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Public Workshop Webinar to Discuss Proposed Amendments to the Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public webinar and provide input on proposed area designations for State ambient air quality standards (State standards). During the webinar, staff will present background information on the State standards and the designation process and will discuss proposed amendments to the area designations.

Webinar Information

Date: Friday, October 22, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: [GoToWebinar](#)

This meeting will be available via webinar only. You will need to register in advance at: [GoToWebinar](#). Webinar participants will be able to send written questions or comments during the webinar. Webinar materials will be posted in advance of the webinar on the [State Area Designations webpage](#).

State Area Designations Information and Background

To protect public health, the Board adopted State ambient air quality standards which define the maximum amount of an air pollutant that can be present in ambient (outdoor) air. State law requires CARB to establish and annually review area designations for these State standards.

CARB establishes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, inhalable particulate matter (PM₁₀), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. Areas are designated as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for each State standard based on air quality data for the most recent three calendar years, currently 2018 through 2020.

Proposed Amendments

At the public workshop, CARB staff will present the following proposed amendments to the area designations for:

- NO₂
 - South Coast Air Basin
 - CA 60 Portion of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties – from Nonattainment to Attainment
- PM_{2.5}
 - South Central Coast Air Basin
 - Santa Barbara County – from Unclassified to Attainment
- PM₁₀
 - North Coast Air Basin
 - Mendocino County – from Nonattainment to Attainment.

The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation amendments at a public hearing on February 24 or 25, 2022. Further information can be found at our [State Designations webpage](#).

Contacts

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Mrs. Rebecca Garcia at Rebecca.Garcia@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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Sincerely,



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