



# Air Resources Board



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DATE: February 6, 2012  
TO: All Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
THE AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY  
STANDARDS

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The California Air Resources Board (ARB 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).

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2012  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

This meeting will be available via teleconference and webinar only. Either method (or both) may be used to access the workshop. A copy of the presentation will be made available on the designations website, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/2012statedesig.htm>, before the start of the workshop.

**Teleconference:** Dial 1-866-820-5740 (give the participation code 2065838).

**Webinar:** Please register in advance at the following website: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/136508673>. If prompted, the webinar ID is: 136-508-673. If you wish to ask a question verbally during the webinar, you must use the teleconference information provided above. You may also type questions using a chat box available during the webinar. Staff will be using a computer to answer any questions submitted through the webinar dialogue box. In the event that the webinar fails, please call the teleconference number above to continue participating.

## 2012 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. State law requires ARB to establish and annually review area designations for these State standards.

ARB establishes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, inhalable particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>), fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. Areas are

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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 2008 through 2010.

At the public workshop, ARB staff will present the following proposed changes to the area designations affecting two pollutants: ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

**PROPOSED AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE STANDARDS**  
*(Based on 2008-2010 data)*

| <b>Pollutant</b>        | <b>Air Basin/County</b>              | <b>Current Designation</b> | <b>Proposed Designation</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Ozone</b>            | <b>Sacramento Valley Air Basin</b>   |                            |                             |
|                         | Glenn County                         | N                          | NA-T*                       |
|                         | Yolo/Solano Counties                 | N                          | NA-T*                       |
| <b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b> | <b>North Coast Air Basin</b>         |                            |                             |
|                         | Del Norte/Humboldt/Trinity Counties  | U                          | A                           |
|                         | <b>Northeast Plateau Air Basin</b>   |                            |                             |
|                         | Entire Air Basin                     | U                          | A                           |
|                         | <b>South Central Coast Air Basin</b> |                            |                             |
|                         | Ventura County                       | N                          | A                           |

*Designation Categories:*

A = Attainment; N = Nonattainment; NA-T = Nonattainment-Transitional; U = Unclassified.

\* Changes in ozone designation from nonattainment to nonattainment-transitional or from nonattainment-transitional back to nonattainment occur by operation of law under Health and Safety Code section 40925.5.

The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation changes at a public hearing on May 24, 2012.

Further information can be found at our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/desig.htm>. E-mail notifications of State Area Designation information can be received by subscribing to our listserve at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/desig.htm>.

Special Accommodations and Language Assistance

Special accommodation or language needs can be provided for any of the following:

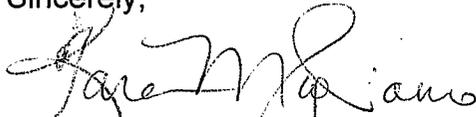
- An interpreter to be available at the workshop;
- Documents made available in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or another language; or
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the staff member listed below as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have any questions about the public workshop or proposed amendments, please contact: Ms. Theresa Najita, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-7297 or by e-mail at [tnajita@arb.ca.gov](mailto:tnajita@arb.ca.gov) or Ms. Sylvia Zulawnick, Manager, at (916) 324-7163 or by e-mail at [szulawni@arb.ca.gov](mailto:szulawni@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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