



## **DRAFT - AQMD ENERGY POLICY Fact Sheet**

### **What is the Energy Policy?**

- A consolidated policy approach to address criteria and toxic air contaminants, greenhouse gases, and energy issues in a coordinated manner, to ensure clean air and a healthy economy for the South Coast region
- Provides framework for better understanding of energy use and costs

### **What the Policy is NOT**

- Not a regulation – policy document for staff guidance
- Not a job killer – can be an opportunity for job creation
- Not a mandate for 100% renewable energy – promote where feasible
- Not additional requirements for power plants – other agencies determine need for, and type of power generation
- Not a mandate for changes for homeowners – supports education and incentives for personal choice

### **Why is the Policy Needed?**

- To meet future federal air quality standards, which are being tightened to protect public health
- To comply with state and federal requirements and programs that increasingly rely on renewable energy and clean technology
- To integrate air quality, energy, and greenhouse gas issues to ensure clean air and a healthy economy
- To help advance availability and use of clean technologies

### **Benefits from a Clean Energy Policy**

- Public health and air quality improvements
- Energy security – diversification, price stability, reliability, and improved efficiency
- Help comply with SB 375, AB 32, and California Renewable Electricity Standard
- Clean technology, job creation, business growth

### **How will the Policy be Implemented?**

- Opportunities for stakeholder input as future actions are developed
- Periodic reports to the Governing Board committees
- Long implementation process – involve stakeholders