

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation – State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth St, Suite 222
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From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15094

Project Title: Additional Measures in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles

State Clearinghouse No: 2022050287 and 2016071006

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District
(South Coast AQMD)

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Date of Certification/ Project Approval: August 7, 2026

Project Location: The entities subject to the additional measures in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement are the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles which are both located within Los Angeles County within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Project Description: A Cooperative Agreement between South Coast AQMD and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles (Cooperative Agreement), which was approved by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 7, 2025, and executed on December 17, 2025, requires the Ports to develop and implement charging and fueling infrastructure plans. The proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement has been subsequently developed which: 1) includes three additional measures requiring the Ports to enhance their current clean ship incentive programs to encourage port calls from the cleanest ocean-going vessels, to develop and implement a new incentive program to encourage utilization of zero-emission trucks, and to allocate funds to South Coast AQMD for regional off-port zero-emission truck charging and fueling infrastructure projects; 2) incorporates a provision for South Coast AQMD to recover reasonable costs for

newly introduced staff expenses; and 3) directs payment for contract defaults to go into the Clean Air Mitigation Fund previously established in the Cooperative Agreement.

The cost recovery provision in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement, which was crafted to ensure that South Coast AQMD recovers the reasonable costs associated with the implementation and compliance activities, is statutorily exempt from CEQA and is not the focus of this Notice of Determination. A Notice of Exemption for the cost recovery provision has been filed and posted separately.

Lastly, the direction requiring payments resulting from contractual defaults associated with the additional measures to be deposited into the existing Clean Air Mitigation Fund is not a project as defined by CEQA, does not change the prior determination that the creation of the Clean Air Mitigation Fund in the Cooperative Agreement is not considered a project within the meaning of CEQA, and is also not the focus of this Notice of Determination.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has made the following determinations and approved the requirements in the Proposed Addendum to Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles:

1. The additional measures in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement, are considered a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. The requirements contained in the additional measures in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement implement a portion of Control Measure MOB-01 – Emission Reductions at Commercial Marine Ports, which was previously adopted in the 2016 and 2022 Air Quality Management Plans (AQMPs), and Control Measure MOB-15 – Zero Emission Infrastructure for Mobile Sources, which was previously adopted in the 2022 AQMP.
3. The Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2022 AQMP, which included Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan, was certified on December 2, 2022 (State Clearinghouse No. 2022050287), and the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP, which also included Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan, was certified on March 3, 2017 (State Clearinghouse No. 201607100). Both Final Program EIRs evaluated the control measures, which are being relied upon for the additional measures in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement, and analyzed their potential environmental impacts.
4. No new Initial Study would need to be prepared leading to either an EIR or a Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 (c)(1) because: i) there are no substantial changes proposed to the previously adopted Control Measures MOB-01 and MOB-15 in the 2022 AQMP and Control Measure MOB-01 in the 2016 AQMP which are being relied upon for the provisions in the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement; ii) there is no new information of substantial importance to Control Measures MOB-01 and MOB-15 previously adopted in the 2022 AQMP and Control Measure MOB-01 previously adopted in the 2016 AQMP, and any new information is

not comprised of new significant effects or substantially worsened or more severe significant effects that were not previously analyzed in the Final Program EIRs for the 2016 AQMP and 2022 AQMP; iii) there are no new or modified physical changes that would result from the provisions in the additional measures in the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement which were not previously analyzed in the Final Program EIRs for the 2016 AQMP and 2022 AQMP; and iv) there is no change to the previously adopted mitigation measures or the previously considered alternatives in the Final Program EIRs for the 2022 AQMP and 2016 AQMP. Thus, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), a subsequent EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 is not required and the Final Program EIRs for the 2022 AQMP and 2016 AQMP can be relied on for CEQA compliance.

5. The mitigation measures developed in the Final Program EIRs for the 2022 AQMP and 2016 AQMP for the previously adopted Control Measures MOB-01 in the 2022 AQMP and 2016 AQMP may be applicable in the event that the Ports: 1) elect to rely on the environmental analyses conducted by South Coast AQMD in the Final Program EIRs for the 2022 AQMP and 2016 AQMP when implementing additional measures in the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement; and 2) find that the environmental analysis of the future defined actions identifies significant adverse air quality impacts. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(3).)
6. Based on substantial evidence in the record and in accordance with the noticing requirements in CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(e), the additional measures in the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement are a later activity within the scope of the programs approved earlier for the 2022 AQMP and 2016 AQMP per CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c), and the Final Program EIR for the 2022 AQMP and the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP adequately describe and analyze the activities associated with the additional measures in the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement for the purposes of CEQA compliance such that no new environmental document is required. The analysis supporting this conclusion can be found in Attachment G of the Board Package of the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

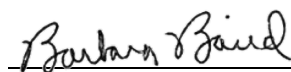
The following documents and records of approval by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may be examined at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765:

- 1) 2022 AQMP, with the Final Program EIR for the 2022 AQMP and its corresponding Notice of Determination, Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (Agenda No. 26 of the December 2, 2022 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting);
- 2) Agenda No. 2 of the January 6, 2023 of South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting which contains the Approved Minutes for the December 2, 2022 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting including the record of approval of Agenda No. 26 of the 2022 AQMP.

- 3) 2016 AQMP, with the Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP and its corresponding Notice of Determination, Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (Agenda No. 35 of the March 3, 2017 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting);
- 4) Agenda No. 1 of the April 7, 2017 of South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting which contains the Approved Minutes for the March 3, 2017 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting including the record of approval of Agenda No. 35 of the 2016 AQMP.
- 5) The November 7, 2025 Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, and its corresponding Notice of Determination;
- 6) Agenda No. 30 of the November 7, 2025 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting which contains the Proposed Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which includes the CEQA Analysis of the Proposed Cooperative Agreement as Attachment G;
- 7) Agenda No. 1 of the December 5, 2025 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting which contains the Approved Minutes for the November 7, 2025 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Meeting including the record of approval of Agenda No. 30 of the Proposed Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles;
- 8) Proposed Addendum to Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles; and
- 9) Agenda No. 30 of the August 7, 2026 South Coast AQMD Governing Board Package of the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which includes the CEQA Analysis of the Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement as Attachment G.

Date Received for Filing

Signature:  August 7, 2026
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