

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024

AGENDA NO. 21

REPORT: Mobile Source Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Mobile Source Committee was held on Friday, January 19, 2024. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Gideon Kracov, Chair
Mobile Source Committee

SLR:ja

Committee Members

Present: Board Member Gideon Kracov, Committee Chair
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Committee Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Councilmember Nithya Raman
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez

Call to Order

Committee Chair Kracov called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEM (Items 1-2):

1. Upcoming State Implementation Plan (SIP) Actions:

Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, presented this item. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 12:03.

Committee Chair Kracov asked about the increase in ozone levels in recent years, the NOx-based attainment strategy, and CARB's mobile source regulations. Dr. Rees answered that a combination of economic factors and weather led to the elevated ozone levels, confirmed that reductions in NOx will reduce ozone levels, and noted the need for the federal government to further control mobile sources under its authority. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 14:05.

Supervisor Perez inquired regarding the difference between the 1-hour and 8-hour ozone standards. Dr. Rees responded that the difference is in the time period used for averaging ozone concentrations. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 17:30.

Chair Kracov referenced a letter from Joe Goffman regarding U.S. EPA's rule on heavy-duty trucks, the consequences of not meeting ozone standards, and sources contributing to nonattainment in our region. Executive Officer Wayne Nastri replied that U.S. EPA has not yet finalized the rule. Dr. Rees explained that if U.S. EPA disapproves a plan, stationary source and highway sanctions can occur, along with federal takeover of air quality planning and added that trucks are currently the largest source of NOx but that ships, aircraft, and locomotives will soon be the dominant source. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 29:50.

Supervisor Mitchell asked about upcoming findings of failure to attain and the most notable consequences of those findings from the public's perspective. Dr. Rees explained that there will be nonattainment fees for stationary sources and a revised plan to meet the standards may be needed. She noted that, due to a consent decree, U.S. EPA has until this summer to act on South Coast AQMD's Contingency Measure Plan which, if disapproved, would trigger sanctions. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 36:45.

Supervisor Perez encouraged staff to perform more outreach to entities such as the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to explain the challenges associated with nonattainment. Mr. Nastri stated that staff recently contacted CVAG and will work with Supervisor Perez to identify other groups for outreach. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 39:32.

Councilmember Raman inquired about nonattainment fees for revoked standards, under which circumstances they apply, and the magnitude of the fees. Dr. Rees stated that while nonattainment fees are applicable even for revoked standards, a fee equivalency program is allowed. She reiterated that the fee is approximately \$12,000 per ton for VOC and NOx and South Coast AQMD is amending a rule to address the fee requirements for all ozone standards including revoked ones. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 43:34.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, noted the health effects of air pollution, stating that over 80 percent of premature deaths are attributable to PM2.5. He also commented on methane emissions and climate change. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 46:10.

David Rothbart, Clean Water SoCal, commented that if all stationary source emissions were eliminated, the region would not attain ozone standards. He stated that members of the organization he represents will pay \$800,000 per year in nonattainment fees. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 48:37.

Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air, commented that the 2022 AQMP is not viable because it relies on black box measures and encouraged South Coast AQMD to place greater emphasis on mobile source reductions. Supervisor Perez noted the comment and asked for greater engagement from the community and other stakeholders to advocate for action at the federal level to reduce emission sources. For additional details, please refer to the [webcast](#) beginning at 50:42.

2. Update on Indirect Source Rules

Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Implementation provided status updates on Proposed Rule 2306 – Indirect Source Rule for Rail Yards (Rail Yard ISR) and Proposed Rule 2304 – Indirect Source Rule for Commercial Marine Ports – Container Terminals (Ports ISR). For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 54:00.

Committee Chair Kracov inquired if staff’s engagement with the railroads and information gathered during the previously proposed emission reduction agreement effort will be helpful for the rail yard ISR rulemaking, and whether staff will consider in-person Ports ISR working group meetings at the harbor area in the future. Mr. MacMillan responded affirmatively. Committee Chair Kracov also inquired about the upcoming joint delegation trip to Washington D.C. with the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to engage federal government on funding opportunities and port pollution challenges. Mr. Nastri confirmed participation by executive directors of both ports. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:02:20.

Supervisor Mitchell thanked staff for clarifying that the Ports ISR aims to limit emissions, not cargo throughput, and she emphasized the importance of wide

participation by all stakeholders and setting clear goals for meeting outcomes. Committee Chair Kracov concurred. Councilmember Rodriguez inquired on the socioeconomic reports for both rules. Mr. MacMillan responded that they are being developed as part of rulemaking, with draft reports to be released later this year. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:11:00.

