

South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Notice of Public Consultation Meetings

**PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION III – FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE (PAR) 1480 – AMBIENT MONITORING AND SAMPLING OF METAL TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS, and FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM**

**Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees & PAR 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
3:00 p.m.**

Link: <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/98170661356>

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**Proposed Budget and Work Program, Proposed Amended Regulation III, & PAR 1480**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022  
1:00 p.m.**

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Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, the Public Consultation Meetings will only be conducted via video teleconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions above to join the meetings remotely.

***Purpose of Meetings***

The South Coast AQMD has scheduled two public consultation meetings. The primary purpose of the first meeting is to solicit comments on Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees and Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants. In conjunction with its discussion of Proposed Amended Regulation III, staff will provide an overview of the results of its reassessment of certain fees included in Rule 301. The purpose of the second meeting is to present the South Coast AQMD's Proposed Budget and Work Program, Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, and Rule 301 fee reviews. These public consultation meetings will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480, the Proposed Budget and Work Program, and the results of reviews of Rule 301-related fees as they relate to Proposed Amended Regulation III. The Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget and Work Program, fee adjustments, Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480 are currently scheduled for Governing Board consideration at the May 6, 2022 Public Hearing.

***Regulation III and Rule 1480 Background***

Regulation III primarily establishes the fee rates and schedules to recover South Coast AQMD's costs of regulating and providing services to permitted sources. Rule 1480 includes certain fees related to ambient monitoring and sampling of metal toxic air contaminants.

***Summary of Proposed Amendments to Regulation III and Rule 1480***

Amendments to Regulation III rules consist of several proposed components. Staff is proposing to amend and update fees in Rules 301, 303, 304, 304.1, 306, 307.1, 308, 309, 311, 313, 314, and 315 effective July 1, 2022, to correspond with the 6.5% increase in the Calendar Year 2021 California Consumer Price Index (CPI) pursuant to Rule 320. In addition, staff is proposing new or increased fees for cost recovery purposes in Rules 301, 304, 304.1, and 306 including but not limited to, fees for community air monitoring programs associated with Rule 1180; permit processing for HEPA controlled spray booths for Rule 1401 toxics; and notification fees for Rule 1466. Staff is also proposing a potential new rule that would permit cost recovery for emissions analyses and other supporting operations necessitated by incidents requiring large-scale South Coast AQMD staff response. In connection with discussions regarding Proposed Amended Regulation III, staff will present an overview of its reassessment of various Rule 301 fees as they relate to the need for additional cost recovery. Minor administrative changes are also being proposed that include clarifications, deletions, or corrections to existing rule language in Rule 301, as well as removal of existing fee provisions from Rule 1480 for inclusion in Rules 301 and 306.

### ***California Environmental Quality Act***

The proposed project consists of: (1) an increase in fees for consistency with the increase in the California Consumer Price Index (pursuant to Rule 320); (2) new or increased fees for cost recovery; and (3) administrative changes that include clarifications, deletions, or corrections to existing rule language for multiple rules that comprise Regulation III and Rule 1480. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's regulatory program which was certified pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(1) and implemented via South Coast AQMD Rule 110, the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, is reviewing the proposed project to determine if any potential adverse environmental impacts will occur. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis. Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

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### ***Supporting Documents***

The following supporting documents will be available on or before March 22, 2022, on South Coast AQMD's website under the proposed amended rules section at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules>

- Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees
- PAR 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees and PAR 1480

The following additional supporting documents are expected to be available on or before April 5, 2022 on South Coast AQMD's website in the Finance section at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/finance>:

- Proposed Budget and Work Program (to be posted on April 1, 2022)
- Draft Socioeconomic Assessment on the CPI-based Fee Increase (to be posted on March 15, 2022)
- Draft Socioeconomic Assessment for Proposed Amended Regulation III and Proposed Amended Rule 1480

Copies of the above documents may also be reviewed in the South Coast AQMD Library or by contacting:

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### ***Submission of Documents or Comments***

You are invited to attend the public consultation meetings and may also send questions, comments, documents or other information relevant to the Proposed Budget and Work Program, Proposed Amended Regulation III, and PAR 1480 to:

John Kampa/ Financial Services Manager  
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**Written comments relating to the CPI-based fee increase must be received by Thursday, April 7, 2022 if they are to be incorporated into the Rule 320 report required by the Governing Board;** however, later comments about the CPI increase, along with comments relating to the other proposed fee increases and administrative amendments will be considered and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 15, 2022 to be included in the staff report provided to the Governing Board.

### ***Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility***

*Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Consultation Meetings. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't 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 District. Please contact Elaine Shen at (909) 396-2715 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to [eshen@aqmd.gov](mailto:eshen@aqmd.gov).*