

James Chavez

From: Scott Moody [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2025 3:08 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Please put these two proposals to death.

- They will be horrendously expensive for residents and businesses.
- They will negatively impact the housing market for which none of my grown children can afford now anyway.
- They will not achieve any measurable improvement in air quality.
- They will create more problems for the electrical grid.

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you.

Scott Moody

I know how it will all end for me: One of my kids will unplug my life support to charge their phone.

James Chavez

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

We would like to offer our loud vote NO to the proposed SQAMD amended rules 1111 and 1121 banning the use of gas furnaces and hot water heaters starting Jan 2026. These regulations penalize California residents unnecessarily. The pain of the increased cost and burden on residents will be immense, with little to no evidence that there is any benefit to air quality. These regulations appear are performative only -- they give the appearance of action with no real solving of any problems, at great cost to the community -- and are a net negative for several reasons:

1. They are a financial burden to all Southern California residents, with the greatest burden being on those who can least afford it.
2. It places a much larger burden on the electrical grid that is already overtaxed, and increases the risk of power outages during critical times – as shown during the recent fires, power outages in high risk areas mean residents won't have hot water or heat either during these periods
3. It increases the risk of injury and death to residents through unintended consequences. Rather than replace defective gas furnaces due to the high cost, it increases the changes residents will use portable heaters, which are a much higher fire risk.

Respectfully, these proposed represent a vast overreach of the SQAMD mission, and should not pass.

Regards,
Christopher and Dale Ward
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

James Chavez

From: S. Goubert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 2:31 PM
To: COB
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gas Appliance Ban is a BAD IDEA

Please DO NOT ban gas appliances.

I know that many of your on the board are affluent and can afford the changes required to go all electric but most of your constituents can not. Forget the cost of conversion. Running these electric appliances will be very difficult for most of us. My electric bill has already skyrocketed from mid \$100s to \$300s and I rarely use my A/C. Adding electric water heater and furnace will force many to go without because they will have to choose between food and heat.

Converting the furnace and water heater to electric will not only cost many out of heating our homes and water, it will also cause much more strain on the power grid than it can handle.

We are already being asked to cut back in the evening hours which is when most people are home.

Are we now going to be required to limit showers and the heating of our homes????

There is NO WAY that the power grid will be able to handle the increase in usage for decades. And electricity is NOT ZERO EMISSIONS.. Using it is but producing it IS NOT.

California has gone off the deep end in trying to control our lives. Let us choose what we want to have in our homes!!!!!!

Sincerely

Susan
Yorba Linda, CA

James Chavez

From: Kathy Hein [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 6:40 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Electricity grid

Our electricity grid is already to the max with electric vehicles. As a consumer. I love my gas, burners, furnace, and water heater and they are all fairly new. I do not want to replace them. That would be very costly. I am a senior with a fixed income, and don't have that kind of money. Is the state of California going to subsidize this change?

Kathy Hein-Gameros
Sent from my iPhone

James Chavez

From: Beth Davidson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:56 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121

I would like to comment on the proposed new rules regarding replacing gas water heaters and furnaces with electric ones.

These rules, if put into effect, would create tremendous burdens on homeowners and landlords to redo homes and apartments to accommodate the changes. In particular, older homeowners could be affected in particular by the costs associated to replumb/rewire their homes. My husband and I are in our 80s, and the financial costs would be extremely burdensome for us. If the power were turned off because of fires or just an overload of the grid, we would be in very dangerous situations with no hot water or any way to heat some, plus no heat of the temperature were low.

Our electric grid is already overburdened, and these changes would just create more problems. Older folks could lose their home because of the additional costs. The housing market is already way too tight, and the costs to buy or rent will only go up with the additional costs.

If there were significant findings that the changes to electric would substantially reduce emissions, there might be an argument for the rules, but I cannot see that that is the case here. I only see government overreach making life more difficult and squeezing budgets.