Thomas Jelenic, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association; Sarah Wiltfong, Los Angeles County Business Federation; and Matt Schrap, Harbor Trucking Association expressed concern for the meeting series timeframe to adequately address technical concerns. Mr. MacMillan responded that working group meetings will be ongoing. Mr. Jelenic expressed disappointment that labor and industry groups were not included in the upcoming delegation trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Natri expressed willingness to potentially include additional stakeholder representatives. Mr. Schrap appreciated the emphasis on emission reductions while expressing concerns for potential cargo diversion due to compliance costs. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:15:00.

Jayne Stevenson, Pacific Environment; Yassi Kavezade, Sierra Club; Yasmine Agelidis and Fernando Gaytan, EarthJustice; and Dori Chandler, Coalition for Clean Air expressed support for timely adoption of strong ISRs and advocated for expedited deployment of zero-emission technologies, and to ensure that the technical working group meetings will inform rulemaking. Ms. Kavezade requested community and environmental groups be included in delegation trips to Washington D.C. along with other stakeholders. Mr. Gaytan requested staff's written responses to submitted comment letters. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:18:20.

Committee Chair Kracov reiterated the continuation of the Ports ISR working group process and added that more rulemaking time has already been built in to allow for further expansion of stakeholder engagement. He then inquired about the next ISR update. Mr. Natri responded that staff will provide quarterly updates to the Mobile Source Committee. For additional details, please refer to [Webcast](#) at 1:29:45.

WRITTEN REPORTS (Items 3-5):

3. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program

This item was received and filed. Committee Chair Kracov asked when a comprehensive update on the WAIRE Program was expected and noted that this update is important to Councilmember Rodriguez. Mr. Natri stated that it would be in March. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:32:00.

4. Rule 2202 Activity Report: Rule 2202 Summary Status Report

This item was received and filed.

5. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects

This item was received and filed.

OTHER MATTERS:

6. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

7. Public Comment Period

Mr. Eder urged the committee to look into the Solar New Deal and the SunShot Program from the Department of Energy. He stated that solar could be helpful to the plans related to the Ports, Railroads and Indirect Sources.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Mobile Source Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Attachments

1. Attendance Record
2. Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report: Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program – Written Report
3. Rule 2202 Activity Report: Rule 2202 Summary Status Report – Written Report
4. Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects – Written Report

ATTACHMENT 1

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Attendance – January 19, 2024**

Board Member Gideon Kracov.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor Holly Mitchell.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Councilmember Nithya Raman.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez.....	South Coast AQMD Board Member
Jackson Guze.....	Board Consultant (Raman)
Lorraine Lundquist.....	Board Consultant (Mitchell)
Debra Mendelsohn.....	Board Consultant (McCallon)
Uduak-Joe Ntuk.....	Board Consultant (Solache)
Andrew Silva.....	Board Consultant (Lock Dawson)
Mark Taylor.....	Board Consultant (Rodriguez)
Ernesto Castillo.....	Board Consultant (Kracov)
William Kelly.....	Board Consultant (Cacciotti)
Mark Abramowitz.....	Community Environmental Services
Juan Acosta.....	Public Member
Yasmine Agelidis.....	Earthjustice
Matt Arms.....	Port of Long Beach
Sarah Baumann.....	Port of Long Beach
Greg Betzwieser.....	Public Member
Nick Bryan.....	Public Member
Sergio Carillo.....	Public Member
Dori Chandler.....	Coalition for Clean Air
Chris Chavez.....	Coalition for Clean Air
Manu Chopra.....	Public Member
Trish Clary.....	Union Pacific Railroad
O Cliatt II.....	Pacific Harbor Line
Amber Coluso.....	Port of Los Angeles
Joelle Howe.....	CARB
Joy Crose.....	Port of Los Angeles
Jessi Davis.....	Public Member
Sal DiCostanzo.....	ILWU Local 13
Helena DuPont.....	Public Member
Harvey Eder.....	California Solar Power Coalition
Andrew Fox.....	Public Member
Tim French.....	Public Member
Fernando Gaytan.....	Earthjustice
Greg Gilani.....	CARB
Layla Gonzalez.....	CARB

