



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: 2022 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan

Project Location: Ventura County (countywide)

Project Proponent: Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (District)
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Draft Environmental Document: The District has conducted an Initial Study for the 2022 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (2022 AQMP) and has determined that it would not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment. Impacts analyzed include, but are not limited to, aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous materials, water quality, transportation/traffic, tribal cultural resources and utilities. No impacts were identified, and therefore no mitigation measures are proposed in the IS/ND. Therefore, the District intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the 2022 AQMP pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Description: The 2022 AQMP presents Ventura County's strategy (including related mandated elements) to attain the 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standard, as required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The 2016 AQMP forecasted the 2008 federal 8-hour ozone standard would be attained by 2020. Ventura County attained the 2008 standard as projected. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking on July 14, 2022, determining that Ventura County has attained that standard by its July 20, 2021 attainment date. Photochemical air quality modeling indicates that Ventura County will attain the 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standard by 2026 using local, state, and federal clean air programs. It was prepared to satisfy federal Clean Air Act planning requirements for areas designated as serious federal 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas, including, but not limited to, updated air quality information, an updated emissions inventory, local and state air pollutant control measures, new emission forecasts and projections, a new federal conformity budget for transportation projects, a reasonable further progress demonstration for precursors of ozone (reactive organic gases and nitrogen oxides), a new countywide emission carrying capacity, a demonstration that Ventura County will attain the federal 8-hour ozone standard, and contingency measures.

Document Availability: All interested persons may submit comments in writing on the draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study. The draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration and 2022 AQMP are available on the District's website at <http://www.vcapcd.org>, and at the District's offices, located at 4567 Telephone Rd., 2nd Floor, Ventura, California, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration and 2022 AQMP are also available by calling the District at 805-303-3874.

Public Hearing: The Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board is tentatively scheduled to conduct a public hearing to consider adopting the draft Negative Declaration on December 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. If you challenge the Air Pollution Control Board's decision on the draft Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice. A separate notice will be published for the public hearing at a later date.

AQMP Workshop: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(c)(1), a public meeting or workshop is not required for a Negative Declaration. However, the District will be conducting a public workshop for the contents of the Draft AQMP during the CEQA public comment period. The AQMP workshop will be held:

Thursday, September 29, 2022
3:00 p.m.
By Remote Participation Only

Remote participation is available in the following ways:

1. From your home computer, smartphone, or tablet by clicking the link below at the scheduled time and date:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221852193?pwd=Yjd6UVlnMnoyK0dNdWFGaGJvTjlWQT09>

2. From a phone by calling (669) 900-9128 at the scheduled time and date. When prompted, enter the meeting ID and password provided below:

Zoom Meeting Information
Meeting ID: 822 2185 2193
Password: 919341

Public Comment Period: The public comment period is scheduled from August 31, 2022, until September 30, 2022 by 5 p.m. Written comments may be directed to John Henkelman or Nicole Collazo at Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, 4567 Telephone Rd., 2nd Floor, Ventura, CA 93003; Email: john@vcapcd.org or nicole@vcapcd.org; Telephone: 805-303-3656; Facsimile: 805-456-7797. Questions and comments by email are preferred.



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