



City of Rialto *California*

May 14, 2025

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

RE: Opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members,

On behalf of the City of Rialto and its residents, I am writing to formally express our opposition to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

While we support the overarching goal of improving air quality and reducing emissions, the proposed amendments, as currently drafted, present significant challenges for our community.

On May 13, 2025, the Rialto City Council unanimously approved a resolution opposing the proposed rules.

Rialto is a diverse and growing community in San Bernardino County, known for its affordability, cultural richness, and strong sense of community. With a population of approximately 104,000, many Rialto residents live in older homes that would be disproportionately and adversely impacted by the implementation of these rules.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with the SCAQMD to achieve our shared environmental goals in a way that is inclusive, equitable, and economically sustainable.

Sincerely,

Joe Baca
Mayor, City of Rialto

cc: Members of the Governing Board

Attached: Resolution 8343

RESOLUTION NO. 8343

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SOUTH COAST AIR
QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S PROPOSED AMENDED
RULES 1111 AND 1121**

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121, as amended on April 1, 2025, to require a transition to zero-emission residential furnaces and water heaters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rialto recognizes the importance of improving air quality and reducing emissions to meet state and federal environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments would place significant financial burdens on homeowners, businesses, and local governments due to the high costs of new appliances, infrastructure upgrades, and installation requirements; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns regarding the technological readiness of zero-emission heating appliances, particularly in existing housing stock where retrofitting may be costly or infeasible; and

WHEREAS, the proposed implementation timeline may not allow sufficient time for communities, manufacturers, and contractors to transition effectively, potentially leading to supply chain challenges and increased costs; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of cities, councils of governments, and various stakeholders have expressed opposition to the proposed amendments due to their economic and logistical challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rialto supports a more measured approach that balances air quality improvements with cost effectiveness, economic feasibility, technological advancements, and equitable implementation strategies; and

WHEREAS, Southern Californians are increasingly overburdened by the high cost of living, elected officials have an obligation to ensure that essential amenities are accessible and affordable for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIALTO AS FOLLOWS:**

1 **Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct.

2 **Section 2.** The City Council hereby opposes SCAQMD's Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and
3 1121 in their current form as amended on April 1, 2025, and urges SCAQMD to consider alternative
4 approaches that minimize negative financial impacts on local governments, businesses, and residents.

5 **Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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7 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 13th day of May 2025.

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13 **ATTEST:**

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BARBARA A. McGEE, City Clerk

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18 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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ERIC S. VAIL, City Attorney

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Joe Baca

JOE BACA, Mayor

Eric S. Vail

I, Barbara A. McGee, City Clerk of the City of Rialto, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 8343 was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rialto held on the 13th day of May 2025.

Vote on the motion:

NOES: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Rialto this 13th day of May 2025.

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