Krivi Gupta.....	Public Member
Justin Hwang.....	Public Member
Thomas Jelenic	PMSA
Yassi Kavezade.....	Sierra Club
Danielle Kelton.....	Public Member
Lena Kent.....	BNSF Railway
Scott King	CARB
Bill La Marr.....	California Small Business Alliance
John D. Lovenburg.....	BNSF Railway
Artie Mandel.....	Port of Los Angeles
Terry Manies	Public Member
Erick Martell.....	Ports of Los Angeles
Kristi Monji.....	Public Member
Don Nguyen.....	OC Sanitation District
Alex Nieves.....	Public Member
Maria Osorio.....	Public Member
Elisabeth R.....	Public Member
Dustin Rinehart.....	Public Member
David Rothbart.....	LA County Sanitation Districts
Melissa Schop.....	Union Pacific Railroad
Matt Schrap	Harbor Trucking Association
Jayne Stevenson.....	Public Member
Peter Whittingham.....	Public Member
Sarah Wiltfong.....	BizFed
Kathleen Woodfield.....	Harbor Community Benefit Foundation

Derrick Alatorre	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jacob Allen	South Coast AQMD Staff
Maria Allen	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jason A spell.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Barbara Baird.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Cindy Bustillos.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Marc Carreras Sospedra.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Philip Crabbe III.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Joshua Ewell.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Scott Gallegos.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Sang-Mi Lee.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Terrence Mann	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Wayne Nastri.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Marissa Poon.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Mary Reichert.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Aisha Reyes.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Valerie Rivera	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Sergio Torres Callejas	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Mei Wang	South Coast AQMD Staff
Shawn Wang.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Jessica Wei	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Jillian Wong	South Coast AQMD Staff
Paul Wright.....	South Coast AQMD Staff
Alice Yang	South Coast AQMD Staff
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Rule 2305 Implementation Status Report:
Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program

November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

1. Implementation and Outreach Activities:

Activity	Since Last Report	Since Rule Adoption
Calls and Emails to WAIRE Program Hotline (909-396-3140) and Helpdesk (waire-program@aqmd.gov)	691	6,211
Views of Compliance Training Videos (outside of webinars)	465	6,441
Emails Sent with Information About WAIRE Program Resources	4,476	~ 72,185
Visits to www.aqmd.gov/waire	5,424	~ 52,506
Warehouse Locations Visited In-Person	392	574
Presentations to Stakeholders	0	143

2. Highlights of Recent Implementation and Enforcement Activities

Phase 1 warehouse operators (including those with greater than or equal to 250,000 square feet) were required to submit their first Annual WAIRE Report (AWR) by March 2, 2023, which includes the actions and/or investments completed in the 2022 compliance period. As of December 31st, 523 warehouse operators filed an AWR.¹ This represents about 50% of the anticipated Phase 1 group. Of the submitted reports, 41 warehouse operators still need to submit the required fees (including mitigation fees, as applicable). The 523 operators who submitted an AWR earned a total of about 236,249 WAIRE Points, far exceeding the total WAIRE Points Compliance Obligation reported by these entities. These excess points may be banked for future compliance. The operators reported that they will pay a total of approximately \$11.8 million in mitigation fees, of which about \$8.7 million were paid by December 31, 2023.

Rule 2305 allows warehouse operators or owners the option of earning WAIRE Points for "early" actions completed prior to their first compliance period. As of December 31st, 179 warehouse operators and facility owners filed Early Action AWRs.¹ These early action reports include a total earning of about 68,884 WAIRE Points.

¹ Staff has begun auditing these reports. Some of these reports may have been filed to bank points for future compliance periods. Information on these audits will be provided in future monthly reports and/or the annual report.

On December 14, 2023, Notice of Violations (NOVs) were issued to 109 Phase 1 warehouse operators in Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, and San Bernardino County that have failed to meet rule deadlines. NOVs were issued in support of an enforcement initiative to bring these large facilities into compliance with Rule 2305. Since the issuance of the NOVs, many warehouses have reached out to staff for information and guidance on how to comply with Rule 2305. Approximately 50 warehouses have contacted South Coast AQMD directly in response to the NOVs issued, and staff is providing compliance assistance as needed. Ten facilities achieved compliance by submitting the required reports and fees. An additional six facilities have submitted the required reports but have not yet submitted the associated fees. Some operators provided additional documentation to assert that the rule may not apply to their facility, and staff is in the process of evaluating this information.

On December 19, 2023, South Coast AQMD issued a press release and posted an online list of warehouse locations that received Notices of Violation for failing to comply with Rule 2305.

