

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 2202 – On-Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Webinar Meeting
<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/94339030649>
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This Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone-in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom or by phone. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

Purpose of Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present the South Coast AQMD's Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 2202 – On-Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options. The Public Workshop will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss PAR 2202. PAR 2202 is currently scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on August 4, 2023 (subject to change).

Rule Background

Existing Rule 2202 requires large employers with 250 or more employees to mitigate the emissions from employee commute trips into the worksite. Rule 2202 provides employers subject to the rule with a menu of options to reduce emissions from employee commute trips and meet an emission reduction target for their worksite. There are currently three main options for compliance with Rule 2202: 1) Air Quality Investment Program - Employers pay a mitigation fee for each employee arriving at the work site, with funds going towards projects that improve air quality; 2) Emission Reduction Strategies - emission reduction credits are purchased from vendors and surrendered to meet emission reduction goal; 3) Employee Commute Reduction Program - worksites develop and implement a rideshare program. Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) is the key metric currently used to measure the success of a worksite's rideshare program.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

The South Coast Air Basin continues to exceed federal air quality standards, largely due to emissions from mobile sources. The adopted 2022 Air Quality Management Plan requires significant emission reductions to meet these standards and includes a control measure (MOB-14) that calls for amending Rule 2202 to reduce emissions from employee commutes, such as accounting for recent changes in telecommuting behavior. The proposal here to amend Rule 2202 will be a first phase designed to gather information to inform a potential second phase of rulemaking on Rule 2202 to commence in 2024. Specifically, PAR 2202 would implement new data collection and reporting requirements, update strategies and training requirements, and standardize compliance forms and related documents. New data collection and reporting requirements for all worksites will include Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in addition to the current AVR data collection and reporting, telecommuting information, and worksite business-type categorization.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is reviewing the proposed project (PAR 2202) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than May 19, 2023:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Amended Rule 2202;
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 2202;
- Draft Employee Commute Reduction Program Guidelines; and
- Draft Implementation Guidelines.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft rule and staff report may be obtained from:

Derrick Alatorre
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South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-2202>

Submission of Documents or Comments

Please submit any relevant comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information to the contact information listed below:

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Written comments on the proposed amended rule should be submitted by June 30, 2023.