

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2014 - 028

Recommended Greenhouse Gas Emissions Thresholds of Significance

WHEREAS, Section 15064.7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines encourages public agencies to develop and publish thresholds of significance to use in the determination of the significance of environmental effects, and states that thresholds of significance adopted for general use as part of the agency's environmental review process must be adopted by ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation; developed through a public review process; and supported by substantial evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District utilized guidance published by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association, *CEQA & Climate Change, Evaluating and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act*, and a review of local projects in developing the recommended greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District held a public workshop on November 13, 2013, coordinated with local agencies, held a public hearing on October 23, 2014, and considered comments on the recommended greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District provided substantial evidence supporting the recommended greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance and mitigation levels in a document entitled *Justification for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Thresholds of Significance*; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the recommended greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance will support compliance with CEQA and lead to contributions to greenhouse gas emission reductions goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32); and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction plans meeting the requirements of Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines or have adopted their own greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance may opt not to utilize the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's recommended greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance if a project demonstrates consistency with the jurisdiction's reduction plan or threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District has determined that the development and adoption of the recommended greenhouse gas emissions thresholds of significance meets the requirements of Section 15064.7 of the CEQA Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District adopts the following recommended greenhouse gas thresholds of significance:

- Construction phase of projects – 1,100 metric tons of CO2e per year
- Operational phase of land development projects – 1,100 metric tons of CO2e per year
- Stationary source projects – 10,000 direct metric tons of CO2e per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the level of mitigation for significant projects is based on demonstrating consistency with AB32 and the California Air Resources Board's Climate Change Scoping Plan goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which is currently a 21.7% reduction of emissions, and

BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District authorize staff to update the mitigation percentage as changes to the Scoping Plan are made, in consultation with District Counsel, and an opportunity for public comment is provided prior to any changes being made; and

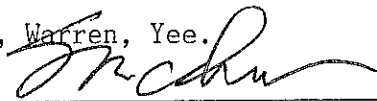
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the recommended thresholds of significance are effective immediately upon adoption.

On a Motion by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Frost, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, State of California, the 23rd day of October, 2014, by the following vote.

AYES: Directors Cohn, Crews, Fong, Frost, Hansen, MacGlashan, Nottoli.

NOES: Directors Starsky.

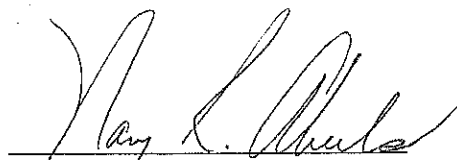
ABSENT: Directors Cooper, Peters, Serna, Terry, Warren, Yee.



Chair, Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air
Quality Management District

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ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District