Staff continued working on 6 Public Records Act Requests preparing information that included Rule 2305 reported data. Staff also worked with the Office of General Counsel to address business confidentiality claims made by warehouse owners and operators. In December, letters were sent via certified mail to approximately 50 companies who claimed confidentiality for certain information (i.e., operator's name, facility name, facility address and Facility ID number) that is generally not considered confidential. The letter indicated that South Coast AQMD will consider these four components of information subject to release in 21 calendar days from the date of the letter; however, this deadline may be subject to further discussions with the entities who responded to the letter.

Staff responded to WAIRE Program emails and hotline calls, which have significantly increased in volume since issuance of the Compliance Advisory and Press Release in September 2023 and NOVs in December 2023. Staff provided assistance with WAIRE Program requirements through virtual consultation sessions with stakeholders and other outreach and support efforts to stakeholders in preparation of their AWR submittal.

Staff completed review of three Custom WAIRE Plans. The applications for these Custom WAIRE Plans were posted on the WAIRE Program Website for public review on November 2, 2023. The applications were viewed 385 times in November 2023 and no public comments were received. Staff continued discussions with the applicant to address business confidentiality claims and proposed conditions for approval.

Anticipated Activities in January

- Continue outreach and support efforts to warehouse operators in preparation of their ISIR/AWR submittals, including providing assistance with program requirements, tracking truck trips, and earning WAIRE Points.
- Continue to pursue potential enforcement action as necessary.
- Continue to review and verify submitted information and analyze data submitted through R2305 reports (e.g., WONS, ISIRs, AWRs, early action AWRs).
- Continue to provide documents in response to Public Records Act Requests.
- Continue to develop an approach for addressing business confidentiality concerns and making WAIRE Program data publicly accessible via the online F.I.N.D. tool on the South Coast AQMD website.

- Continue to enhance the WAIRE POP software to support improved functionality (e.g., program administration, and an amendment process for submitted reports).



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Rule 2202 Summary Status Report Activity for January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Employee Commute Reduction Program (ECRP)	
# of Submittals:	381

Emission Reduction Strategies (ERS)	
# of Submittals:	253

Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) Exclusively		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	46	\$ 261,365
Orange	3	\$ 42,664
Riverside	3	\$ 12,944
San Bernardino	1	\$ 4,766
TOTAL:	53	\$ 321,739

ECRP w/AQIP Combination		
County	# of Facilities	\$ Amount
Los Angeles	0	\$ 0
Orange	0	\$ 0
Riverside	0	\$ 0
San Bernardino	0	\$ 0
TOTAL:	0	\$ 0

Total Active Sites as of December 31, 2023

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
512	8	55	575	101	654	1,330
38.49%	0.60%	4.14%	43.23%	7.60%	49.17%	100% ⁴

Total Peak Window Employees as of December 31, 2023

ECRP (AVR Surveys)			TOTAL Submittals w/Surveys	AQIP	ERS	TOTAL
ECRP ¹	AQIP ²	ERS ³				
377,288	2,790	8,295	388,373	13,696	268,675	670,744
56.25%	0.41%	1.24%	57.90%	2.04%	40.06%	100% ⁴

- Notes:**
1. ECRP Compliance Option.
 2. ECRP Offset (combines ECRP w/AQIP). AQIP funds are used to supplement the ECRP AVR survey shortfall.
 3. ERS with Employee Survey to get Trip Reduction credits. Emission/Trip Reduction Strategies are used to supplement the ECRP AVR survey shortfall.
 4. Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024

AGENDA NO.

REPORT: Intergovernmental Review of Environmental Documents and CEQA Lead Agency Projects

SYNOPSIS: This report provides a listing of environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD between December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and proposed projects for which South Coast AQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, January 19, 2024, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

SR:MK:MM:BR:SW:ET

Background

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute and Guidelines require public agencies, when acting in their lead agency role, to provide an opportunity for other public agencies and members of the public to review and comment on the analysis in environmental documents prepared for proposed projects. A lead agency is when a public agency has the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving a proposed project and is responsible for the preparation of the appropriate CEQA document.

Each month, South Coast AQMD receives environmental documents, which include CEQA documents, for proposed projects that could adversely affect air quality. South Coast AQMD fulfills its intergovernmental review responsibilities, in a manner that is consistent with the Board's 1997 Environmental Justice Guiding Principles and Environmental Justice Initiative #4, by reviewing and commenting on the adequacy of the air quality analysis in the environmental documents prepared by other lead agencies.

