

Jennifer Vinh

From: H E [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Rules 1111 & 1121

April 17, 2025

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

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

I Howard Eng, Retiree, write to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

While the latest rule concept attempts to move in the right direction, it fails to address many of the fundamental concerns we have with the proposed amendments.

Beyond the initial cost of the appliances, the amendments do not account for the substantial retrofit and infrastructure upgrade expenses that owners of older homes will have to bear to accommodate the new technology. These costs could amount to tens of thousands of dollars, placing an undue financial burden on homeowners, renters, retirees, and business owners—many of whom can least afford it.

Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the increased strain these rules will place on an already aging electrical grid. This grid not only relies on nonrenewable sources, such as natural gas to generate power, but is also ill-equipped to handle excessive new demand, posing a significant public safety risk. Residents have already endured frequent blackouts and service interruptions, and since 2015, electric power lines have caused six of the 20 most devastating wildfires in our community. Furthermore, numerous residential and commercial projects are currently on hold due to a lack of available power.

Many Southern California families are already struggling with high living costs, and mandating costly retrofits or replacements will only exacerbate financial hardships. These rules disproportionately impact lower-income households, which are the least able to afford such expenses.

While we understand and support the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments would impose an undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters, retirees, and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,

Howard Eng
Retiree

cc: Members of the Governing Board

Jennifer Vinh

From: Jackie Umphrey [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121

April 21, 2025

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

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. I have a few concern regarding the cost the proposed amendments will place on homeowners.

Not only will we have to pay for new appliances but we will also have to pay to have our homes retrofitted to accommodate these appliances. Will we also need to replace the electrical panels in our homes to account for all our new electrical needs?

We are also being forced to replace our cars with electric cars. How will we power those? Another cost to retrofit our homes to accommodate an electrical powered vehicle.

How can our current electrical grid handle the increased strain? Another cost to the homeowners to update our grid?

California is already experiencing the exiting of families to other more affordable states. This will only cause more families to move.

I could understand changing over to electric if it actually made a difference, but it doesn't.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Umphrey
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
April 21, 2025

Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair
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While we understand and support the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments would impose an undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,



Jim Stivers

cc: Members of the Governing Board

Jennifer Vinh

From: Joan Garnett [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE RULES 1111 and 1121

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

Re: OPPOSE - Proposed amended rules 1111 and 1121 as released Feb 28

Dear Chair Delgado and governing Board Members:

My name is Joan Garnett and I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendments to the above referenced rules.

Though attempting to move in the correct direction, the latest rule concept fails to address many of the fundamental concerns we have with the proposed amendments.

Already many Southern Californians are struggling with high living costs. Mandating costly retrofits or replacements will only exacerbate financial hardships. Lower income households will be impacted most by these rules and they're the least able to afford such expenses.

We understand the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, but the proposed amendments would impose undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,

Joan Garnett

cc: Members of the Governing Board

"The strength of a nation is measured by the safety of its people" - Theodore Roosevelt

April 21, 2025

To: Jennifer Vinh (jvinh@aqmd.gov)
From: Ken and Tina Thurm

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

We are writing to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

While the latest rule concept attempts to move in the right direction, it fails to address many of the fundamental concerns we have with the proposed amendments.

Beyond the initial cost of the appliances, the amendments do not account for the substantial retrofit and infrastructure upgrade expenses that owners of older homes will have to bear to accommodate the new technology. These costs could amount to tens of thousands of dollars, placing an undue financial burden on homeowners, renters, and business owners—many of whom can least afford it.

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Many Southern California families are already struggling with high living costs, and mandating costly retrofits or replacements will only exacerbate financial hardships. These rules disproportionately impact lower-income households, which are the least able to afford such expenses.

While we understand and support the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments would impose an undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,

Tina Thurm

cc: Members of the Governing Board

April 21, 2025

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

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

I write to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

While the latest rule concept attempts to move in the right direction, it fails to address many fundamental concerns.

