

Date: September 17, 2025

# 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 1, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

This meeting will be available via webinar only on *Microsoft Teams*. 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. Similar to the national ambient air quality standards promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, these standards are set based on the best science available at the time and are intended to protect public health. State law requires CARB to establish and annually review area designations for State standards.

CARB establishes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, suspended particulate matter ( $PM_{10}$ ), fine particulate matter ( $PM_{2.5}$ ), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide ( $NO_2$ ), sulfur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ), 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 2022 through 2024.

# **Proposed Amendments**

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

#### Ozone

## Lake Tahoe Air Basin

Placer County and El Dorado County portions of the Lake Tahoe Air Basin - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Attainment

#### **Mountain Counties Air Basin**

Amador County - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment Calaveras County - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment Tuolumne County - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment

## Sacramento Valley Air Basin

Sutter County (Sutter Buttes) - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment Remainder of Sutter County - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Attainment Yuba County - from Nonattainment-Transitional to Attainment

#### PM<sub>10</sub>

# **Mountain Counties Air Basin**

Calaveras County - from Nonattainment to Attainment

## $PM_{2.5}$

# Sacramento Valley Air Basin

Sutter and Yuba Counties - from Nonattainment to Attainment

# **Public Hearing**

The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation amendments at a public hearing on January 22, 2026. Further information can be found on the *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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