The status of these intergovernmental review activities is provided in this report in two sections: 1) Attachment A lists all of the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD that were received during the reporting period; and 2) Attachment B lists the active projects for which South Coast AQMD has reviewed or is continuing to conduct a review of the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies. Further, as required by the Board's October 2002 Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for fiscal year (FY) 2002-03, each attachment includes notes for proposed projects which indicate when South Coast AQMD has been contacted regarding potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The attachments also identify for each proposed project, as applicable: 1) the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date; 2) whether staff provided written comments to a lead agency and the location where the comment letter may be accessed on South Coast AQMD's website; and 3) whether staff testified at a hearing.

In addition, the South Coast AQMD will act as lead agency for a proposed project and prepare a CEQA document when: 1) air permits are needed; 2) potentially significant adverse impacts have been identified; and 3) the South Coast AQMD has primary discretionary authority over the approvals. Attachment C lists the proposed air permit projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency under CEQA.

Attachment A – Log of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review, and Attachment B – Log of Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies

Attachment A contains a list of all environmental documents prepared by other public agencies seeking review by South Coast AQMD that were received pursuant to CEQA or other regulatory requirements. Attachment B provides a list of active projects, which were identified in previous months' reports, and which South Coast AQMD staff is continuing to evaluate or prepare comments relative to the environmental documents prepared by other public agencies. The following table provides statistics on the status of review¹ of environmental documents for the current reporting period for Attachments A and B combined²:

¹ The status of review reflects the date when this Board Letter was prepared. Therefore, Attachments A and B may not reflect the most recent updates.

² Copies of all comment letters sent to the lead agencies are available on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>.

Statistics for Reporting Period from December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
Attachment A: Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review	80
Attachment B: Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies (which were previously identified in the October 2023, and November 2023 reports)	15
Total Environmental Documents Listed in Attachments A & B	95
<i>Comment letters sent</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Environmental documents reviewed, but no comments were made</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>Environmental documents currently undergoing review</i>	<i>31</i>

Staff focuses on reviewing and preparing comments on environmental documents prepared by other public agencies for proposed projects: 1) where South Coast AQMD is a responsible agency under CEQA (e.g., when air permits are required but another public agency is lead agency); 2) that may have significant adverse regional air quality impacts (e.g., special event centers, landfills, goods movement); 3) that may have localized or toxic air quality impacts (e.g., warehouse and distribution centers); 4) where environmental justice concerns have been raised; and 5) which a lead or responsible agency has specifically requested South Coast AQMD review.

If staff provided written comments to a lead agency, a hyperlink to the “South Coast AQMD Letter” is included in the “Project Description” column which corresponds to a notation in the “Comment Status” column. In addition, if staff testified at a hearing for a proposed project, a notation is also included in the “Comment Status” column. Copies of all comment letters sent to lead agencies are available on South Coast AQMD’s website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>. Interested parties seeking information regarding the comment periods and scheduled public hearings for projects listed in Attachments A and B should contact the lead agencies for further details as these dates are occasionally modified.

In January 2006, the Board approved the Clean Port Initiative Workplan (Workplan). One action item of the Workplan was to prepare a monthly report describing CEQA documents for projects related to goods movement and to make full use of the process to ensure the air quality impacts of such projects are thoroughly mitigated. In accordance with this action item, Attachments A and B organize the environmental documents received according to the following categories: 1) goods movement projects; 2) schools; 3) landfills and wastewater projects; 4) airports; and 5) general land use projects. In response to the action item relative to mitigation, staff maintains a compilation of mitigation measures presented as a series of tables relative to off-road engines; on-road engines; harbor craft; ocean-going vessels; locomotives; fugitive dust;

and greenhouse gases which are available on South Coast AQMD’s website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>. Staff will continue compiling tables of mitigation measures for other emission sources such as ground support equipment.

Attachment C – Proposed Air Permit Projects for Which South Coast AQMD is CEQA Lead Agency

The CEQA lead agency is responsible for determining the type of environmental document to be prepared if a proposal requiring discretionary action is considered to be a “project” as defined by CEQA. South Coast AQMD periodically acts as lead agency for its air permit projects and the type of environmental document prepared may vary depending on the potential impacts. For example, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared when there is substantial evidence that the project may have significant adverse effects on the environment. Similarly, a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be prepared if a proposed project will not generate significant adverse environmental impacts, or the impacts can be mitigated to less than significance. The ND and MND are types of CEQA documents which analyze the potential environmental impacts and describe the reasons why a significant adverse effect on the environment will not occur such that the preparation of an EIR is not required.

