



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Public Meeting to Consider the California Multimedia Evaluation of Gasoline
Containing up to 15 percent Ethanol (E15) and the California Air Resources Board's
Proposed E15 Regulation**

The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) will convene a public meeting of the California Environmental Policy Council (CEPC) at the date, time and location indicated below to consider the multimedia evaluation of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol by volume (E15) and the proposed E15 regulation that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will consider adopting. The meeting constitutes the CEPC's review of the multimedia evaluation associated with the use of E15 in California under Health and Safety Code section 43830.8. The date, time, and location of the public meeting are:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

Byron Sher Auditorium
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option

Zoom registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iNzNPs3qRDm0GOwlvHRuxQ#/registration

Purpose of Meeting

At the public meeting, the CEPC will consider the Multimedia Working Group's (MMWG) written summary, entitled "*California Multimedia Evaluation of Gasoline Containing up to 15 percent Ethanol (E15) Staff Written Summary*," the proposed E15 regulation to be considered by CARB, and comments from interested parties. The MMWG will provide a presentation to the CEPC and will summarize the findings in the written summary. The CEPC expects to determine whether the use of E15 as contemplated by the proposed E15 regulation will have a significant adverse impact on public health or the environment within the meaning of HSC section 43830.8, as well as any other determinations or recommendations required under that section. The agenda for the meeting is attached to this notice.

California Environmental Policy Council

The CEPC consists of the Secretary for Environmental Protection (chair), Chairperson of CARB, Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), Director of the Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), Chairperson of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Director of the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

The CEPC was originally established by the Environmental Protection Permit Reform Act of 1993 to designate a consolidated permit agency for applications for environmental permits for multiple environmental agencies. In 1999, the CEPC's functions were expanded to include review of multimedia evaluations of new motor vehicle fuels prior to the adoption of regulations containing specifications for those fuels. CARB may not adopt any regulation that establishes motor vehicle fuel specifications unless a multimedia evaluation conducted by affected agencies and coordinated by CARB is reviewed by the CEPC. For more information on the CEPC go to: <https://calepa.ca.gov/CEPC/>

Multimedia Evaluation

Section 43830.8 requires that a multimedia evaluation and peer review be conducted when CARB proposes a regulation that establishes a specification for a motor vehicle fuel. In accordance with the requirements of section 43830.8(g), CalEPA formed the interagency MMWG to oversee fuel multimedia evaluations. The MMWG includes representatives from CARB, State Water Board, OEHHA, DTSC, and Office of the State Fire Marshal. The E15 multimedia evaluation includes assessments of potential impacts on air, water, soil, and public health that may result from the production, use, and disposal of the fuels. In the evaluation, CARB staff was responsible for the air quality impact assessment and the overall coordination with the MMWG. State Water Board staff was responsible for the evaluation of surface water and groundwater quality and potential impacts. OEHHA staff was responsible for evaluating potential public health impacts. DTSC staff was responsible for evaluating potentially hazardous waste and soil impacts.

The MMWG prepared a written summary of the E15 multimedia evaluation, including comments from peer reviewers and the MMWG's response to those comments, as peer review is a required part of the multimedia evaluation process.

The E15 multimedia evaluation that is being reviewed by the CEPC is available on CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/fuels-multimedia-evaluation-e15>. Based on the multimedia evaluation, CARB proposes that the CEPC determine that the proposed E15 regulation will not cause a significant adverse impact on public health or the environment, as provided in section 43830.8.

Submittal of Comments to CEPC

Interested members of the public may present comments to the CEPC orally during the hearing or in writing before the hearing. Written comments should be submitted by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the hearing. Written comments must be **received by noon on August 17, 2026**, to be fully considered by the CEPC. Please include in the subject line of any

written communication or email: **Comments for August 18, 2026, CEPC Meeting**. Please submit written comments to the address below:

Secretary Yana Garcia
California Environmental Policy Council
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, California 95812
Email: cepc@calepa.ca.gov

As noted above, CEPC requires that written comments be received no later than noon on August 17, 2026 – one business day before the CEPC meeting – to allow for full consideration of those comments. Persons who would like to speak at the public meeting are requested to fill out a speaker's card, available at the back of the hearing room, before the meeting. Representatives from CalEPA will preside at the meeting, which is scheduled to adjourn by 3:45 P.M., but may end earlier. The Chair, may at her discretion, limit the length of public oral comments at the meeting.

The written summary and other information related to the CEPC's review are available on the CEPC website at: <https://calepa.ca.gov/CEPC/>. Written comments submitted to the CEPC and a draft resolution for the CEPC's consideration will also be posted on the same web page.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7921.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Additionally, the Board requests but does not require that persons who submit written comments to the Board reference the title of the proposal in their comments to facilitate review.

Parking, Accessibility, and Security

A map to the Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building and parking information are available at <https://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>. For security purposes, all visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to entering the building. Valid picture identification may be required to the security level so please allow up to 15 minutes for this process.

The Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations, including any aids or services that they need to participate in the meeting, should contact the cepc@calepa.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than August 11, 2026.

This meeting is held consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.) and the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (Gov. Code, §§ 7290 et seq.). If you are a person with a disability requiring disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, or if you require documents be made available in an alternate format or another language or require an interpreter at the meeting, please email cepc@calepa.ca.gov.

Requests should be made as soon as possible, but no later than August 10, 2026. You may also dial a voice TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech Communications Assistant at 7-1-1.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the public meeting, please email cepc@calepa.ca.gov.

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AGENDA

1. Introduction of Council Members, Declaration of a Quorum, and Opening Comments
Secretary Yana Garcia, California Environmental Protection Agency, Chair of the California Environmental Policy Council
2. Multimedia Working Group (MMWG) Presentation of the “*Multimedia Evaluation of Gasoline Containing up to 15 percent Ethanol (E15) Written Summary*”
 - a. California Air Resources Board
Aubrey Gonzalez, Air Resources Engineer, Emerging Fuels Section
 - b. State Water Resources Control Board
Tom Henderson, Manager, UST Leak Prevention & Office of Tank Tester Licensing Unit
 - c. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Rima Woods, Ph.D., Chief, Air Toxicology and Risk Assessment Section
 - d. Department of Toxic Substances Control
Mohammed Omer, P.E., Unit Chief, Supervising Hazardous Substances Engineer
3. Public Comments (may be limited to 3 minutes each at the discretion of the Chair)
4. Council Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Public Health and Environmental Impacts from the Use of E15 (**Action**)
5. Adjournment