

## El Dorado County Air Quality Management District

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

El Dorado County Air Quality Management District Sacramento Regional 2015 NAAQS 8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (EDCAQMD) has scheduled a public hearing on October 17, 2023, at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California, at 8AM or thereafter. EDCAQMD is recommending the Air District Board of Directors adopt the proposed Sacramento Regional 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) 8-hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan (Plan).

The Plan is for the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area (SFNA), which is comprised of Sacramento County, Yolo County and portions of El Dorado, Placer, Solano, and Sutter counties. The five air districts with jurisdiction over these areas are the El Dorado, Feather River, Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo-Solano air districts.

Ground-level ozone is an air pollutant regulated by both state and federal laws. It is a colorless gas created by a chemical reaction between volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen in the presence of sunlight. Breathing ozone can have short and long-term negative health effects, ranging from decreased lung capacity, chest pains, wheezing, lung disease, and increased risk of cardiovascular problems. In 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the maximum daily 8-hour average ozone concentration of 70 parts per billion. Western El Dorado County has been classified as "nonattainment" for the 2015 federal 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The Plan documents how the SFNA will meet the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements by demonstrating Reasonable Further Progress towards and attainment of the 2015 ozone NAAQS by the attainment date of August 3, 2033. The Plan includes ambient ozone data, data trends, photochemical modeling, baseline and forecasted emissions inventories and the anticipated attainment demonstration which is supported by a weight of evidence analysis, compliance with general and transportation conformity requirements, vehicle miles traveled offset demonstration, control measure analysis, statewide and local contingency measures.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the other four SFNA air districts will also conduct public hearings and request their respective boards adopt the Plan. If adopted by all five air districts boards, the Plan will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for approval. If approved by CARB, then CARB will submit the Plan to EPA as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan. Once submitted this notice, the public hearing, and the Plan will satisfy requirements under CAA Sections 110, 172, 176, 181, and 182, and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation, Part 51, Subpart CC.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may examine or request a copy of the Plan and associated documents at the EDCAQMD office at 330 Fair Lane, Building A, Placerville, CA 95667 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday by advance appointment. Copies of this notice and the Plan are posted on the EDCAQMD website (<a href="www.edcgov.us/airqualitymanagement">www.edcgov.us/airqualitymanagement</a>). The Plan is also available for review at the following web address <a href="Sacramento Regional 2015 Ozone NAAQS">Sacramento Regional 2015 Ozone NAAQS</a> <a href="Implementation Plan (airquality.org">Implementation Plan (airquality.org</a>). Please submit any Plan comments in writing to EDCAQMD 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667, or via <a href="aqmd@edcgov.us">aqmd@edcgov.us</a>. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, then please contact Rania Serieh at (530) 621-7509.