Attachment C of this report summarizes the proposed air permit projects for which South Coast AQMD is lead agency and is currently preparing or has prepared environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA. As noted in Attachment C, South Coast AQMD is lead agency for three air permit projects during December 2023.

Attachments

- A. Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies and Status of Review
- B. Active Projects with Continued Review of Environmental Documents Prepared by Other Public Agencies
- C. Proposed Air Permit Projects for Which South Coast AQMD is CEQA Lead Agency

ATTACHMENT A
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND STATUS OF REVIEW
December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

SOUTH COAST AQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> LAC231227-04 Azusa Greens Redevelopment Project	The project consists of constructing six industrial buildings and a residential development site and reconfiguring an existing golf course. The project is generally bordered by North Sunset Avenue to the east, West 10th Street to the south, and North Todd Avenue to the west. Comment Period: 12/22/2023 - 1/22/2024 Public Hearing: 1/11/2024	Notice of Preparation	City of Azusa	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> RVC231201-11 Lowe's Parking Lot Project	The project consists of developing a 12-acre parcel into a surface parking lot for truck trailer storage. The project is located at the northeast corner of Brennan Avenue and Morgan Street at 3984 Indian Avenue. Comment Period: 11/24/2023 - 12/23/2023 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Perris	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> RVC231206-08 West Campus Upper Plateau Project	The project consists of demolishing 14 military bunkers, and constructing 65.32 acres of business park uses, 143.31 acres of industrial uses, 42.22 acres of commercial and retail uses, 37.91 acres of public streets, 60.28 acres of recreational uses, 17.72 acres of open space, 2.84 acres of public facilities, and 445.43 acres of conservation uses on 817.90 acres. The project is located on the southwest corner of Meridian Parkway and Alessandro Boulevard in Riverside. Reference RVC230111-04 and RVC211123-02 Staff previously provided comments on the Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project, which can be accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2023/march-2023/RVC230111-04.pdf . Comment Period: 12/2/2023 - 1/31/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report	March Joint Powers Authority	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> RVC231213-08 Low Drag Inc.	The project consists of a Conditional Use Permit for a spray booth and handling of firearms. The project is located southeast of East 3rd Street and Maple Avenue at 242 Maple Avenue Suite H. Comment Period: 12/13/2023 - 1/4/2024 Public Hearing: 1/4/2024	Site Plan	City of Beaumont	Under review, may submit comments

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<i>Waste and Water-related</i> ORC231213-01 Smith Reservoir Replacement Project	The project consists of replacing the 6-million-gallon Smith Reservoir and Pump Station with two below grade cast-in-place concrete tanks of the same size and a pump station with increased maximum pumping capacity. The project is located at the intersection of Taft Avenue and Cannon Street. Comment Period: 12/12/2023- 1/10/2024 Public Hearing: 1/23/2024	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	Serrano Water District	Under review, may submit comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> RVC231213-07 Washington Street Transmission Main Project	The project consists of installing a 6,400-linear-feet of 18-inch diameter potable water main. The project is located along Washington Street from Fields Drive to the north and Abelia Street to the south in Winchester. Comment Period: 12/7/2023- 1/5/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	Eastern Municipal Water District	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> RVC231219-01 EM-11 Transmission Pipeline and Pump Station Project	The project consists of constructing a turnout treatment facility, a water pump station, and water pipelines. The project is located near the northwest corner of Auld Road and Washington Street in unincorporated areas of Riverside County between the cities of Murrieta and Hemet. Reference RVC220726-11 Comment Period: 12/12/2023- 1/25/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Re-Issued Notice of Preparation	Eastern Municipal Water District	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> SBC231206-03 Inland Valley Infrastructure Corridor	The project consists of improving the following infrastructure systems: water; wastewater/sewer; dry utilities, including communications; drainage; roads; and other future utility integration. The project is bounded by San Bernardino International Airport to the north, State Route 210 to the east, and Tippecanoe Avenue to the west. Comment Period: 11/30/2023- 1/16/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	Inland Valley Development Agency	Under review, may submit comments

