

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Ms. Tasha Arterberry
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy, Room 2001
Norwalk, California 90650

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Project Title:

PM10 Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley

Project Location:

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and
General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)];

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1). Because the PM10 Attainment Redesignation Requests for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley are an administrative process and the PM10 Maintenance Plans would impose no additional requirements that will generate adverse significant environmental impacts, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project in question has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Thus, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) - Review for Exemption.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: January 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 106
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

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Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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