

Notice of Exemption

- Project Title:** 2020 Amendments to Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Date:** February 25, 2021; Agenda Item # 21-1-2
- Project Description:** Amendments to the regulations designating areas of California as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for pollutants with State ambient air quality standards. Based on 2017 to 2019 air quality data, a total of five changes to area designations are proposed for ozone and PM2.5.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on February 25, 2021.

CARB has determined that this project is exempt from CEQA under the “general rule” or “common sense” exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). The common sense exemption states a project is exempt from CEQA if “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.” Based on CARB’s review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter VI of the Staff Report for this project.

The *Staff Report* and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: [2020 State Area Designations | California Air Resources Board](#)

These documents may also be examined at:

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