

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN REDESIGNATION REQUESTS AND MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR PM2.5 AND PM10 NAAQS AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of the South Coast Air Basin Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for PM2.5 and PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans) for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) will be held on Friday, **August 7, 2026** (subject to change) 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 Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans include the redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 1997 annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), the redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 1997 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS and the second maintenance plan for the 1987 PM10 NAAQS for the South Coast Air Basin (Basin).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Basin is a “moderate” nonattainment area for the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM2.5 standards.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in July 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) determined that the Basin attained the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM2.5 standards. Pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 107(d)(3)(E), South Coast AQMD developed the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans and demonstrated that the Basin will continue to attain the 1997 PM2.5 standards through 2039.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in 2013, U.S. EPA approved a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 1987 24-hour PM10 standard. To satisfy the requirement for a second maintenance plan under CAA Section 175A(b), South Coast AQMD adopted and submitted the Final 2021 PM10 Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin to U.S. EPA via the California Air Resources Board (CARB). However, U.S. EPA deferred action on the Final 2021 PM10 Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin due to temporary high PM10 levels measured at a monitor next to an active construction site. The Basin maintained PM10 levels below the 1987 NAAQS since 2013 after excluding potential exceptional events. The maintenance plan portion of the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans replace the 2021 PM10 Maintenance Plan and include a demonstration that the Basin will continue to attain the 1987 24-hour PM10 standard through 2033, 20 years from the redesignation to attainment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans will be submitted to U.S. EPA via CARB for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308. Further, there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions to the categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project. 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 Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans were released for a public review and comment period from May 14, 2026 to June 16, 2026. A Public Consultation Meeting for the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans was held on May 20, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans and all supporting documents are available at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/rmp](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/rmp). The Draft South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans may also be obtained from 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, the South Coast AQMD's Governing Board may adopt the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans or variations of the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt all or part of the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans.

Additional information or comments on the South Coast Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans can be directed to: Sang-Mi Lee, Ph.D., Planning and Rules Manager, AQMPteam@aqmd.gov. Inquiries about CEQA can be directed to: Sina Taghvaei, Ph.D., staghvaei@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2192. 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 attend and provide oral or written statements on any or all of the documents listed above 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. Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Please note that under 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 including translation services can be requested to allow participation in the public hearing. 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 Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2432 (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 4, 2026

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards