

Date: September 20, 2023

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, CARB 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, October 4, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom](#)

This meeting will be available via webinar only in [Zoom](#). Webinar participants can send written questions or comments during the webinar. In addition, CARB staff will post webinar materials after 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 2020 through 2022.

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 Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

Mountain Counties Air Basin

Amador County - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

Calaveras County - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

Placer County - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

Sacramento Valley Air Basin

Butte County - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

Sutter County, Sutter Buttes - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

Sutter and Yuba Counties, Remainder of Sutter County and Yuba County - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin - from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

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Salton Sea Air Basin

Riverside County - from Attainment to Nonattainment

PM_{2.5}

Sacramento Valley Air Basin

Butte County - from Nonattainment to Attainment

The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation amendments at a public hearing on January 25, 2024. 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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