

**Updates to BAAQMD New Source Review
and Title V Permitting Programs:
Amendments to Regulation 2, Rules 1, 2, 4, and 6**

CEQA Scoping Meeting
July 10, 2012



Agenda

- Introductions and Overview
- Summary of Project Description
- Discussion of Potentially Significant Impacts to Evaluate in EIR
- Discussion of Potential Mitigations and/or Alternatives That Could Avoid or Lessen Potential Significant Impacts
- Next Steps



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Overview

- District is updating its New Source Review (NSR) and Title V permitting regulations (Regulation 2, Rule 1, 2, 4 & 6)
- Current rules have not been updated in many years; update needed to address recent regulatory developments.
- District staff have circulated 2 drafts of proposed amendments and solicited public comments; will be finalizing a proposal this summer.



Overview (cont'd)

- Reg. 2 updates are intended to help implement important stationary source permitting programs – expected to have beneficial environmental impact
- EIR is necessary to determine whether there may be any indirect adverse environmental impacts
- Staff published Notice of Preparation and Initial Study on June 12, 2012
- Today's Scoping Meeting is to discuss scope and contents of EIR



Project Description

Updates to Regulation 2 would do the following:

- Add New Source Review (NSR) permitting requirements for PM_{2.5}
- Add NSR and Title V permitting requirements for greenhouse gases (GHGs)
- Adopt a District “Prevention of Significant Deterioration” (PSD) permitting program for approval by EPA



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Project Description (Cont'd)

- Require a modeling analysis for certain sources to ensure no violation of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- Expand public notice and comment opportunities for NSR permits to include smaller sources



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Project Description (Cont'd)

- Reorganize regulatory provisions and clarify regulatory language to make rules easier to understand
- Miscellaneous additional minor revisions



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Consideration of Impacts - “Baseline” Conditions

- The “Baseline” for evaluating a project under CEQA is existing conditions
- For regulatory amendments, current existing conditions are the existing regulatory standards that are currently in place
- EIR will evaluate potential for impacts arising from proposed changes to regulatory standards

Consideration of Impacts – Potentially “Significant” Impacts

- Potential for **Significant** Impacts Identified in Initial Study:
 - Air quality
 - GHGs
 - Potential that requiring additional pollution controls, or other regulatory changes that could result in physical changes at affected facilities, could cause ancillary adverse environmental impacts

Consideration of Impacts (Cont'd)

- Areas of Potential Impact Identified in Initial Study with No Impact or Less-Than-Significant Impact
 - Aesthetics
 - Agriculture/Forestry
 - Biological Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Geology/Soils
 - Hazards and Hazardous Materials
 - Hydrology/Water Quality



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Consideration of Impacts (Cont'd)

- Areas of Potential Impact Identified in Initial Study with No Impact or Less-Than-Significant Impact (cont'd)
 - Land Use/Planning
 - Mineral Resources
 - Noise
 - Population/Housing
 - Public Services
 - Recreation



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Consideration of Impacts (Cont'd)

- Areas of Potential Impact Identified in Initial Study with No Impact or Less-Than-Significant Impact (cont'd)
 - Transportation/Traffic
 - Utilities/Service Systems



Potential Mitigation Measures/Alternatives

- Available mitigation and/or alternatives to avoid or lessen significant environmental impacts will depend on what significant environmental impacts may be identified in the EIR.
- EIR will consider feasible mitigation measures and/or alternatives to avoid or substantially lessen any significant environmental impacts that are identified.



Next Steps

- Comments on NOP/IS due July 16, 2012
- Complete environmental analysis and prepare Draft EIR
- Circulate Draft EIR for public review and comment
- Consider public comments
- Board consideration of proposed amendments and EIR