



February 2, 2022

South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 East Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Email Submittal

Re: Pacific Environment urges SCAQMD board to fully endorse the development of Indirect Source Rule at San Pedro ports to reduce harmful emissions.

SCAQMD Governing Board Members:

On behalf of the Pacific Environment, we are writing to urge you to support a strong Indirect Source Rule (ISR) by South Coast AQMD (SCAQMD) as the negotiations with the ports to reach a MOU have failed.

We have been closely following the MOU process for the past 6 months and we are disappointed, yet not surprised, to see that proposals from both ports fall far short of the port's "Fair Share" of the emission reductions to meet federal air quality standards. The South Coast Air Basin is home to about half of the state's population (about 18 million people) and has some of the worst air quality in the nation. The South Coast Air Basin remains under "Extreme" nonattainment. This failure comes with the risk of federal Clean Air Act sanctions, which could mean losing billions in federal funding. In the past several years, ports have shown us again and again that they are incapable of managing this crisis by themselves.

The SCAQMD has the authority to adopt an indirect source rule that can save lives. Communities in the south coast region need you to do what's best for our communities' health and take actions to rein in one of the largest polluters in the region. We cannot continue

business as usual while an environmental and health crisis is unfolding at the ports, and we cannot make neighborhoods around the San Pedro bay a sacrificial zone for US commerce.

Since parties have failed to come to an agreement within the given time period , **we are urging you** to fully endorse the port ISR process and allow the SCAQMD staff to establish working groups for a port ISR that can save lives, put the south coast in attainment, and put us on a pathway to achieve 100% zero emissions by 2035 at ports.

Sincerely,

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