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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 discuss proposed amendments to the area designations.

Webinar Information

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom](#)

This meeting will be available via webinar only. Therefore, you will need to register in advance in [Zoom](#). Webinar participants can send written questions or comments during the webinar. In addition, staff will post webinar materials 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. In addition, 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 2019 through 2021.

Proposed Amendments

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

- **Ozone**
 - **Lake Tahoe Air Basin** – from Attainment to Nonattainment
 - **Mountain Counties Air Basin**
 - Amador County – from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment
 - Tuolumne County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional
 - **Sacramento Valley Air Basin**
 - Shasta County – from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment
 - **South Central Coast Air Basin**
 - Santa Barbara County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional
- **PM_{2.5}**
 - **Sacramento Valley Air Basin**
 - Sutter/Yuba Counties – from Attainment to Nonattainment

The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation amendments at a public hearing on January 26, 2023. Further information can be found on 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. Charlotte Langston at Charlotte.Langston@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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