



MONTHLY UPDATE

May 2022

The May 11 Commission meeting will be held at the County Hall of Administration, Planning Commission Hearing Room.

Here are upcoming items for the May 11 Regular Meeting:

2022-23 OC LAFCO Final Budget

The Commission will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the final budget of approximately \$1.5M. The proposed budget was distributed to the Board of Supervisors, cities, and special districts for review and comment on March 9. The final budget will include a proposed adjustment to the budget line item for other professional services to accommodate a recommendation from staff to engage a professional consultant to prepare the municipal service reviews for the Southwest and West MSR regions. However, the LAFCO apportionment that is funded by the County, cities and special districts remains the same as identified in the proposed budget previously approved by the Commission. Written agency and public comments submitted prior to the distribution of the agenda by May 4 will be included in the agenda packet.

Professional Services Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group (RSG, Inc.)

The Commission will consider a professional services agreement with RSG to prepare the MSRs for the Southwest and West Regions. After a competitive proposal process, staff selected RSG based on the firm's extensive experience in conducting MSRs and the proposal's competitive pricing.

LAFCO Regular Public Member Process and Appointment

The application period for the Regular Public Member closed on April 7, 2022, with the Commission receiving one application from incumbent Commissioner Derek McGregor. The Commission will review the application packet submitted and consider the recommendation of the Ad hoc Committee, comprised of Chair Davert, Vice Chair Wagner, and Commissioner Bucknum.

Update to the CEQA Guidelines

As a responsible agency, the Commission reviews and makes determinations involving CEQA for changes of organizations and reorganizations (i.e., annexations, detachments). The local CEQA Guidelines, prepared by LAFCO general counsel, guide the Commission in this statutory responsibility and are updated annually. The Commission will consider amending and adopting the 2022 CEQA Guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategic Planning Workshop 2.0

On June 8, the Commission will participate in the second part of the strategic planning workshop. The half-day session will include a review of the six-month objectives and goals set in September of last year and the refining of current goals, as necessary to use as framework for developing the FY 2022-23 Work Plan. Staff is currently exploring options for a workshop facilitator due to an unforeseen conflict.

CALAFCO Annual Conference, Newport Beach, CA

The 2022 CALAFCO Annual Conference is scheduled for October 19 - 20 in the City of Newport Beach. The planning committee for the conference has begun the groundwork to develop a program that includes topics of interest for LAFCO Commissioners across the State. The committee is interested in hearing from you and welcomes suggestions of topics to include as part of the program. You may submit your suggestions to staff.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

For the April 14, 2022, Meeting

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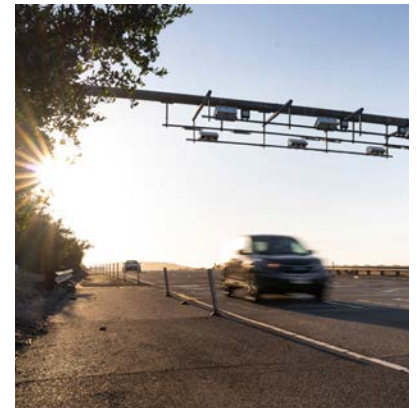
AMENDMENTS TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (Agency) Board of Directors approved amendments to its November 10, 2016, settlement agreement with the environmental community to balance transportation needs with protecting the natural environment. Under the terms of that settlement agreement, the Agency is required to, among other things, commit to the expenditure of \$28,000,000 as part of its Habitat Conservation Fund for the limited primary purpose of preserving and restoring the San Mateo Creek and its watershed. The amendments, which are limited to the terms of the Habitat Conservation Fund, provide the Agency greater flexibility and certainty with respect to the process for developing, funding, and implementing conservation measures, as well as aligning with the Board's adopted Strategic Plan.

The approved amendments allow the Agency to utilize the Habitat Conservation Fund for any of its planned capital projects or to sell the resulting conservation credits to other agencies, including its sister agency, the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency. The Board's approval continues the Agencies' legacy of environmental stewardship, supports planned improvements to the existing Toll Roads network and aligns with the Boards' regional partnership considerations, all while being fiscally prudent.

