringent monitoring, reporting, or recordkeeping requirements and therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 is not required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, since implementing the proposed project (PAR 1302) makes clarifications and administrative changes which will not require physical modifications, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project (PAR 1302) would not cause a significant adverse impact on the environment. Thus, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3). 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 county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before July 7, 2026, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1302
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1302

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents, upon release, may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/regulation-xiii, or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, publicadvisor@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the Public Hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1302, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1302 to Michael Morris, mmorris@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3282 and CEQA inquiries to Farzaneh Khalaj, fkhalaj@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3022. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral and written statements at the Public Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all hard copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000 et seq.) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request, or posted on the South Coast AQMD website.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility
Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Governing Board meeting. The agenda 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. Please contact the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: June 26, 2026

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards