



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING**

### COACHELLA VALLEY ATTAINMENT PLAN FOR THE 2008 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) announces the release of the Draft Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard (Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan) and invites you to participate in a Public Consultation Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Consultation Meeting is to solicit information, comments, and suggestions from the public, affected businesses, and stakeholders on the Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan. Meeting materials will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting at [www.aqmd.gov/cvozoneplan](http://www.aqmd.gov/cvozoneplan).

#### **Meeting Information**

The Public Consultation Meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and telephone, with opportunity for public comment. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting.

#### **JOIN ZOOM MEETING - FROM PC, LAPTOP OR PHONE**

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/94658129179>

#### **Zoom Webinar ID: 946 5812 9179**

Teleconference Dial In +1-669-900-6833 or +1-253-215-8782

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Spanish Language Audience/*Para la Audiencia que Habla Español*

*Unirse a la Reunión en Zoom:* <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/93209559643>

Meeting ID/*Identificación de la Reunión:* 932 0955 9643

Teleconference Dial In/*Numero para llamar:* +1-669-900-6833

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#### **ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

Instructions provided at bottom of this announcement

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL STILL BE TAKEN**

Audience will be allowed to provide public comment through Zoom connection or telephone. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person.

## **Background**

The Coachella Valley was originally classified as “severe-15” nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS or standard) with an attainment date of July 20, 2027. The 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) included a strategy to attain the 2008 ozone NAAQS by the due date and was adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board and submitted to U.S. EPA in 2017. In November 2022, South Coast AQMD submitted a request to reclassify the Coachella Valley from “severe-15” to “extreme” nonattainment with a new attainment date of July 20, 2032. South Coast AQMD voluntarily requested the reclassification to resolve a transportation conformity lockdown impacting billions of dollars’ worth of transportation projects. U.S. EPA’s approval of the reclassification in 2023 triggered the need to develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to address new requirements associated with the reclassification. The primary purpose of the Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan is to satisfy the “extreme” nonattainment area planning requirements. Specifically, the Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan provides the strategy and the underlying technical analysis for how the Coachella Valley will meet the 2008 8-hour ozone standard by the attainment year of 2031.

## **Documents Availability**

The Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan is available online at: [www.aqmd.gov/cvozoneplan](http://www.aqmd.gov/cvozoneplan). All chapters and appendices are available for public review and comment.

## **Public Comments**

Written comments on the Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan should be submitted by August 30, 2024, via email at: [AQMPteam@aqmd.gov](mailto:AQMPteam@aqmd.gov).

## **Public Hearing**

The Governing Board meeting to consider adoption of the Draft Coachella Valley Ozone Plan is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2024, (subject to change) at 9:00 a.m. in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the South Coast AQMD’s website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

## **For more information, please contact:**

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

Disability and language-related accommodations including translation services can be requested to allow participation in the Public Consultation Meeting. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. 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 South Coast AQMD. Requests can be sent to the Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at +1-909-396-2432 (for TTY, +1-909-396-3560) or send the request to [PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov) or [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov).

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Instructions for Participating in a Virtual Meeting as an Attendee**

As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to virtually raise your hand and provide public comment. Before joining the call, please silence your other communication devices such as your cell or desk phone. This will prevent any feedback or interruptions during the meeting.

#### **For language interpretation:**

- Click the interpretation Globe icon at the bottom of the screen
- Select the language you want to hear (either English or Spanish)
- Click "Mute Original Audio" if you hear both languages at the same time.

#### **Para interpretación de idiomas:**

- Haga clic en el icono de interpretación el globo terráqueo en la parte inferior de la pantalla
- Seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar (inglés o español)
- Haga clic en "Silenciar audio original" si escucha ambos idiomas al mismo tiempo.

#### **Please note:**

During the meeting, all participants will be placed on Mute by the host. You will not be able to mute or unmute your lines manually.

- Speakers may be limited to a total of 3 minutes.
- A countdown timer will be displayed on the screen for each public comment. If interpretation is needed, more time will be allotted.

#### **Directions to provide public comment on ZOOM from a DESKTOP/LAPTOP or SMARTPHONE:**

- Click on the "Raise Hand" feature at the bottom of the screen. This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

#### **Directions to provide public comment via TELEPHONE:**

- Dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

#### **Directions for Spanish Language TELEPHONE line only:**

- The call in number is the same (+1-669-900-6833)
- The meeting ID number is 932-0955-9643
- If you would like to make public comment, please dial \*9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.

#### **Instrucciones para la línea de TELÉFONO en español únicamente:**

- El número de llamada es el mismo (+1 669-900-6833)
- El número de identificación de la reunión es 932-0955-9643
- Si desea hacer un comentario público, marque \*9 en su teclado para indicar que desea comentar.