

California Air Quality Initiative for Particular Matter Reduction Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u>		
Applicant Name:		
Evaluator Name:		
Date:	Batching Number:	Application No:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranked based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application batching periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application batching period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p>		
Screening Criteria Questions		
<p>If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.</p>	<p>The applicant has reviewed and approved the EQIP schedule of operations that will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before or by the ranking deadline.</p>	
<p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<p>In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, Failed to implement contract items in an existing EQIP contract according to the schedule in Form, NRCS-CPA-1155, "Conservation Plan and Schedule of Operations," and the contract was modified to reschedule contract items - installation delays were not due to NRCS error or design delay – and/or, Failed to implement rescheduled contract items agreed to according to Form, NRCS-CPA-153, "Agreement Covering Non-Compliance with Provisions of Contract," and Form, NRCS-CPA-1156, "Revision of Plan/Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract," – and/or Installed conservation practices with financial assistance from NRCS that have not been maintained according to the practice operations and maintenance for the practice lifespan. 	
<p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question</p>	<p>The EQIP schedule of operations is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a "low-dust" nut harvester that has not yet demonstrated at least 30 percent PM10 control efficiencies per peer-reviewed information; or, Stabilize unpaved agricultural roads and/or vehicle traffic areas with dust suppressants other than slow-cure bituminous road oils (e.g. SC-250 or SC-800), or lignin-based products applied at certified organic farms; or, Stabilize unpaved shoulders adjacent to paved roads; or, Stabilize unpaved roads and/or traffic areas on rangeland; or, Establish a windbreak for cropland, pastureland or rangeland (e.g. not associated with controlling fugitive PM from a confined animal feeding operation); or, Dispose of chemically treated wooden stakes not originating from an orchard or vineyard removal. 	

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<p>If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<p>The EQIP schedule of operations will result in reducing PM emissions where the planned land unit is located within an air shed designated* as (all of the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Unclassifiable/Attainment" for the 1987 24-hour PM10 NAAQS • "Unclassifiable/Attainment" for the 1997 and 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS • "Unclassifiable/Attainment" for the 1997 and 2012 Annual PM2.5 NAAQS <p>*Refer to the air shed designation maps in Figure 1, 2 and 3 below.</p>		
<p>If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority in ProTracts.</p>	<p>The EQIP schedule of operations will result in reducing PM emissions where the planned land unit is located within an air shed designated* as (at least one of the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Nonattainment" for any PM10 or PM2.5 NAAQS. • Predesignated as "Attainment (Maintenance Area)" for any PM10 or PM2.5 NAAQS <p>*Refer to the air shed designation maps in Figure 1, 2 and 3 below.</p>		
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	

Figure 1: Designations in EPA Region 9 for the 1987 24-hour PM10 NAAQS
(As of December 8, 2015)

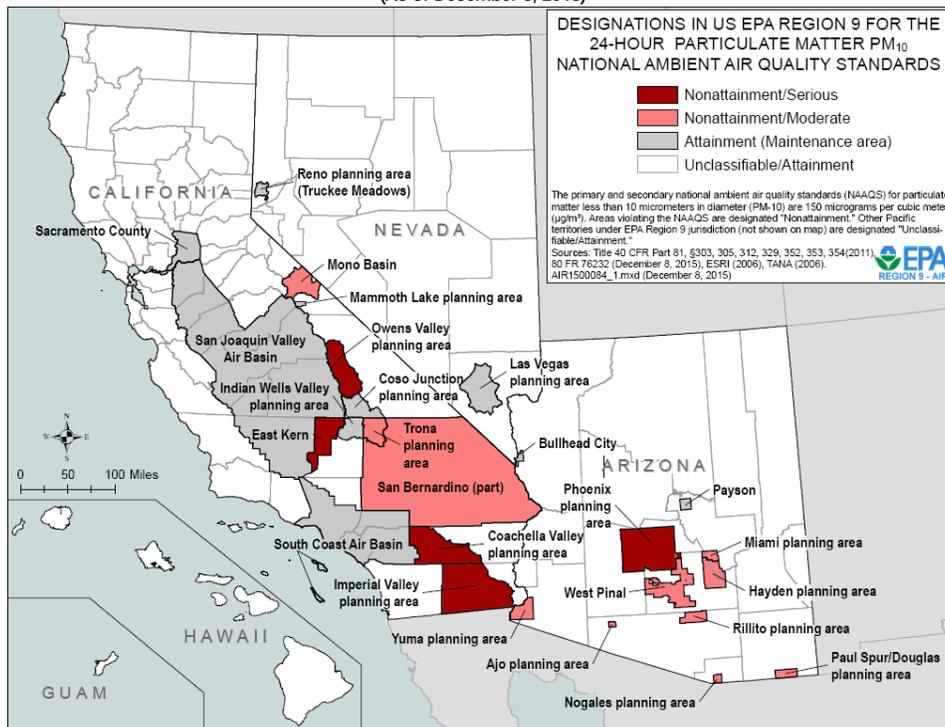


Figure 2: Designations in EPA Region 9 for the 2006 and 1997 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS
(As of February 16, 2016)

