



# South Coast Air Quality Management **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

## **COACHELLA VALLEY CONTINGENCY MEASURE SIP REVISION FOR THE 2008 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024**

**5:00 P.M.**

and

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Public Consultation Meetings will only be conducted via videoconferencing and telephone.

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### **ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

Instructions provided at bottom of this announcement

### **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL STILL BE TAKEN**

Audience will be allowed to provide public comment through Zoom connection or telephone.

Comments may be limited to three minutes per person.

### **PURPOSE OF THE MEETINGS**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled two Public Consultation Meetings for the purpose of soliciting information, comments, and suggestions from the public, affected businesses, and stakeholders regarding the Coachella Valley Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard (Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision). The South Coast AQMD

Governing Board will consider the Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision at the South Coast AQMD Governing Board meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024. Upon adoption, the package will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) via California Air Resources Board (CARB) for incorporation into the SIP.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Coachella Valley is classified as an “extreme” nonattainment area for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS or standard), with an attainment date of July 20, 2032. The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) requires that SIPs must provide for contingency measures, defined in Section 172(c)(9) as “specific measures to be undertaken if the area fails to make reasonable further progress (RFP), or to attain the national primary ambient air quality standard by the attainment date.” Due to a series of court decisions, contingency measures for the Coachella Valley that were submitted in April 2017 are no longer approvable by U.S. EPA.

On August 8, 2022, South Coast AQMD, via CARB, withdrew the contingency measure elements of the Coachella Valley 2008 ozone SIP to avoid disapproval of the submitted contingency measure elements. Effective October 31, 2022, U.S. EPA finalized a finding of failure to submit contingency measure elements of the Coachella Valley 2008 ozone SIP. The SIP deficiency must be corrected to avoid sanctions defined in federal CAA Section 179(b). This proposal provides the revised elements needed to correct this deficiency.

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL**

The Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision contains all elements needed to comply with CAA Section 172(c)(9) and U.S. EPA’s Draft Guidance. The Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision contains a commitment to consider amending Rule 463 - Organic Liquid Storage to include contingency measure elements, which, if triggered, will increase the frequency of Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) inspections for organic liquid storage tanks. In accordance with U.S. EPA’s Draft Guidance, the Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision includes a robust evaluation demonstrating no other feasible contingency measures exist for the 2008 ozone standard in Coachella Valley. The key elements include:

- Emission inventories (summer planning emissions for the 2031 attainment year);
- A calculation of one year’s worth of emission reductions for NOx and VOCs;
- South Coast AQMD’s commitment to consider amending Rule 463 to include a stationary source contingency measure;
- South Coast AQMD’s stationary source contingency measure infeasibility justification;
- CARB’s mobile source contingency measure; and
- CARB’s mobile and area source contingency measure infeasibility justifications.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

The Draft Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard is available as of January 17, 2024, on South Coast AQMD’s website at:

[https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/coachella-valley-contingency-measure-sip-revision](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/coachella-valley-contingency-measure-sip-revision).

Copies of the above document may also be requested by contacting:

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21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Phone: (909) 396-2432  
Email: [PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov)

### **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS OR DOCUMENTS**

Comments, questions, documents, or other information relevant to the Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision may be submitted **no later than 5:00 pm Friday, February 16, 2024** to:

Sang-Mi Lee, Ph.D.  
Planning and Rules Manager  
South Coast AQMD  
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Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Email: [AQMPteam@aqmd.gov](mailto:AQMPteam@aqmd.gov)

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Governing Board meeting to consider adoption of the Coachella Valley Contingency Measure SIP Revision is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2024 (subject to change) at 9:00 a.m. in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. 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 South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY**

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public consultation meeting. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. 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 Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909)

396-2432 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to [PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov) or [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov).

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Instructions for Participating in a Virtual Meeting as an Attendee**

As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to virtually raise your hand and provide public comment. Before joining the call, please silence your other communication devices such as your cell or desk phone. This will prevent any feedback or interruptions during the meeting.

#### **For language interpretation:**

- Click the interpretation Globe icon at the bottom of the screen
- Select the language you want to hear (either English or Spanish)
- Click "Mute Original Audio" if you hear both languages at the same time.

#### **Para interpretación de idiomas:**

- Haga clic en el icono de interpretación el globo terráqueo en la parte inferior de la pantalla  
Seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar (inglés o español)
- Haga clic en "Silenciar audio original" si escucha ambos idiomas al mismo tiempo.

#### **Please note:**

- During the meeting, all participants will be placed on Mute by the host. You will not be able to mute or unmute your lines manually.
- Speakers may be limited to a total of 3 minutes.
- A countdown timer will be displayed on the screen for each public comment. If interpretation is needed, more time will be allotted.

#### **Directions to provide public comment on ZOOM from a DESKTOP/LAPTOP or SMARTPHONE:**

- Click on the "Raise Hand" feature at the bottom of the screen. This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

#### **Directions to provide public comment via TELEPHONE:**

- Dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

#### **Directions for Spanish Language TELEPHONE line only:**

- The call in number is the same (+1 669 900 6833)
- The meeting ID number is 946-581-9179
- If you would like to make public comment, please dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

#### **Instrucciones para la línea de TELÉFONO en español únicamente:**

- El número de llamada es el mismo (+1 669 900 6833)

- El número de identificación de la reunión es 932-0955-9643
- Si desea hacer un comentario público, marque \*9 en su teclado para indicar que desea comentar.