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Retail RVC231201-05 PS Containers Development	The project consists of developing a 2.18-acre property into an outdoor storage yard for containerized and pod storage. The project is located on the northeast corner of Dillon Road and Cabot Road. Comment Period: 11/22/2023- 12/12/2023 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Desert Hot Springs	Document reviewed - No comments sent
Retail RVC231201-13 Tentative Parcel Map (PEN20-0045), Master Plot Plan (PEN21-0074), Plot Plan (PEN20-0047), Conditional Use Permits (PEN20-0049, PEN20-0050, PEN20-0051, and PEN20-0053)	The project consists of constructing a 9.3-acre commercial center to be utilized with a combination of retail, restaurant, fueling station, car wash, and three drive thru restaurants. The project is located on the northwest corner of Nason Street and Fir Avenue. Comment Period: 11/20/2023 - 12/20/2023 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Moreno Valley	Document reviewed - No comments sent
Retail RVC231212-02 Rubidoux Carwash/ Retail Complex MA23047 - SDP23044 & TPM38681	The project consists of constructing three retail buildings totaling 21,063 square feet and a 3,692 square foot car wash. The project is located northeast of 30th Street and Rubidoux Boulevard. Comment Period: 12/8/2023 - 12/22/2023 Public Hearing: N/A	Site Plan	City of Jurupa Valley	Document reviewed - No comments sent
Retail SBC231221-06 Bloomington Gas Station, Restaurant, and Commercial Center	The project consists of a zone change from rural living to general commercial and a conditional use permit for the construction of a convenience store, gas station, car wash, restaurant, and commercial center on 3.97 acres. The project is located on the northwest corner of Cedar Avenue and San Bernardino Avenue. Comment Period: 12/18/2023 - 1/18/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	County of San Bernardino	Document reviewed - No comments sent

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<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> LAC231213-04 Normandie Crossing Specific Plan Project#	The project consists of removing existing onsite structures and constructing 403 residential units on 5.3 acres. The project is located on the northwest corner of Normandie Avenue and West 170th Street within the designated AB 617 Wilmington, Carson, and West Long Beach community. Reference LAC230516-02 Comment Period: 12/4/2023 - 1/20/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Gardena	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> LAC231214-01 Future Street Single-Family Development ENV-2016-4999-MND	The project consists of constructing one 2,502 square foot residential unit on 6,470 square feet and one 2,508 square foot residential unit on 6,626 square feet. The project is located north of Future Street and south of West Kilbourn Street. Comment Period: 12/14/2023 - 1/16/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Los Angeles	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> LAC231221-03 Oak Park Monrovia Specific Plan Project	The project consists of redeveloping existing senior and affordable housing units into 269 residential units. The project is located on the southeast corner of West Colorado Boulevard and South Primrose Avenue. Comment Period: 12/14/2023 - 1/15/2024 Public Hearing: 1/11/2024	Notice of Preparation	City of Monrovia	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> LAC231227-06 Ocean Avenue Project	The project consists of demolishing 44,450 square feet of existing structures and constructing a 122,400 square foot building with 120 hotel rooms and 100 residential units, 36,110 square feet of commercial uses, and 35,500 square feet of public amenities on 1.2 acres. The project is located on the northeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. Reference LAC220705-01, LAC200519-01 and LAC190102-06 Comment Period: 12/27/2023 - 1/8/2024 Public Hearing: 1/8/2024	Notice of a Public Hearing	City of Santa Monica	Document reviewed - No comments sent

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General Land Use (residential, etc.) LAC231227-11 Tentative Tract Map No. 84058	The project consists of subdividing a property for air rights to construct four residential units. The project is located southwest of East Newmark Avenue and South Sefton Avenue at 345 South Sefton Avenue. Comment Period: 12/27/2023 - 1/9/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Site Plan	City of Monterey Park	Under review, may submit comments
General Land Use (residential, etc.) ORC231201-17 General Plan Amendment No. 0004-22, Zone Change No. 1307-22, Tentative Tract Map No. 0051-22, Major Site Plan Review No. 1111-22, Design Review No. 5092-22, Administrative Adjustment No. 0293-23 - Intracorp Residential Project	The project consists of demolishing all site improvements to redevelop an existing 2.71-acre commercial site with 49 residential units. The project is located at the northeast corner of North Cambridge Street and East Katella Avenue. Reference ORC231115-03 Comment Period: 11/29/2023 - 12/6/2023 Public Hearing: 12/6/2023	Notice of Availability of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Orange	Document reviewed - No comments sent
General Land Use (residential, etc.) ORC231201-21 Orangethorpe/Placentia Mixed Use Project	The project consists of constructing 248 residential units, 3,000 square feet of retail use, and a parking structure on 2.72 acres. The project is located at 776 South Placentia Avenue and 777 West Orangethorpe Avenue. Comment Period: 11/29/2023 - 1/4/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Placentia	Document reviewed - No comments sent
General Land Use (residential, etc.) ORC231227-10 Craig Homes Project	The project consists of constructing 19,939 square feet of building space for 12 residential units. The project is located southwest of Beach Boulevard and Craig Avenue at 7682, 7692, 7712, and 7722 Craig Avenue. Comment Period: 12/22/2023 - 1/16/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Buena Park	Document reviewed - No comments sent

