

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 1302 – Definitions

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

1:30 p.m.

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Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 1302 – Definitions (PAR 1302), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on August 7, 2026 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 1302 defines terms used in Regulation XIII – New Source Review which sets forth the federal and state mandated pre-construction review program for new, modified, or relocated sources for non-RECLAIM air contaminants. California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires organic waste diversion from landfills. Composting is a likely pathway for organic waste diversion.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

PAR 1302 will amend the definition of Essential Public Service to include composting operations under specific circumstances, thus allowing qualified operations to draw from a pool of credits from the Priority Reserve. Being defined as an Essential Public Service will eliminate offset costs for qualified operators.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Pursuant to CEQA and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1302) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than May 22, 2026:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 1302; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft of PAR 1302 and the Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at: <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/regulation-xiii>.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Workshop. 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 Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mmorris@aqmd.gov.

Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information may also be directed to the following contacts:

PAR 1302: Michael Morris Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Email: mmorris@aqmd.gov Phone: (909) 396-3282	CEQA: Farzaneh Khalaj, Ph.D. Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, CEQA Section South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Email: fkhalaj@aqmd.gov Phone: (909) 396-3022
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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1302 be submitted no later than **June 16, 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.