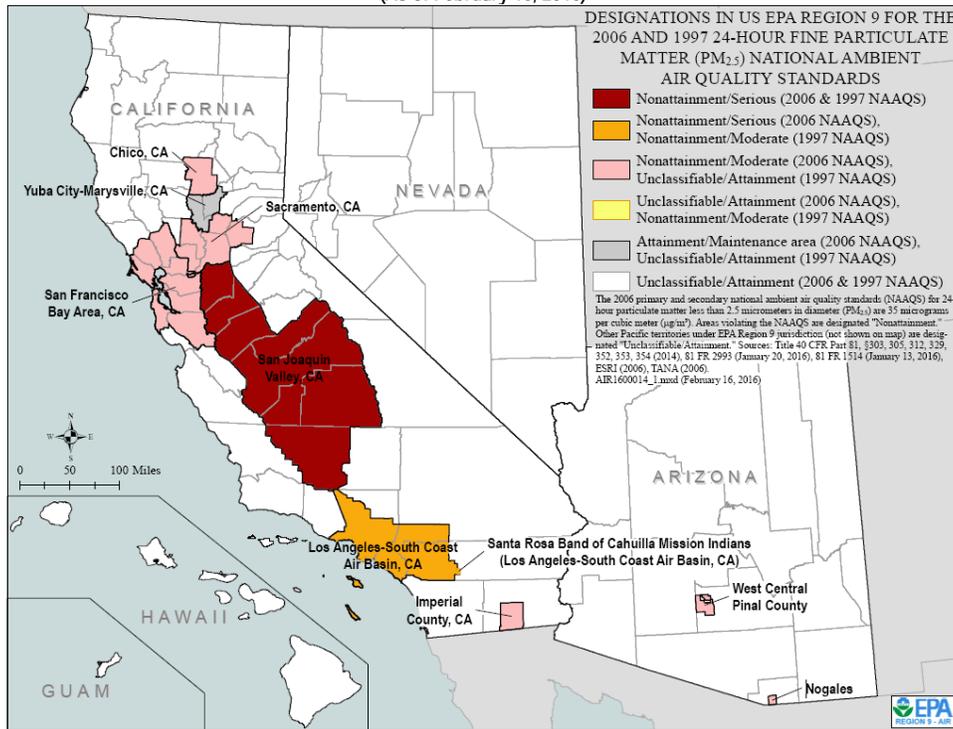
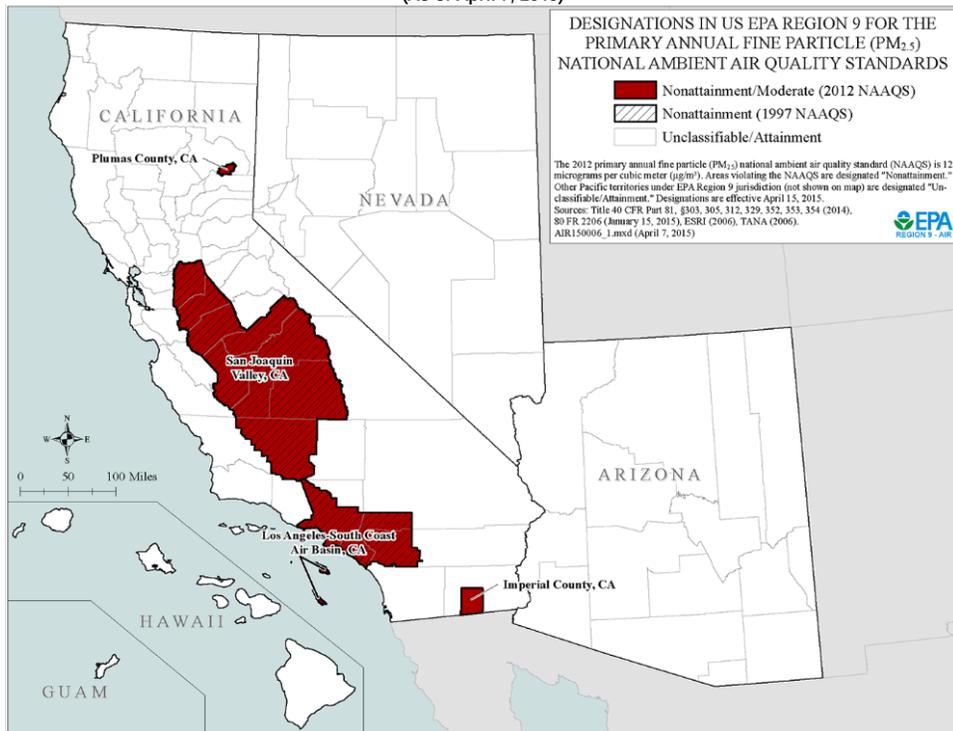


Figure 3: Designations in EPA Region 9 for the 1997 and 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS
(As of April 7, 2015)



Source for Figures 1-3: EPA Region 9: <https://www3.epa.gov/region9/air/maps/>