

# **Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning**

*A Reference for Local Governments Within the South Coast Air Quality Management District*

**This guidance document is prepared by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) as a reference for cities and counties within AQMD's jurisdiction. It provides suggested policies that local governments can use to prevent or reduce potential air pollution impacts and protect public health in their General Plans or through local planning. The objective of the guidance document is to facilitate stronger collaboration between local governments and the AQMD to reduce community exposure to source-specific and cumulative air pollution impacts. It is recognized that local governments, to make the best decisions for the benefit of their residents, must weigh and balance multiple issues, demands and concerns, including, but not limited to, the need for housing, existing development and development patterns, environmental responsibilities and more when making land use decisions.**

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