SELECTION OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND SPECIALTY SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTOR APPROVED

The San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency (SJHTCA) and Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA) Boards of Directors unanimously approved a contract with Corridor Management Group, a joint venture between HNTB and WSP, two highly regarded industry-leading firms. CMG will provide program management and specialty support services for a five-year term. The Program Management and Specialty Support Services contract provides the Agencies assistance and technical expertise in the planning, design, management, and delivery of its capital improvement projects and in managing and operating the existing toll-related roadway facilities and other specialty support services. Annual funding of this contract will be determined through the budgeting process, subject to the Boards approval.



BOARDS APPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER OF OPERATIONS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

The SJHTCA and F/ETCA Boards of Directors unanimously approved a three-year contract extension with TTEC Government Solutions LLC (TTEC) to continue providing Customer Service Center Operations. TTEC has more than 40 years of experience managing and delivering outsourced customer service operations with optimal efficiency. The contractor is responsible for all customer service-related activities, including payment processing, account management, transponder fulfillment and inventory management. TTEC will continue to assist the Agencies with providing efficient, high-quality customer service for its 2.1 customer accounts, including managing more than 125,000 calls per month. The original contract was awarded to Faneuil Inc. who sold this division of their business offerings to TTEC.

ORANGE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

MONTHLY REPORT: Yorba Linda

March



	Monthly	Year to Date (YTD)	County Monthly	County YTD
OPERATIONS				
Service Requests Completed:	8	14	157	437
Mosquitoes:	6	10	107	303
Rats:	0	0	21	76
Rifa:	2	4	28	55
Number of Swimming Pools Treated/Inspected:	51	151	701	2,885
Hours Spent Treating/Inspecting Gutters	0	0	126.75	126.8
Undergrounds Treated:	0	0	783	1,070
Acres of Flood Channels Treated:	0.05	0.05	14.0532	21.7424
Acres of RIFA Treated/Inspected:	0	212	5,171	9,857
Number of Inspection Treatments:	36	132	1,643	4,340
LABORATORY				
Adult Mosquitoes Collected:	0	0	3,055	11,567
Collected From Trustee Home:	0	0	0	0
Invasive Aedes	0	0	4	16
Mosquito Pools (Samples) Tested:	0	0	50	262
WNV Positive Samples:	0	0	1	1
WNV Positive Birds:	0	0	0	0
Number of Human Infections/Deaths:	0	0	0	0
Fleas, Ticks, and Others Tested:	-	-	-	372
COMMUNICATIONS				
Outreach Events Attended:	0	0	1	1
General Presentations:	0	0	3	6
Educational Program Presentations:	0	0	22	55
Calls Received	-	-	198	456

PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH OCMVCD

None at this time

COUNTY RESPONSE LEVEL / AVERAGE RATING:

Normal Season (1.0 to 2.5)
Elevated Risk (2.6 to 4.0)
High Risk (4.1 to 5.0)

TOTAL 16

AVERAGE 2.67

Vector of the Month

Influx of Harmless ‘Mosquito Hawks’ Look Like Giant Mosquitoes



A crane fly perched on a person's fingers. Photo Credit: San Diego County News Center

If you have noticed what looks like giant mosquitoes or daddy-longlegs with wings, flying around like crazy and bouncing off walls, you are not alone. Crane flies can appear in droves throughout the region during rainy winters. Crane flies are nothing to be afraid of. They have many nicknames, including “mosquito hawks,” “skeeter-eaters,” and “daddy longlegs.” However, they are really just crane flies. Although they are pretty large for the average bug you see flying around in Orange County, they are completely harmless to people.

Their bodies sometimes reach an inch or more in length, but they can look even bigger because of their six, long, stilt-like legs. The easiest way to identify a crane fly is to see if it is bigger than a dime. If it is too large to be a mosquito, then it is most likely a crane fly. Bug experts sometimes call the crane flies “five-legged flies” because of their spindly, fragile legs. It is unusual to find one with all six of its legs intact.

There are a few myths and misconceptions that need to be debunked. First, they are related to mosquitoes, but crane flies are not mosquitoes. Most adult crane flies don't eat at all, but those that do will drink nectar. Since most adults do not consume, they are unable to bite, and therefore cannot transmit disease. That's the good news.

Unfortunately, crane flies do not eat mosquitoes. Crane flies have colorful but inaccurate nicknames such as “mosquito hawks” and “skeeter-eaters.” Also, adults only live ten days at the most, unless they're gobbled up by birds, lizards or other predators. Spring is the peak season for crane flies. Their populations are high following a rain event. These bugs are attracted to lights, often drawing them into houses through open doors and windows.

Crane Flies: Harmless Bugs With a Bad Rap

BY: CATHERINE TALLY

UPDATED: FEB 26, 2022



The crane fly from the insect family Tipulidaceae is often referred to as "daddy long legs," a term that can also refer to the common cellar spider and Opiliones "harvestmen"

A Harmless Flying Nuisance

The crane fly, often called "daddy long legs" or "mosquito hawk" is one of the most misunderstood flying insects. Since it resembles the mosquito and is frequently found indoors, it has gotten a bad reputation as a harmful pest.

Actually, these flying bugs can be a nuisance, but they do not bite nor do they spread disease. They are not to be confused with the common cellar spiders nor the arachnid *opilones* referred to as "harvestmen."

There are two types which inhabit our homes and gardens: the European crane fly, *Tipula paludosa* and the common crane fly, *Tipula oleracea*. The two are visually the same except to the practiced eye of an entomologist. One distinct difference is the number of life cycles per

Typically, the crane fly emerges as an adult in the late summer/early fall when it is ready to mate. The adult *Tipula oleracea* also emerges again in the spring when temperatures are warm enough, and the females emerge with mature eggs. Although they sip nectar, they do not eat. The sole purpose within their short 10-14 day life span is to mate and reproduce. A female will typically lay 300 eggs in the soil.

Larval Stage

Mature crane flies are harmless; however, in the larval stage, they can do damage to turf grass when populations are heavy. The leatherjacket, as the larva is known, feeds on the thatch and roots beneath lawns where it helps with the decomposition of organic matter. Healthy lawns and environments that attract birds and

wildlife can withstand this insect, but with dense leatherjacket populations, lawns will exhibit unsightly brown spots with poor growth. How can you tell if you have a problem?

It's important to understand that brown spots can be caused by other things besides insects including poor irrigation and fungal diseases. It is necessary to diagnose the source of the problem before trying to fix it.

Larval Turf Pests



clockwise from top left: sod webworm, beetle grub, crane fly leather jacket, cutworm.

How to Find and Control the Crane Fly

Follow these simple steps to check for a crane fly larvae problem:

- Choose 3 - 4 areas in your lawn for sampling. Look for areas that have turned brown. Also observing the places where birds or wildlife are feeding can help you to pick likely spots.
- Measure a square foot area and use a knife to remove a plug 3" thick. If on a brown area, cut the plug where it borders the green grass for your sample.
- First, study the hole for larva, then examine the clump of grass. Larva will usually be visible in the root and thatch area. Pull the clump apart lightly. If it is easy to tear, it's a good sign that larvae have been chewing on the roots.
- Repeat these steps as needed for random sampling.

There are apt to be other larvae in your sod such as cutworms, beetle grubs, and sod webworms. **Leatherjackets are distinctly legless.**

Prevention and Treatment Options

Tips on preventing leatherjacket infestations include the following:

- Keep the lawn mowed weekly to a height of 3-4 inches.
- Reduce excess moisture with longer, less-frequent irrigation.
- Water in the early morning rather than the evening.
- Aerate the lawn ever two years to ensure good drainage.

If your lawn is healthy, and you're not bothered by the pecking and minor digging of larvae foragers, you really needn't worry about treatment. Birds and small mammals keep the numbers under control. Also, drier conditions help to prevent large populations.

In wetter areas, 25 or more larvae per square foot may be concerning, but generally it's finding 50 to 80 per sq. ft., when you will want to take action.

Marcia Brown

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SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

AGENDA

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTS 2022-23 BOARD OFFICERS

The Regional Council today approved the nominations for the SCAG 2022-23 Board Officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Hon. Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission) who will serve as the new SCAG President; Hon. Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura) who will serve as First Vice President; and Hon. Art Brown (City of Buena Park) who will serve as Second Vice President. The slate of new officers will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification at its meeting on May 5.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS UPDATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Regional Council today adopted the 2022 Public Participation Plan for SCAG, which will define the agency's goals, strategies and processes for engaging the public in the regional planning process. The update, initiated to ensure that SCAG's approach to public engagement is current, effective and inclusive, features changes designed to make the plan more accessible to a general audience and more adaptable in anticipation of evolving technologies.

The draft Public Participation Plan was released for a 45-day period of public review and comment period from November to December 2021. After reviewing and integrating comments where appropriate, staff presented a Proposed Final Public Participation Plan to the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee, who recommended it to the Regional Council for adoption. For more information and to read the new SCAG Public Participation Plan, visit scag.ca.gov/community-participation-public-participation-plan.

