



2022 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Air Pollution Control Board will hold a public hearing to adopt the final draft of the Ventura County 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and certify its Initial Study Negative Declaration, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Staff is recommending the adoption of the 2022 Ventura County AQMP, which presents Ventura County's strategy (including related mandated elements) to attain the 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standard, as required by the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Photochemical air quality modeling indicates that Ventura County will attain the 2015 federal 8-hour ozone standard by 2026 using local, state, and federal clean air programs. The previous Ventura County AQMP, prepared in 2016, projected attainment of the 2008 federal 8-hour ozone standard by 2020. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice of proposed rulemaking on July 14, 2022, determining that Ventura County has attained that standard by its July 20, 2021 attainment date.

The 2022 AQMP presents a combined state and local strategy for attaining the 2015 federal 8-hour ambient air quality standard for ozone, the only federal clean air standard Ventura County does not meet, by the statutory compliance deadline of August 3, 2027. It was prepared to satisfy federal Clean Air Act planning requirements for areas designated as serious federal 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas, including, but not limited to, updated air quality information, an updated emissions inventory, local and state air pollutant control measures, new emission forecasts and projections, a new federal conformity budget for transportation projects, a reasonable further progress demonstration for precursors of ozone (reactive organic gases and nitrogen oxides), a new countywide emission carrying capacity, and a demonstration that Ventura County will attain the federal 8-hour ozone standard.

Information regarding the proposed plan, including the Initial Study/Negative Declaration, is available for review by any interested party at the APCD offices located at 4567 Telephone Road 2nd Floor, Ventura, California, 93003 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm excluding holidays). The documents are also available on the District website at www.vcapcd.org. Both the Draft 2022 Ventura County AQMP and accompanying Negative Declaration were posted and available for a 30-day public review period that ended on September 30, 2022.

The public hearing will be held at the following time and location:

December 13, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Ventura County Government Center
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

You are invited to attend this meeting and be heard on this matter. For instructions on how to attend virtually or how to submit comments, you may read the instructions located inside the public agenda for the hearing, to be posted on our website the week prior to the scheduled hearing. You may visit http://www.vcapcd.org/agendas.htm#The_Air_Pollution_Control_Board to access the District's Boards and Committees webpage.

Written comments should be directed to John Henkelman, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, john@vcapcd.org, 4567 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93003.