The United States has an abundant supply of natural gas. This provides us with strategic economic strength through both internal use and export. Limiting our use of this clean resource reduces our safety and economic vitality.

For many years, the South Coast Air Quality Management District has required the use of compressed natural gas in municipal vehicles. This "clean" fuel was/is not only required, but AQMD has provided funding to switch to it. Was this program wrong, and the funds wasted?

The electrical grid is famously inadequate in California. The additional strain of this rule adds insult to injury, speeding up the already projected brownouts and grid failures.

I urge the committee to put the horse before the cart by pursuing abundant and cheap electricity BEFORE mandating its use. This would have the effect of both citizens and businesses *voluntarily* switching to this fuel source. This, however, would require new generation. Hydroelectric and nuclear are both clean, long-term, and 24/7. In the shorter term, natural gas and clean coal electric generation may provide enough economic savings to have users voluntarily switch.

Forcing natural gas users to switch to a scarce, expensive, and unreliable energy source is near-sighted at best.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge the Board to explore long-term approaches that exploit our country's abundant natural resources and ***let consumers choose*** the best appliances for their needs.

Sincerely,



Mark N. Carter

cc: Members of the Governing Board

Jennifer Vinh

From: Mary Silzel [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Rules 1111 & 1121

April 21, 2025

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

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

On behalf of all members of my extended family, I write to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

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While we understand and support the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments would impose an undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses with limited effect on the global atmosphere.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,
Mary R. Silzel

cc: Members of the Governing Board

Jennifer Vinh

From: Michael Gamerl [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 1:29 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear AQMD Board,

It is poor policy to require citizens to purchase all-electric appliances. Instead of achieving the desired goals by punishment, you should instead use incentives for people to go electric if they wish.

There are many of us who simply cannot afford the conversion to all electric even if I wanted it. My electric panel would need a costly upgrade and that's in addition to new electric appliances when my gas appliances are working fine.

If the goal is to reduce pollution then that we should tackle it from all angles not simply regulate that gas appliances be banned. There is technology that makes gas appliances extremely efficient and reduces emissions significantly. We achieve an environmentally friendly result that within my budget.

Do not mandate all-electric appliances. It's bad policy and will hurt citizens who do not have the means to bare the expense of such a conversion.

Thank you,
Michael

Michael Gamerl
Defender of Truth, Advocate of Liberty
- Stupendous Man!

April 21, 2025

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

OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111& 1121 – as released February 28, 2025

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

ROBERT L GAST, member of ACT for America and Conservative Patriots of Orange County, I write to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

While the latest rule concept attempts to move in the right direction, it fails to address many of the fundamental concerns I, and members of the two organizations I have identified above, have with the proposed amendments.

Beyond the initial cost of the appliances, the amendments do not account for the substantial retrofit and infrastructure upgrade expenses that owners of older homes will have to bear to accommodate the new technology. These costs will most cases amount to tens of thousands of dollars, thus placing an undue financial burden on homeowners, renters, and business owners – many of whom can least afford it.

Also, I am deeply concerned about the increased strain these rules will place on an already aging electrical grid. The current grid not only relies on nonrenewable sources, such as natural gas to generate power, but is also ill-equipped to handle excessive demand, posing a significant public safety risk. Residents have already endured frequent blackouts and service interruptions, and since 2015, electric power lines have caused six of the 20 most devastating wildfires in our community. Furthermore, numerous residential and commercial projects are currently on hold due to a lack of available power.

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While I understand and support the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments would impose an undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,

ROBERT GAST

Cc: Members of the Governing Board

April 22, 2025

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

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

I write to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. I am amazed that the SQAQMD is pushing to force us all to now replace all our gas water meters. I have experienced multiple electric power outages, but can't think of once that I was unable to use any gas-powered appliances.

While the latest rule concept attempts to move in the right direction, it fails to address many of the fundamental concerns we have with the proposed amendments.

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Sincerely,



Sharon Barrett



cc: Members of the Governing Board