SMAQMD CEQA Guide Revision History

February 2021, Chapter 6 has been updated with current weblinks. Amortization of construction emissions over the life of a project has been removed from the guidance since construction emissions cannot be easily mitigated by the operational best management practices.

October 2020, the Chapter 4 appendix containing operational best management practices for particulate matter was updated with current weblinks. Chapter 4 was updated to ensure the best management practices links were current.

June 2020, Chapter 4 has been updated with current weblinks, and minor wording and grammatical corrections.

May 2020, Chapter 8 has been updated with current weblinks, minor wording and grammatical corrections, clarification on operational particulate matter, and update mitigation section to include reference to greenhouse gases best management practices.

April 2020, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 have been updated with current weblinks and minor wording and grammatical corrections. Also, Chapter 2 added a reference to case law on existing environmental conditions, added weblinks to thresholds of significance justification documents and updated Thresholds of Significance Table. Chapter 3 listed marine equipment as possible construction equipment to include in an analysis, added a weblink to the District’s Harborcraft, Dredge and Barge Emissions Factor Calculator, removed reference to version 8.1.0 of the Road Construction Emissions Model, and added reference to Federal General Conformity de minimis levels. Chapter 5 updated mitigation section. Chapter 6 updated to reflect the adoption of updated land development greenhouse gas thresholds and related implementation guidance. Chapter 9 updated to include new greenhouse gas thresholds and best management practices, align the Appendix G checklist language, added updated technical references to General Plan Guidelines and inventory tools.

July/August 2019, chapters 1, 2, 4 and 8 added information on the Friant Ranch court case and updated recommendations on carbon monoxide analysis. Chapter 3 includes a minor update to the Basic Construction Emission Control Practices to add more detail on the In-Use Off-Road Regulation.

April 2019, chapter 3 updated to be consistent with the December 2018 OPR CEQA Guidelines Update, modified the on-site mitigation measure and provided example language for off-site mitigation fee program.

September 2018, updated chapter 5 to include references to the most current air district guidance documents: Recommendations for Siting New Projects Near Existing Sources that Emit Odors and Toxic Air Contaminants, Mobile Sources Air Toxics Protocol, including the mapping tool, and Landscaping Guidance for Improving Air Quality Near Roadways. Website links were also updated as needed.

May 2018, updated chapter 6 with most current references to Scoping Plan, SB 375 and website links. Updated chapter 2 with current website links, correcting typos and clarifying some language.

April 2018, updated operational screening table for chapters 4 and 6.
May 2017, Chapter 3 updated to reflect changes to the Road Construction Emissions Model and mitigation section.

December 2016, Chapter 4 and 6, Operational Screening tables updated using CalEEMod 2016 and Chapters 1, 3 and 6 updated with corrected website links and non-attainment corrections.

September 2016, Chapter 9 overall revision. Updated links in all chapters to the new Sac Metro AQMD website.

August 2016, Chapter 4 revised to include Best Management Practices (BMPs) for operational particulate matter emissions, including updated screening table and list of BMPs.

June 2016, Chapter 7 revised to reflect the California Supreme Court decision on CBIA v. BAAQMD.

May 2016, web links updated in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

March 2016, Title Page and Table of Contents updated along with Chapters 1 and 2.

February 2016, Chapter 6 revised to reflect the California Supreme Court decision on Newhall Ranch and analysis guidance removed.

December 2015, Air Monitoring Site Map updated in Chapter 1.

June 2015, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 updated to reflect the new particulate matter (PM) thresholds and to provide greenhouse gas (GHG) construction screening guidance.

November 2014, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 updated to reflect GHG thresholds adoption, PM attainment status changes and guidance for operational air quality mitigation plans.

June 2014, website links updated in all chapters.

October 2013, updated Chapter 3 Enhanced Exhaust Control Practices.

August 2013, added Operational Screening Table in Chapter 4.

July 2013, updated PM Dispersion Modeling appendix in Chapter 3.

June 2013, Chapter 3 revised to remove hyperlinks to the construction NOx screening table that is no longer applicable.

April 2013, Chapters 3, 4 and 6 revised to include CalEEMod. Related appendices were removed or updated.

May/June 2011, web links updated in all chapters.

April 2011, Chapters 6 and 9 revised to account for amendments to the State CEQA Guidelines and the release of CAPCOA’s GHG mitigation measures technical document and the CalEEMod emissions model.
September 2010, Chapter 3 and 6 appendices updated regarding control practices.