

NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), INITIAL STUDY (IS), AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse
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From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
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Project Title: 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

Project Location: The proposed project is located in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (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 portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: In accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency strengthening the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level 8-hour ozone in 2015, by lowering the primary and secondary 8-hour ozone standard to 70 parts per billion (ppb), the 2022 AQMP identifies control measures and strategies which have been developed to bring the region into attainment with this standard by 2037 for the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley. The 2022 AQMP control measures and strategies were developed to achieve this NAAQS by focusing on reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), which are precursors to form ozone, and other air pollutants. The 2022 AQMP is comprised of the following control measures which address stationary point and area and mobile sources: 1) the South Coast AQMD's Stationary and Mobile Source Control Measures; 2) control measures identified in the 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan by the California Air Resources Board; and 3) approved Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures provided by the Southern California Association of Governments. The 2022 AQMP also includes emission inventories, the most current air quality setting, updated growth projections, new up-to-date modeling techniques, demonstrations of compliance with state and federal Clean Air Act requirements, and an adoption and implementation schedule for the proposed control strategies. The 2022 AQMP is designed to protect and improve public health for those living, working and visiting the region within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. However, the NOP/IS identified potentially significant adverse impacts to the following environmental topic areas: air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, energy, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and solid and hazardous waste, which will be analyzed in the Draft Program EIR. Some facilities affected by the 2022 AQMP may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5. However, the implementation of the 2022 AQMP will not alter the status of the facilities on the lists.

Lead Agency:
South Coast Air Quality Management District

Division:
Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation

The NOP/IS and all supporting documentation are available for public review from:

- South Coast AQMD's website:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects>
- South Coast AQMD Public Information Center: by email at PICrequests@aqmd.gov and by phone at: (909) 396-2039
- Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse website at:
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>

The 2022 AQMP and all supporting documentation are available from South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/2022aqmp>

The NOP/IS is provided to the public through the following:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles Times (May 13, 2022) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Coast AQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange County Register (May 13, 2022) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Coast AQMD Public Information Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riverside Press Enterprise (May 13, 2022) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Coast AQMD Website |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino Sun (May 13, 2022) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governor's Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse Website |
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NOP/IS Review Period (32 days): May 13, 2022 to June 14, 2022

Scheduled Public Meeting Date(s) (subject to change): The proposed project may have statewide, regional, or areawide significance; therefore, a CEQA scoping meeting is required pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(d). The public is invited to attend and provide public comments at the following meetings:

Date/Time	Draft 2022 AQMP Regional Public Workshops and CEQA Scoping Meetings	Locations
May 25, 2022 1:00 p.m.	Meeting #1 for entire South Coast AQMD Jurisdiction – <i>Hybrid Format</i>	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91200605609 Zoom Webinar ID: 912 0060 5609 Teleconference Dial In +1 669 900 6833 In-person at South Coast AQMD Headquarters: Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
May 25, 2022 6:00 p.m.	Meeting #2 for entire South Coast AQMD Jurisdiction – <i>Remote Only Format</i>	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91200605609 Zoom Webinar ID: 912 0060 5609 Teleconference Dial In +1 669 900 6833
May 26, 2022 6:00 p.m.	Meeting for Coachella Valley – <i>Hybrid Format</i>	Remotely via Zoom videoconference and by telephone: https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/95634334998 Zoom Webinar ID: 956 3433 4998 Teleconference Dial In +1 669 900 6833 In-person at California State University San Bernardino - Palm Desert Campus: Oliphant Auditorium 37500 Cook Street Palm Desert, CA 92211

The proposed project will be considered at the Governing Board Meeting (Public Hearing) on October 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change).

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Date: May 12, 2022

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