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<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> RVC231227-08 8-Lot Subdivision (Tentative Tract Map 38447)0	The project consists of subdividing 5.04 acres into eight residential lots and four lettered lots. The project is located on the southwest corner of Via Florencia and Via Josefina. Comment Period: 12/22/2023- 1/22/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Rancho Mirage	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> SBC231206-05 The Neighborhoods at Lugonia Village Project	The project consists of subdividing the Project site into three parcels to facilitate the development of 541 residential units on 24.4 acres. The project is located on the northwest corner of West Lugonia Avenue and Karon Street. Comment Period: 12/6/2023- 1/4/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Redlands	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> SBC231213-05 Yucaipa Valley Wine Country Specific Plan	The project consists of constructing 1,091 residential units and 465.5 acres of vineyards and wineries on a total of 1,093.6 acres. The project is bounded by the San Bernardino mountains to the north, Martell Avenue to the east, Oak Glen Road to the south, and Fremont Street to the west. Reference SBC220719-04 Comment Period: 12/8/2023- 1/22/2024 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report	City of Yucaipa	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> LAC231205-01 Section 368 Energy Corridors	The project consists of amending the Resource Management Plan for seven designated Section 368 energy corridors that include Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The project is located in various locations including a portion that is bordered by Battle Mountain District to the north, Arizona Strip District to the east, Phoenix District to the south, and Los Padres National Forest to the west. Comment Period: 12/1/2023- 2/2/2024 Public Hearing: 1/9/2024	Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement	Bureau of Land Management	Under review, may submit comments

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PROPOSED AIR PERMIT PROJECTS FOR
WHICH SOUTH COAST AQMD IS CEQA LEAD
AGENCY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
<p>Quemetco is proposing to modify existing South Coast AQMD permits to allow the facility to recycle more batteries and to eliminate the existing daily idle time of the furnaces. The proposed project will increase the rotary feed drying furnace feed rate limit from 600 to 750 tons per day and increase the amount of total coke material allowed to be processed. In addition, the project will allow the use of petroleum coke in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke, and remove one existing emergency diesel-fueled internal combustion engine (ICE) and install two new emergency natural gas-fueled ICEs.</p>	<p>Quemetco</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>The Draft EIR was released for a 124-day public review and comment period from October 14, 2021 to February 15, 2022 and approximately 200 comment letters were received.</p> <p>Staff held two community meetings, on November 10, 2021 and February 9, 2022, which presented an overview of the proposed project, the CEQA process, detailed analysis of the potentially significant environmental topic areas, and the existing regulatory safeguards. Written comments submitted relative to the Draft EIR and oral comments made at the community meetings, along with responses will be included in the Final EIR which is currently being prepared by the consultant.</p> <p>After the Draft EIR public comment and review period closed, Quemetco submitted additional applications for other permit modifications which are also being evaluated by staff.</p>	<p>Trinity Consultants</p>
<p>Sunshine Canyon Landfill is proposing to modify its South Coast AQMD permits for its active landfill gas collection and control system to accommodate the increased collection of landfill gas. The proposed project will: 1) install two new low emission flares with two additional 300-horsepower electric blowers; and 2) increase the landfill gas flow limit of the existing flares.</p>	<p>Sunshine Canyon Landfill</p>	<p>Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)</p>	<p>South Coast AQMD staff reviewed and provided comments on the preliminary air quality analysis, health risk assessment (HRA), and Preliminary Draft SEIR which are currently being addressed by the consultant.</p>	<p>SCS Engineers</p>
<p>Tesoro is proposing to modify its Title V permit to: 1) add gas oil as a commodity that can be stored in three of the six new crude oil storage tanks at the Carson Crude Terminal (previously assessed in the May 2017 Final EIR); and 2) drain, clean and decommission Reservoir 502, a 1.5 million barrel concrete lined, wooden-roof topped reservoir used to store gas oil.</p>	<p>Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC (Tesoro)</p>	<p>Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the May 2017 Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project (LARIC)</p>	<p>South Coast AQMD staff reviewed and provided comments on the Preliminary Draft Addendum, which are currently being addressed by the consultant.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>