

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 223 – Requirements for Confined Animal Facilities, Proposed Amended Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices, the Proposed Amended Rule 1133 Series – Composting, Chipping and Grinding, and Related Operations, and Proposed Amended Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations

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, **September 5, 2025**, 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 223 – Requirements for Confined Animal Facilities (PAR 223). The objective of PAR 223 is to comply with Most Stringent Measure requirements in the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and to implement Control Measure BCM-08 in the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) Standard by lowering the applicability threshold for a Large Confined Animal Facility. Additional proposed amendments will remove outdated provisions, correct references, and improve clarity.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices (PAR 445). The objective of PAR 445 is to comply with Most Stringent Measure requirements in the federal CAA and to implement Control Measure BCM-18 in the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard by lowering the curtailment threshold and removing the low-income exemption from the curtailment program. Additional proposed amendments will remove outdated provisions, allow reconstruction of wood-burning devices, align enforcement practices consistent with other rules, correct references, and improve clarity.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of the Proposed Amended Rule 1133 Series – Composting, Chipping and Grinding, and Related Operations (PAR 1133 Series), specifically Proposed Amended Rule 1133 – Emission Reductions from Direct Land Application (PAR 1133), Proposed Amended Rule 1133.1 – Chipping and Grinding Operations (PAR 1133.1), Proposed Amended Rule 1133.2 – Emission Reductions from Co-Composting Operations (PAR 1133.2), and Proposed Amended Rule 1133.3 – Emission Reductions from Composting Operations (PAR 1133.3). The objective of the PAR 1133 Series is to comply with Most Stringent Measure requirements in the federal CAA and to implement Control Measure BCM-10 in the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard by regulating the supply of uncomposted greenwaste for direct land application. Additional proposed amendments will introduce composting best management practices for previously uncontrolled existing co-composting operations, lower exemption limits, and improve clarity.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations (PAR 1138). Rule 1138 only applies to chain-driven charbroilers used in commercial cooking operations. The objective of PAR 1138 is to comply with Most Stringent Measure requirements in the federal CAA and to partially

implement Control Measure BCM-12 in the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} Standard by lowering the rule exemption threshold to be consistent with other areas in the state. Additional proposed amendments will remove outdated provisions and improve clarity.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 implement sections 110, 172, and 188(e) of the federal CAA.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all existing and proposed South Coast AQMD rules and regulations, and all air pollution control requirements and guidelines that apply to the same equipment or source type as PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, since implementation of PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 are expected to involve minimal to no physical modifications, no adverse environmental impacts are expected. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 may cause a significant adverse effect on the environment. PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 because the proposed amendments are designed to further protect or enhance the environment. Further, there is no substantial evidence indicating that the exceptions to the categorical exemption, as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, apply to PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138. A separate Notice of Exemption will be prepared for PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and/or PAR 1138 are approved, each 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 August 5, 2025, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PARs 223, 445, 1133, 1133.1, 1133.2, 1133.3 and 1138
- Draft Staff Reports for PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series and PAR 1138
- Comparative Analyses for PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series and PAR 1138, included in the respective Draft Staff Reports
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessments for PAR 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series and PAR 1138, included in the respective Draft Staff Reports

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents are available and may be obtained from the South Coast website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>, or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Lisa Tanaka O'Malley – 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 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138, 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 223, PAR 445, the PAR 1133 Series, and PAR 1138 to Kalam Cheung, kcheung@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3281; CEQA and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries to Barbara Radlein, bradlein@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2716. 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, South Coast AQMD, 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, September 2, 2025.

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 Office, 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: July 24, 2025

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Clerk of the Boards