

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN ATTAINMENT PLAN FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub> STANDARD AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard (PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan) for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024 (subject to change) in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast Air Basin is a "serious" nonattainment area for the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard with an attainment date of December 31, 2025. PM<sub>2.5</sub> is particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers and smaller.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a plan to attain the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard by 2025 was submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in 2017. However, that plan was withdrawn in 2023, triggering the need to develop a revised plan. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan seeks a five-year extension of the attainment date to 2030 to address the unforeseen challenges. It is designed to meet all federal Clean Air Act requirements for "serious" nonattainment areas that seek a five-year extension of the attainment date. The South Coast Air Basin is expected to attain the 2012 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard in 2030. Attainment is anticipated from the implementation of the 2022 AQMP strategy and limited additional controls to reduce PM<sub>2.5</sub> and its precursor emissions as identified in this PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board for approval and subsequent submittal to the U.S. EPA for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan is a later activity within the scope of the program approved earlier in the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and the 2016 AQMP per CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), and the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2022 AQMP and the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP adequately describe the activities associated with implementing the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan such that no new environmental document will be required.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Draft PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan was released for public review and comment on March 22, 2024. Public comments will be accepted until May 7, 2024. Written comments can be submitted via email at: [AQMPteam@aqmd.gov](mailto:AQMPteam@aqmd.gov).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan is being prepared and will be released at least 30 days prior to the public hearing.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that four regional public hearings will be held on April 23, 24, 25, and May 1, 2024 to discuss the Draft PM2.5 Plan. Notice was given of these hearings pursuant to the requirements under the Health and Safety Code Section 40466.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Draft PM2.5 Plan and all supporting documents are available at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/2012-annual-pm2-5-plan](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/2012-annual-pm2-5-plan). The Draft PM2.5 Plan may also be obtained from South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer / Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, [PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD's Governing Board may adopt the PM2.5 Plan or variations of the PM2.5 Plan, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt all or part of the PM2.5 Plan.

Additional information or comments on the PM2.5 Plan can be directed to: Sang-Mi Lee, Ph.D., Planning and Rules Manager, [AQMPteam@aqmd.gov](mailto:AQMPteam@aqmd.gov). Inquiries about CEQA and socioeconomic impacts can be directed to: Barbara Radlein, Planning and Rules Manager, [bradlein@aqmd.gov](mailto:bradlein@aqmd.gov). Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may attend and provide oral or written statements on any or all of the documents listed above at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov), on or before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility**

Disability and language-related accommodations including translation services can be requested to allow participation in the public hearing. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't 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. Requests can be sent to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2432 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov).

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