INFORMATION

REAP 2021 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND OUTREACH PROCESS

In February 2022, the Regional Council approved a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of the advance funding for the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2021). This authorized SCAG staff to apply for advance funding of up to 10 percent of the \$246 million available to SCAG to support outreach and engagement, early studies and partnerships for program development, expansion of existing Connect SoCal implementation programs, and development of the full program application.

Today, SCAG staff provided an update to members of the Regional Council on the requirements and limitations on usage of the advance funding and the outreach plan developed to support the development of the full REAP 2.0 application. SCAG staff continues to evaluate the program guidelines that were released in late March 2022 to identify potential areas of concern regarding funding and develop plans to address these concerns within the SCAG REAP 2021 program.

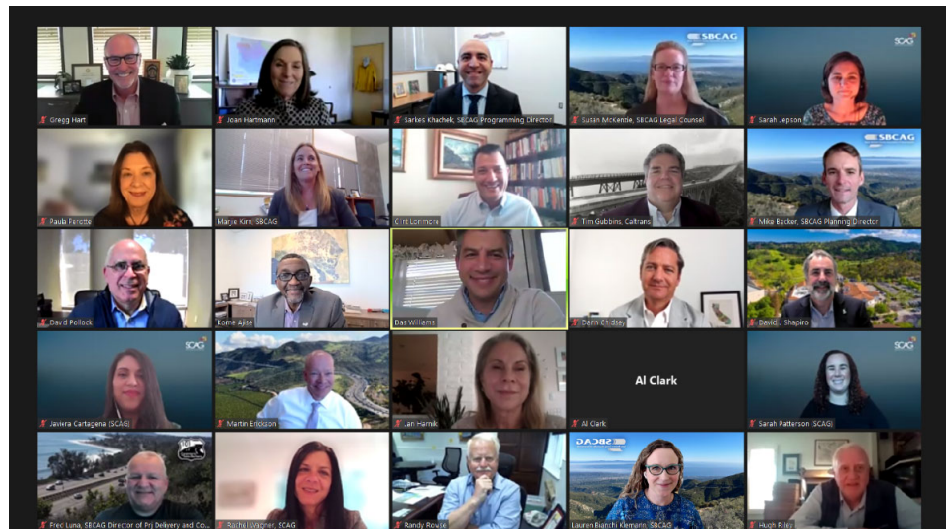
SCAG will host [two virtual information](#) sessions to share a REAP 2.0 program overview. This is an opportunity to learn about the program development timeline and ways to provide input. While the program guidelines for REAP 2.0 are still being finalized, SCAG has developed a draft framework to guide its program development activities. Join us for an upcoming listening session to learn more:

- **Session 1:** Monday, April 25, 2 – 3 p.m.
- **Session 2:** Wednesday, April 27, 3 – 4 p.m.

During the information sessions, SCAG staff will present the draft framework, including an overview of the three proposed programmatic areas. Following the sessions, participants will be encouraged to submit public comment to provide feedback on the draft framework. [Register to attend a session here!](#)

Later this year, SCAG staff will present the finalized framework document for adoption by the Regional Council. Outreach and engagement will continue through the summer and fall, informing the development of the full application for funding, which will be submitted to the state in December 2022.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



In March 2022, SCAG leadership held a joint meeting with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

SCAG LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

On Wednesday, March 9, SCAG and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) held a joint meeting and board members and staff from both agencies, along with representatives from Ventura County Transportation Commission, Ventura Council of Governments, and Caltrans. SCAG President Clint Lorimore and SBCAG President Das Williams welcomed attendees and each agency gave updates regarding their perspective agencies. SBCAG presented on the Highway 101 Project, Broadband Strategic Plan and Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy. SCAG provided updates on Connect

SoCal, equity, housing, and legislative priorities. Following the presentations, the group engaged in discussions.

SCAG HOSTS LISTENING SESSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S SUPPLY CHAIN BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On Tuesday, April 5, SCAG hosted a listening session with California State Transit Agency (CalSTA) Secretary Toks Omishakin, US Department of Transportation Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Carlos Monjeo, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Amit Bose, GO-Biz Senior Advisor Dee Dee Myers, California Transportation Commission Executive Director Mitch Weiss, Caltrans Deputy Director of Planning and Modal Programs Jeanie Ward-Waller and partners from across the region to talk about future improvements to the Southern California goods movement system.

