

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rules:

110 – Rule Adoption Procedures to Assure Protection and Enhancement of the Environment

212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice

301 – Permitting and Associated Fees

303 – Hearing Board Fees

306 – Plan Fees

307.1 - Alternative Fees for Air Toxics Emissions Inventory

309 - Fees for Regulation XVI and Regulation XXV

315 - Fees for Training Classes and License Renewal

510 – Notice of Hearing

515 – Findings and Decision

812 – Notice of Hearing

1402 – Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources

3006 – Public Participation

Thursday, November 29, 2018

1:30 PM

SCAQMD Headquarters

Conference Room CC2

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop for the purposes of soliciting information and suggestions from the public on:

- Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 110 – Rule Adoption Procedures to Assure Protection and Enhancement of the Environment
- PAR 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice
- PAR 301 – Permitting and Associated Fees
- PAR 303 – Hearing Board Fees
- PAR 306 – Plan Fees
- PAR 307.1 – Alternative Fees for Air Toxics Emissions Inventory
- PAR 309 – Fees for Regulation XVI and Regulation XXV
- PAR 315 - Fees for Training Classes and License Renewal
- PAR 510 – Notice of Hearing
- PAR 515 – Findings and Decision
- PAR 812 – Notice of Hearing
- PAR 1402 – Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources
- PAR 3006 – Public Participation

The proposed amended rules are administrative and scheduled to be adopted at a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on February 1, 2019.

Background and Objectives

Senate Bill (SB) 1502 was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on June 28, 2018. SB 1502 authorizes air districts to send any public notice required pursuant to Division 26 (Air Resources) of the California Health and Safety Code electronically instead of by mail. If doing so, air districts are still required to send a public notice by mail to any person who has requested the notices to be sent by mail, and the air district board must adopt procedures for a person to request public notices to be sent by mail and to update an electronic mail address. Separately, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has revised its “mailing list” and noticing requirements in the Title V and New Source Review permitting program regulations to give options for electronic mailing and electronic posting of notices.

In June 2018, the California Air Resources Board issued Advisory 299 recommending practices for California Air Districts to enhance public participation and outreach, including maintenance of an electronic mailing list of persons who request to be electronically noticed.

The proposed rules listed above will include language to enable the option for delivery of public notices, hearing board notices, and fee invoices by electronic mail or other electronic means in addition to mail where it is required by the Health and Safety Code or SCAQMD rules. A procedure for a person to request public notices sent by mail or email will also be established.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD Rule 110, the SCAQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, has reviewed the proposed amendments to the rules identified above (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. SCAQMD staff has determined that 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 considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 - Notice of Exemption. If the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

Ms. Tracy Tang	
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, CEQA Section	Phone: (909) 396-2484
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Fax: (909) 396-3982
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765	Email: ttang@aqmd.gov

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be made available on or before the public workshop:

- Proposed Amended Rules 110, 212, 301, 303, 306, 307.1, 309, 315, 510, 515, 812, 1402, and 3006
- Interim Procedures for Requesting Delivery of Public Notices
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rules 110, 212, 301, 303, 306, 307.1, 309, 315, 510, 515, 812, 1402, and 3006

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed amended rule and preliminary draft staff report will be available prior to the Public Workshop and may be obtained from:

Ms. Fabian Wesson	
Public Information Center	
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Phone: (909) 396-2039
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765	Email: PICrequests@aqmd.gov

The documents are also available for download from the SCAQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and to send comments, documents, studies and reports or other information relevant to this proposed amended rule listed above to:

Mr. James McCreary	
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South Coast Air Quality Management District	Phone: (909) 396-2451
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Written comments on these Proposed Amended Rules should be submitted by December 14, 2018.