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Public Workshop 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 workshop and provide input on proposed area designations for State ambient air quality standards (State standards). During the workshop, CARB staff will present background information on the State standards and the designation process and discuss proposed amendments to the area designations.

Workshop Information

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: *Microsoft Teams*

This meeting will be available via webinar only on *Microsoft Teams*. Participants can send written questions or comments during the workshop. In addition, CARB staff will post materials after the workshop 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 these 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 (H_2S), 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 2023 through 2025.

Proposed Amendments

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

Ozone

Mountain Counties Air Basin

Amador County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional
Calaveras County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional
El Dorado County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional
Placer County – from Nonattainment-Transitional to Attainment
Tuolumne County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment -Transitional

Sacramento Valley Air Basin

Butte County – from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment
Shasta County – from Nonattainment-Transitional to Nonattainment
Yolo/Solano Counties – from Nonattainment-Transitional to Attainment
Placer County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional
Tehama County – from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional

PM_{10}

North Coast Air Basin

Mendocino County - from Attainment to Nonattainment

H_2S

San Diego Air Basin

San Diego County – from Unclassified to Nonattainment

Public Hearing

A public hearing is not currently scheduled; however, interested members of the public may request a public hearing on this item during the open comment period. If a request for a public hearing is received during the open comment period, CARB will conduct a public hearing. If no request for a public hearing is received, a hearing will not be held.

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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