



August 13, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FEE INCREASES

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in the following public meeting to provide input regarding draft proposed amendments to Rule 40 (Permit and Other Fees) and Rule 42 (Hearing Board Fees). Comments and questions concerning these draft proposals may be submitted in writing before or during the public meeting, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, August 31, 2021
TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Via web browser or mobile device at:
<https://bit.ly/3yj8RSy> (Webinar ID: 879 0145 8376, Passcode: 285792)

Federal and state laws require the District to adopt fees to recover the costs to administer mandated air pollution control programs. The District’s fees are specified in Rule 40 (Permit and Other Fees), which includes fees for air quality permit applications, permit renewals, emission measurements ("source tests") and asbestos notifications, and in Rule 42 (Hearing Board Fees). Moreover, there are two types of fees – those charged on an hourly basis and flat fees, as specified.

On May 21, 2021, the Governing Board adopted a cost recovery plan based on the recommendation of the California State Auditor Report 2019-127 (<http://auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2019-127.pdf>), “*To ensure that the permit fees it charges are sufficient to pay for its permitting program, the San Diego Air District should increase fees until its revenue from permit fees is equal to the full cost of the permitting program.*”

This public meeting is being held to inform the public about the Governing Board's adopted plan and to consider changes to the fees established in Rule 40 and Rule 42 to implement the plan. Below is a summary of the adopted plan:

Fee Category	Permit Application Fixed	Permit Renewal	Source Testing	Asbestos Notifications	Hearing Board	Time & Material	Processing Fee
% Fee Increase	15%	15%	15%	25%	25%	15%	15%

The District has drafted proposed fee amendments to implement the plan. These proposed fee increases, if adopted, would be effective on December 1, 2021, and would result in additional projected revenues up to \$1.4 million per fiscal year. Specifically, this proposal would increase the District’s cost recovery percentage for its stationary source permit program from the current 66% to 78% and would reduce annual revenue deficits from \$4.0 million to \$2.6 million. Importantly, current fees remain in effect until the District Governing Board considers and approves revisions to District Rule 40.

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Draft Documents

Copies of the draft proposed amendments to Rule 40 and Rule 42 are available on the District's website at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/apcd/en/Rule_Development/Workshops.html. Those unable to access the document may contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 or Janet.McCue@sdcountry.ca.gov.

More Information

Please contact John Jayasinghe at APCDFiscal@SDCounty.Ca.Gov with any questions.

****ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Agendas and records are available in alternative formats upon request. Contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 with questions or to request a disability-related accommodation including sign language interpretation. To the extent reasonably possible, requests for accommodation or assistance should be submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

****LANGUAGE INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE**

Language interpreter services are available upon request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 or Janet.McCue@sdcountry.ca.gov.

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