I would ask that you not vote to implement these rules but rather leave our gas water heaters and furnaces alone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert and Elizabeth Davidson

James Chavez

From: Matthew Huddleston [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 11:23 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

Hello,

I am a resident of LA County and I'd like to voice my concern with SCAQMD's upcoming vote for Rules 1111 and 1121.

These new regulations, if passed, will place a tremendous financial burden on residents with seemingly very little impact on the environment. The costs associated with replacing furnaces and water heaters for residents is thousands of dollars. Who has that kind of money in the current economy. Although the rules would not take effect for a few years there are no indications that our economy will be any better at that time. Not to mention the strain this will put on an already taxed electrical grid.

I understand the sentiment of these rules and the need to reduce harmful gases in the atmosphere but this is not the way to do it. This is why so many residents are leaving California. It's too expensive to live here. I urge your Board to please vote no on these two rules and seek a different and less costly way to improve the air quality of our great state.

Thank you,

M.H.

James Chavez

From: sitefinity@aqmd.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 6:45 PM
To: COB
Subject: Contact Form

Contact Form

Name: Candace Cooke

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Message:

Are you kidding with this ? Our Upland City Council let us know what you think you are going to so Attention Homeowners, Renters, and Business Owners THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS PROPOSING RULES THAT WILL COST YOU BIG MONEY! I was honored to be appointed by Supervisor Curt Hagman to serve on the AQMD Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group. Last month, I learned that AQMD is moving to amend Rules 1111 and 1121, effectively banning gas-powered furnaces and water heaters. This policy shift will have a significant impact on homeowners, renters, and businesses by driving up costs for property owners and developers—leading to higher rents and making new housing projects more expensive. Older buildings may also require costly

upgrades to comply. While some rebates exist, they fall short of covering these expenses. Policymakers should consider adjusting these regulations or providing greater financial assistance to balance environmental goals with housing affordability. To help inform residents, I've created a fact sheet detailing the proposed ban and how you can voice your concerns to AQMD before their decision in May. Send an email to the AQMD Governing Board

James Chavez

From: Faye Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:22 AM
To: COB
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed Rulings 1111 and 1121

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2025 8:38 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed Rulings 1111 and 1121

February 1, 2025

Vanessa Delgado, Chair
And Honorable Governing Board Members
South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865
Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Comments on Proposed Amendments to Rule 1111 and Rule 1121

Dear Ms. Delgado and Honorable Members of the Governing Board:

I just recently attended a city council meeting and heard for the first time of these two proposed amended Rulings. Has SCAQMD done their due diligence in notifying the 17 million people, which reside in your district, about these proposed changes? Did I perhaps miss a mailer?

As a homeowner and senior citizen living in SCAQMD's district, I have concerns with the impact that Rule 1111 and Rule 1121 would have on my livelihood. These two Rulings would cause an additional monetary burden on my finances. Appliances that are natural gas-powered are less expensive and more reliable to operate than those using electricity. I can count on my gas-powered water heater to provide hot water when SCE implements their Public Safety Power Shutoff-PSPS, which can last for a few hours to several days.

How many older homes with 100 amp electrical panels will need to do an upgrade in order to sustain the additional electricity needed? This unexpected cost can range from \$1000 on up. This issue could have a significant impact on people's pocketbooks, especially the senior citizens and low-income families. I read that AQMD is working on an incentive program to provide rebates for residents, building owners, and small businesses, but will that incentive program pay or reimburse the individual for the expense of having to upgrading their electrical panels? I share your commitment to clear air, but enacting Rulings that will only cause financial burdens to many is not the right approach to meet your intended goals.

It seems that every summer or when there's a heat wave, we deal with power outages due to an overwhelmed power grid. The state's transitioning to electrical appliances and cars will only put an additional strain on the power grid.

California is second on the list of the highest electricity rates in the nation. And just recently the CPUC approved SCE's request for another rate increase. When is enough enough?

My husband and I just installed a new gas-powered water heater and the emissions are significant lower than our previous one. Forcing a homeowner to install electrical appliances I believe is taking away from their rights and freedom to choose.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Joanne Genis

Chino Hills, CA

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From: Kathy Hein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Clerk of Board
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Electric grid

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