



COVID-19: Wednesday, 3-25 Update

CFCA will provide updates at the close of each business day this week, following federal, state, and local announcements

In an effort to help you stay informed on the federal, state, and local developments regarding COVID-19, CFCA will be sending updates at the close of each day summarizing the highlights of responses from levels of government. **Please feel free to send this update to colleagues, employees, or anyone you wish to keep up to date on these pressing matters.**

National Associations Request RVP Extension Waiver

As a result of the significantly reduced demand for retail fuel, CFCA's national partners at NACS, NATSO, PMAA, and SIGMA have sent a letter to the US EPA requesting a delay on the RVP requirements set to change on May 1st for terminals and June 1st at the retail level. With the numerous requirements nation-wide requesting people limit travel and stay indoors, many are worried about the potential surplus of fuel left once the RVP requirements for Summer go into effect. As a result, our federal partners are looking to delay this requirement date in an effort to clear current supply first.

CFCA will keep you informed on the situation as it progresses.

[Read the Letter Here](#)

New Guidance from Dept of Labor Regarding Paid Leave

The Department of Labor (DOL) has just issued its first set of summaries and guidance on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act which the agency has been tasked with implementing.

- [Employee Guide](#)
- [Employer Guide](#)
- [FAQ](#)

Even with these initial publications, there are still a number of unanswered questions that will need to be resolved before the law goes into effect on April 2 and we expect to see further guidance and interim rules from the DOL in the coming days and weeks.

The information listed above and all of the latest PMAA Coronavirus-Related Resources including Regulatory Reports can be [accessed here](#).

Update - Withdrawal of Proposed Amendments to Regulation III and Rule 1480

Every year as part of the annual budget process, South Coast AQMD staff reviews its fee rules (Regulation III) and proposes updates for the Governing Board's consideration. Regulation III primarily establishes the fee rates to recover South Coast AQMD's costs of regulating and providing services to permitted sources. In addition, most South Coast AQMD fees are automatically increased every year by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to cover the costs of inflation.

As part of this annual process, staff recently proposed six minor amendments (including two that would raise fees) to Regulation III and Rule 1480 and presented these on March 13, 2020 at a Public Consultation Meeting. However, given the recent circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, staff is no longer proposing any amendments to Regulation III or Rule 1480 this year. In addition, staff is proposing to credit back this year's automatic 2.8% CPI increase so that facilities will not experience any fee increases for this upcoming fiscal year (FY 2020-2021).

Opportunities to comment:

- April 3, 2020: Governing Board Budget Advisory Committee meeting
- April 7, 2020: Public Consultation Meeting on Proposed Budget and Work Program
 - Zoom meeting link: <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/8989171437>
 - Meeting ID: 898 917 143
 - Dial-in number: 669 900-6833
- May 1, 2020: Public hearing to consider this action and adopt the FY 2020-2021 budget

(all meetings are currently expected to be conducted via video conference and/or telephone)

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Budget documents:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/finance#Budgets>

Critical Infrastructure Employee Letter Template

In an effort to prevent any employees from encountering any issues with law enforcement while attempting to perform regular job functions, CFCA has prepared a letter template for employers to use indicating their employees are exempt from local stay-at-home orders and other travel restrictions. This letter indicates your employees as working on behalf of a 'Critical Infrastructure Sector'. CFCA recommends you put the letter on your company letterhead and modify the entry fields accordingly. If you would like the template Word document, please email James Allison at james@cfca.energy.

[Learn More](#)

Show that Your Business is 'Essential'

CFCA has produced the attached images for you to display in your business, indicating your status as 'Essential' during the statewide COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place.

The first is a notice you can display, explicitly defining your business as 'essential' as defined by Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20.

The second is a badge you can display, proudly indicating to your customers, that you are an essential business during this time of crisis.

CFCA recommends you print the badge as a 4"x4" image on a 6"x6" sticker, or 6"x6" image on an 8"x8" sticker, but no larger, otherwise, it will cause distortion.

For the notice, it is formatted for a standard 8.5"x11" sheet of paper.

If your printer requires the original .png file for the badge, please contact James Allison at james@cfca.energy.

[Click Here to Download the Notice](#)

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COVID-19 Pandemic Coverage Webinars

The California Small Business Alliance has recently sent out an invitation for businesses to tune into a complimentary webinar service covering COVID-19 updates, provided by Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, a business law firm based out of Sacramento. They will be providing continuous coverage of the changes and hurdles California employers will face in the coming weeks in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. These complimentary webinars will guide you in striking an appropriate balance between employee rights and business operations during these challenging times, and will provide updated information multiple times per week concerning new legislation and recommendations from government agencies. Feel free to invite other businesses to join our webinar series.

[Learn More](#)

[Resource Article from aalrr](#)

Day at the Capitol Postponed

Finally, in an abundance of caution, CFCA announced last week that we will be postponing Day at the Capitol until such time that the COVID-19 concerns have subsided. For those who have already registered, CFCA will issue a full refund for your registration, upon request. For those who have reserved rooms under our block with the Sheraton, we advise you cancel your reservation immediately, and you will be issued a full refund by the hotel.

Updates will be provided as they become available.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but out of an abundance of caution, CFCA is taking these steps to ensure the health and safety of our members.

For any questions regarding current Day at the Capitol registrations or hotel reservations, please contact Amber Palmer at (916) 646-5999 or palmer@cfca.energy.