



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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August 7, 2020

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
Attn: Scott Morgan  
1400 Tenth Street, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5502

Re: Electronic Filing and Posting of Notice of Exemption for the Submission of Amended Rule 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice, for Incorporation Into the State Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board at its August 7, 2020 Hearing determined that the Submission of Amended Rule 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice, for Incorporation Into the State Implementation Plan was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved the project. The attached Notice of Exemption was prepared for the project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption. I am electronically filing the Notice of Exemption with your office for posting on the CEQAnet Web Portal at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. I have also filed the Notice of Exemption with the county clerk of each county in which the project will be located (e.g., Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062(c)(2). Finally, this Notice of Exemption has also been electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD's webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notices/ceqa-notices/notices-of-exemption/noe---year-2020>.

If you have any questions regarding this electronic filing and request for posting, please call me at (909) 396-2716. Thank you for your kind attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Radlein  
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section  
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Attachment

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
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Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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**Project Title:** Submission of Amended Rule 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice, for Incorporation Into the State Implementation Plan

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**Project Location:** The project is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB).

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project is to forward Rule 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice, as amended on March 1, 2019 and all previous amendments since December 7, 1995, to the California Air Resources Board for approval and submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for incorporation into the State Implementation Plan.

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<b>Public Agency Approving Project:</b> South Coast Air Quality Management District	<b>Agency Carrying Out Project:</b> South Coast Air Quality Management District
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**Exempt Status:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since the proposed project is administrative in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would adversely affect any environmental topic area, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

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**Date of Project Approval:**  
South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: August 7, 2020

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**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



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