

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Re: Proposed Amended Rule 444 – Open Burning

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations, or amendments thereto, for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), will be held at a special meeting on **Friday, July 12, 2013** in the Auditorium at the SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, 9:00 a.m., or later, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the SCAQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the air quality objective of Proposed Amended Rule 444 is to protect public health by reducing particulate emissions from wood smoke from beach burning activities. The key elements of the proposed amended rule are summarized below:

- Adds a definition for beach burning activities.
- Prohibits beach burning activities after January 1, 2014 during high pollution days.
- Prohibits beach burning activities after June 1, 2014 at all times unless specified criteria are met.
- Local jurisdictions to explore the use of low emission alternatives.
- Other amendments to clarify rule implementation and intent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD has prepared documents, for consideration by the SCAQMD Board, including:

Proposed Amended Rule 444 – Open Burning

Addendum to the Draft Final Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 444 from the May 3, 2013 Governing Board Package

<http://www.aqmd.gov/hb/attachments/2011-2015/2013May/2013-May3-029.pdf>

The above documents and materials are available and may be obtained from the District's Public Information Center located in the District headquarters lobby, or the District's publication request line at (909) 396-2039 or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre - Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-3122, dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

Information about Proposed Amended Rule 444 can be obtained by contacting Mr. Tracy Goss, Program Supervisor, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South

Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-3106, tgoss@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Proposed Amended Rule 444 provisions related to beach burning activities are not proposed to be included as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the SCAQMD Board may make amendments to **Proposed Amended Rule 444 – Open Burning**, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline adoption.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the Board Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written comments for review prior to the public hearing must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before **Tuesday, July 2, 2013**. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain or HTML format.

DATED: June 4, 2013

SAUNDRA McDANIEL
Clerk of the Boards