



South Coast Air Quality Management District's

Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Session

PROPOSED RULES 2700 – DEFINITIONS, 2701 – SoCAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS EXCHANGE, and 2702 - GREEN HOUSE GAS AIR QUALITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Thursday, September 4, 2008

9:00 a.m.

AQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Auditorium

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to solicit information and suggestions from the public on **Proposed Rules (PR) 2700 – Definitions, PR 2701 – SoCAL Climate Solutions Exchange, PR 2702 – Greenhouse Gas Air Quality Investment Program.**

The proposed rules would establish a voluntary program to certify voluntary early greenhouse gas emission reductions. The proposed rules are scheduled for a November 7, 2008 Public Hearing.

Air Quality Objective

The air quality objective of the proposed rule is to develop a mechanism for voluntary early greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions in the District. Protocols would be pre-approved by the District Governing Board and AQMD staff would verify reductions.

Summary of Proposed Amendments

PR 2700 includes definitions used in Reg. XXVII – Climate Change.

PR 2701 sets up the administrative structure for the SoCAL Climate Solutions Exchange, including applicability, generation, issuance, and use of certified GHG reductions. This proposed rule also includes the process for protocol approval, public information and annual reports to the Governing Board.

PR 2702 establishes a GHG Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) that could be used voluntarily. Parties would pay into a fund which District staff would use to reduce GHG emissions in the District. The proposed rule includes applicability, participant and generator requirements and program annual review.

Supporting Documents

Copies of PR 2700, 2701 and 2702 and the Preliminary Draft Staff Report will be available August 22, 2008 at the AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/proposed.html> and can be obtained from:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies data, reports and comments or other information relevant to PR 2700, 2701, and 2702 no later than **September 22, 2008** to:

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California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and AQMD Rule 110, appropriate documentation will be prepared to analyze any potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendments to these rules. Comments received at the public workshop will be considered when preparing the environmental documents. Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis should be directed to:

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