

State of California
Environment Protection Agency
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Decision

Project Title: 2012 Amendments to Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: None requested.

Project Description: Amendments to the California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 60201 and 60210, designating areas of California as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for pollutants with State ambient air quality standards.

ARB is required to establish and annually review area designations for State Standards. The annual review and update of the area designations gives the public, businesses, and government, an indication of whether the health-based standards are being met. During the 2012 annual review, ARB determined that changes to the existing area designations were warranted based on evaluation of air quality data from 2008 through 2010. The amendments designate the North Coast Air Basin, Northeast Plateau Air Basin, and Ventura County in the South Central Coast Air Basin as "attainment" for PM_{2.5}. It also re-designates Glenn County, Yolo County, and the Sacramento Valley Air Basin (SVAB) portion of Solano County to "nonattainment-transitional" for ozone, which is a non-discretionary change that occurred by operation of law (H&SC §40925.5).

Approved By: Air Resources Board
Executive Order #R-12-013
Dated: **December 28, 2012**

This notice is to advise that the Air Resources Board (ARB), as the lead agency, has adopted the above described regulatory action on December 28, 2012. ARB has determined that there is no possibility that this regulatory action will result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment. This is because the amendments do not direct or require any specific activity or response that could result in environmental impacts; the amendments serve only to identify areas of California as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for pollutants with State ambient air quality standards (see attached Executive Order #R-12-013).

No comments were received raising any significant environmental issues pertaining to this item.

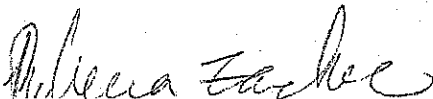
The Staff Report and the written responses to comments included in the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR) are available at the ARB rulemaking webpage at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2012/area12/area12.htm>.

These rulemaking documents may also be examined at:

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Date: 1/21/2013

Attachments:

- Executive Order #R-12-013