

Notice of Exemption

Project Title:	Amendments to Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards
Project Location:	Statewide
Public Meeting Date:	January 25, 2024; <i>Agenda Item #24-1-1</i>
Project Description:	The 2023 amendments designate areas of California as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for pollutants for the State ambient air quality standards. These amendments are based on 2020 to 2022 air quality data and determined that amended area designations are proposed for ozone, hydrogen sulfide, and fine particulate matter (PM _{2.5}) air quality standards.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on January 25, 2024.

CARB has determined that this project is exempt from CEQA under the general rule or “common sense” exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). CEQA Guidelines states “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA”. Based on CARB’s review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in environmental analysis section the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2024/2023-state-area-designations-regulation>.

These documents may also be examined at:

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