

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider 2026 State Implementation Plan Revisions for the California Extreme Ozone Nonattainment Areas

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the adoption of the 2026 State Implementation Plan Revisions for the California Extreme Ozone Nonattainment Areas (2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision). If adopted, CARB will submit the 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Date: May 28, 2026

Time: 9:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

California Environmental Protection Agency
California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on May 29, 2026. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the May 28, 2026, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

On September 22, 2022, CARB adopted the 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (2022 State SIP Strategy). The 2022 State SIP Strategy describes CARB's roadmap for reducing emissions from State sources to support attainment across the state of the health-based 70 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (standard). The 2022 State SIP Strategy included specific commitments for California's extreme ozone nonattainment areas, the South Coast Air Basin, Coachella Valley, and San Joaquin Valley, to support attainment of the 70-ppb 8-hour ozone standard by 2037. The commitments in the 2022 State SIP Strategy are to develop control measures for emissions sources in the state, including those subject to CARB's regulatory authority, as needed to support attainment. As a part of CARB's adoption of each regional plan, CARB made commitments to achieve specified aggregate totals of emissions reductions based on the measures in the 2022 State SIP Strategy. The 2022 State SIP Strategy and related attainment plans were submitted to U.S. EPA for approval in 2023 and 2024.

California's authority to regulate emissions from mobile sources is preserved under section 209 of the Clean Air Act. CARB may enforce emissions standards that are at least as protective, in the aggregate, as federal emissions standards, in recognition of California's compelling and extraordinary circumstances. Consistent with section 209 of the Clean Air Act, CARB submitted and U.S. EPA acted to grant more than 100 requests for waivers and authorizations of federal preemption over the past several decades. Where required, these approvals are necessary to CARB's ability to enforce its emission standards for mobile sources, including many of the regulatory commitments in the 2022 State SIP Strategy.

Over the last year, California's clean air progress has been undermined by unprecedented federal interference, including the illegal disapproval of three previous federal actions waiving preemption for some of the State's major vehicle and engines emissions control programs. The 2022 State SIP Strategy commitments and baseline emissions inventories within each regional attainment plan did not account for this federal interference. Since U.S. EPA has not yet acted on the attainment plans for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard or the 2022 State SIP Strategy, CARB is revising these plans to reflect these federal actions. The 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision revises the 2022 State SIP Strategy measure commitments, aggregate emissions reduction commitments, and other elements as needed for the South Coast Air Basin, Coachella Valley, and San Joaquin Valley nonattainment areas. The 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision supports the approval of the attainment plans currently awaiting U.S. EPA action.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the State commitment to achieve specified emissions reductions by 2037, planning emissions inventories, reasonable further progress demonstrations, and associated motor vehicle emissions budgets as included in the 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision. CARB staff also recommends the Board direct staff to submit the 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP if adopted.

Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2026-SIP-Revisions-California-Extreme-Ozone-NAA>s by April 17, 2026. Please contact, Lindsay Garcia, Regulations Coordinator, at regulations@arb.ca.gov or (916) 546-2286 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not submitted during the meeting, must be received **no later than May 18, 2026**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7921.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Austin Hicks, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (279) 208-7240 or Ariel Fideldy, Chief, Air Quality Planning Branch, at (279) 208-7225.

Environmental Analysis

When the 2022 State SIP Strategy was proposed, CARB prepared an environmental analysis (EA) under its certified regulatory program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 60000-60008) to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code, §21080.5). The EA, included as Appendix B to the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy and titled Final Environmental Analysis for the proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (Final EA), dated September 16, 2022,¹ determined the 2022 State SIP Strategy could result in the following short-term and long-term impacts: beneficial impacts to air quality (long-term operational-related) and greenhouse gases; less-than-significant impacts to energy demand, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreational services and wildfire; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality (short-term construction-related), biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, transportation/traffic, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. CARB, as the lead agency, has concluded that no additional environmental review is required for the proposed action. This action does not present any of the circumstances requiring further environmental review because there are no changes that involve new significant environmental effects, or a substantial increase in severity of previously identified significant effects, or any other circumstances requiring further environmental review beyond the Final EA certified in September 2022. A detailed explanation of the basis for reaching this determination is included in Chapter 6 of the 2026 Extreme Ozone SIP Revision.

Special Accommodation Request

Consistent with California Government Code section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerks' Office at cotb@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-5594 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board hearing. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

¹ The EA and associated documents are available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2022-state-strategy-state-implementation-plan-2022-state-sip-strategy>, and are incorporated here by reference.

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Date: April 16, 2026

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see [CARB's website](http://ww2.arb.ca.gov) (ww2.arb.ca.gov).