The session included presentations from CalSTA on funding availability, port, freight and goods movement infrastructure and zero-emission infrastructure. President Lorimore and Executive Director Kome Ajise and our regional partners also had an opportunity to share examples of projects from across Southern California and discuss the future of goods movement in the region.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REGISTER FOR THE 2022 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SCAG's [57th Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly](#) is just around the corner on May 5–6!

[Register today](#) for access to high-quality presentations and panels, featuring engaging speakers and thought leaders, and unbeatable networking opportunities filled with collaborative, solution-oriented discussions on fostering change and addressing challenges in our communities.

The event will also feature the presentation of the 2022 SCAG Sustainability Awards, the region's highest honors for projects that promote and improve mobility, livability, prosperity, and sustainability in Southern California.

The event is free for elected officials and city managers in the region. Don't wait to make your plans – **the special conference rate of \$169 per night** at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa ends on April 12.

For more information about the event, including COVID-19 protocols, visit scag.ca.gov/ga2022.

SCAG TO HOST SPRING HOUSING POLICY FORUM: ACCELERATING HOUSING PRODUCTION

SCAG will host the second virtual forum of the Housing Policy Forum Series on **Tuesday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This forum will feature a discussion of challenges, opportunities and trends related to accelerating housing production through regional collaboration.

Participants will also gain insights into best and promising practices from SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program and have an opportunity to provide insight on the technical assistance, structure, and resources of SCAG's REAP 2.0 programs, which aims to accelerate infill development, housing, and vehicle miles traveled reductions in ways that advance equity. [Register here to attend!](#)

JOIN THE PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION FOR SCAG FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will conduct their 2022 SCAG certification review to evaluate the regional transportation planning processes carried out by SCAG. Every four years the FHWA and the FTA jointly complete this review, and we invite the public to share their comments with us at the public listening session on **Tuesday, April 12 from 5 to 6 p.m.** [Learn more here!](#)

The full [Executive Director's Report](#) and past reports will be available on the SCAG website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL

11th General Assembly Host Committee
12th Federal Certification Review Listening Session
18th Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning – Advisory Task Group
19th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
19th Regional Transit Lanes Technical Advisory Committee
26th Transportation Conformity Working Group
26th Housing Working Group
26th Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning – Advisory Task Group
28th Emerging Technologies Committee

MAY

3rd Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
4th Executive/ Administration Committee
5th 2022 Regional Conference & General Assembly
6th 2022 Regional Conference & General Assembly
17th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
19th Technical Working Group
19th Sustainable & Resilient Communities and Natural & Farm Lands Conservation Working Groups (Joint Meeting)
24th Transportation Conformity Working Group
25th Modeling Task Force



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Spring 2022

South Coast AQMD Begins Rule Development to Reduce Emissions from Ports



South Coast AQMD has begun a public process to develop an Indirect Source Rule (Proposed Rule 2304) to reduce air pollution from local commercial marine ports. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the two busiest marine container ports in the nation and the largest emissions source in the South Coast region.

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board directed staff to work with the Ports on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and then shift efforts to develop a rule if no agreement was reached. Overall, the Ports' proposals did not provide sufficient measures to reduce emissions or allow for enforceability.

Air pollution associated with goods movement affects public health throughout the region and disproportionately impacts neighboring communities. Many of the sources causing this pollution are primarily regulated by the federal government, and additional actions at the national level are still urgently needed to provide healthy air for the South Coast region. South Coast AQMD is conducting working group meetings, community meetings and stakeholder outreach to seek input for potential rule concepts.

Rule development is expected to take 12 to 18 months before it is presented to the Governing Board for their consideration. To receive email notifications on upcoming activity for this rule, visit the South Coast AQMD's sign-up page at <http://www.aqmd.gov/sign-up>, and select Rule 2304.

Greetings!

