



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Amendments to Rule 303, (Miscellaneous Fees)

Honorable Board:

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) is proposing to adopt amendments to Rule 303, (Miscellaneous Fees). On May 15, 2025, the District held a public workshop at the District Board Chambers located at 414 W. Tehachapi Boulevard Suite D, Tehachapi, CA 93561, to present proposed amendments to Rule 303. A 30-day public review and comment period followed the workshop. No public comments were received.

Rule 303 allows applicants to pay an increased engineering analysis fee to prioritize their project application over other projects. Rule 303 currently calculates this fee at 1.5 times an Air Quality Engineer II, step 5 hourly salary. However, the Air Quality Engineer II classification no longer exists, and the County replaced the 5-step salary with a 10-step salary. Language in Rule 303 is being amended to *Priority Processing Fee shall be 1.5 times a Senior Air Quality Engineer, step 10 hourly salary.*

Amended Rule 303 will become effective immediately upon Board adoption. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published more than 30 days prior this hearing in the following newspapers: Mojave Desert News, Daily Independent, Tehachapi News, and Bakersfield Californian. The notice requested written comments on amended Rule 303 be submitted by July 23, 2025. A copy of the staff report, which includes the proposed amendments to the rule, is attached.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board Open Hearing; Receive Public Comment; Close Hearing; Adopt Amended Rule 303, (Miscellaneous Fees) and Resolution Number 2025-003-07.

Sincerely,

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