



# Air Resources Board



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DATE: August 14, 2013  
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: Thursday, August 29, 2013  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

This meeting will be available via webinar only. A copy of the presentation will be made available on the 2013 designations website before the start of the workshop at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/2013statedesig.htm>.

**Webinar:** You will need to register in advance at the following website: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/465403048>. If prompted, the webinar ID is: 465-403-048. If you wish to ask a question verbally during the webinar, you must use the telephone information that will be provided by the gotomeeting website; please note that this is NOT a toll-free number. You may also type questions using a dialogue box available during the webinar. In the event the webinar is not functional for you, all material, including the presentation text, will be available on the 2013 designations website noted above on the day of the webinar.

## 2013 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 (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. Areas are designated as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-

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transitional, or unclassified for each State standard based on air quality data for the most recent three calendar years, currently 2010 through 2012.

At the public workshop, ARB staff will present the following proposed changes to the area designations affecting the following pollutants: lead, NO<sub>2</sub>, ozone, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and PM<sub>10</sub>.

**PROPOSED AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE STANDARDS**

*(Based on 2010-2012 data)*

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Designation Area</b>	<b>Current Designation</b>	<b>Proposed Designation</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>South Coast Air Basin</b>		
	Los Angeles County	N	A
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>South Coast Air Basin</b>		
	Entire Air Basin	N	A
<b>Ozone</b>	<b>Sacramento Valley Air Basin</b>		
	Colusa County	NA-T	A
	Glenn County	NA-T	A
	Solano County	NA-T*	N
	Yolo County	NA-T*	N*
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>Sacramento Valley Air Basin</b>		
	Glenn County	U	A
	Sacramento County	N	A
	<b>Salton Sea Air Basin</b>		
	Remainder of Air Basin (outside of City of Calexico)	U	A
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>North Coast Air Basin</b>		
	Del Norte County	N	A
	Trinity 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 Executive Officer is currently scheduled to consider the proposed designation changes at a public hearing, if requested, on December 6, 2013.

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>.

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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.

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 Mr. Webster Tasat, Manager, at (916) 323-4950 or by e-mail at [wtasat@arb.ca.gov](mailto:wtasat@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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