Welcome to my newsletter for the residents and businesses of Orange County to help keep you informed about the policies and programs at South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) that improve the air quality in our basin, which benefit you, our cities, and our economy. If you have suggestions for improving our air quality, or how we do business at South Coast AQMD, please feel free to contact me at crodriguez.scaqmd@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Rodriguez, Mayor

City of Yorba Linda

Upgrades Coming to App Allow Users to Now Submit Online Complaints & View Local Facility Information

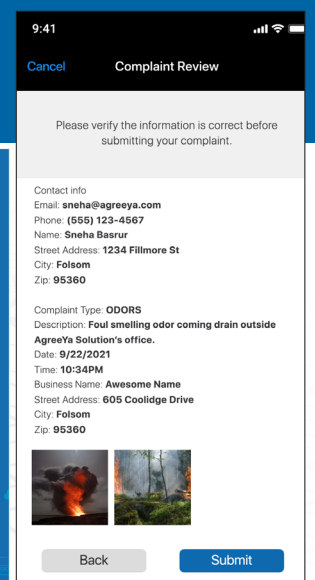
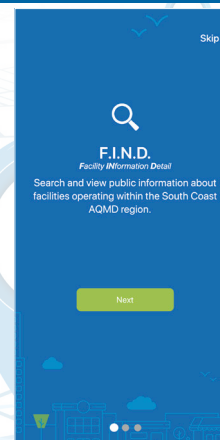
South Coast AQMD is excited to announce two updates to its smartphone app that will allow users to conveniently access facility information, and submit online complaints directly from the free iOS or Android App.

The App will provide direct access to the agency's FIND (Facility INformation Detail) tool, where users can search for public information on regulated facilities, including permit status, history of Notices of Violations, and annual emissions information.

With a more robust reporting feature, users can now submit online complaints directly

from their phones, including the new option of submitting pictures. Once the air quality complaint is submitted and received, a complaint number will be issued. Users can then track the status of the complaint from their phone.

South Coast AQMD anticipates these updates will be released in April 2022. Download the current smartphone App to gain immediate access to our upcoming release and utilize these exciting, enhanced capabilities at www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp or contact South Coast AQMD's Mobile Inquiry email at mobileinquiry@aqmd.gov.



New Inspectors Join the Compliance & Enforcement Team

This past November, 11 new inspectors joined South Coast AQMD's Office of Compliance & Enforcement after completing a newly designed training program. The 10-week course comprised of both virtual classes and field training operations focused on enforcement of air quality rules and regulations.

All of the new inspectors have degrees in science or engineering. They have now joined teams and are ready to carry out the agency's mission to clean the air and to protect the health of the residents in the South Coast Air Basin.



Ronald Domholdt Matthew R. Louie Alice Yang Vincent Mota



Jacquelyne Drainville Jonathan Serrano Daniel Woo Valerie Chin Andrea Rodriguez JT Shea Madison Landi

HOW TO REPORT AN AIR QUALITY COMPLAINT

Call 1-800-CUT-SMOG
(1-800-288-7664)

There are
3 ways
to file:

Visit www.AQMD.gov/Complaints

Download the South Coast AQMD app and select "1-800-CUT-SMOG"

Date and time of the air quality event

Type of air quality event (odors, dust, asbestos, smoke, etc.)

Odor description (gas, chemical, rotten eggs or other familiar odor)

Address or location of suspected source

Please
have
ready:

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ON APRIL 22



1. Combine a daily walk or bike ride with running a few errands and consider riding a bike or walking to work. It cuts down on extra car trips and adds exercise into your daily routine!



2. When you must drive, drive smart! Don't overfill/top off at gas stations, make sure your tires are properly inflated, and keep your car's engine tuned up. When it's time to buy a new vehicle, consider an electric, hybrid-electric, or hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle. Find incentives at www.driveclean.ca.gov.



3. If you have the option, consider teleworking. The average employee who teleworks rather than commuting saves 156 gallons of gas and 2,923 pounds of Carbon Dioxide per year!



4. Get rid of your gas-burning lawnmower, leaf blower, trimmer, or other lawn care equipment for cleaner, quieter electric versions. Find incentives at www.aqmd.gov/lawnandgarden.



5. Invest in energy saver and renewable energy appliances, such as efficient space and water heaters, induction cooktops, washers, dryers, dishwashers, and refrigerators when it's time to upgrade.



6. Save on your electricity bill by installing solar panels, request green power from your utility, or join a community choice aggregator.



7. Cut down your household energy usage by setting your water heater temperature to 120° F (48°C), and using major appliances off-hours, such as before 4:30 p.m. and after 9:00 p.m.



8. Buy locally grown produce and products whenever possible. When ordering items to be delivered, consolidate packages to reduce shipping materials and fuel used for transport.



9. Be mindful of household waste and help keep unnecessary excess out of landfills. Recycling and reusing materials improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gasses produced by landfills and sanitation vehicles.



10. Volunteer for clean air programs in your community!

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