

Since 1993,  
serving the  
High Desert  
communities of  
San Bernardino  
County and the  
Palo Verde Valley  
of Riverside County

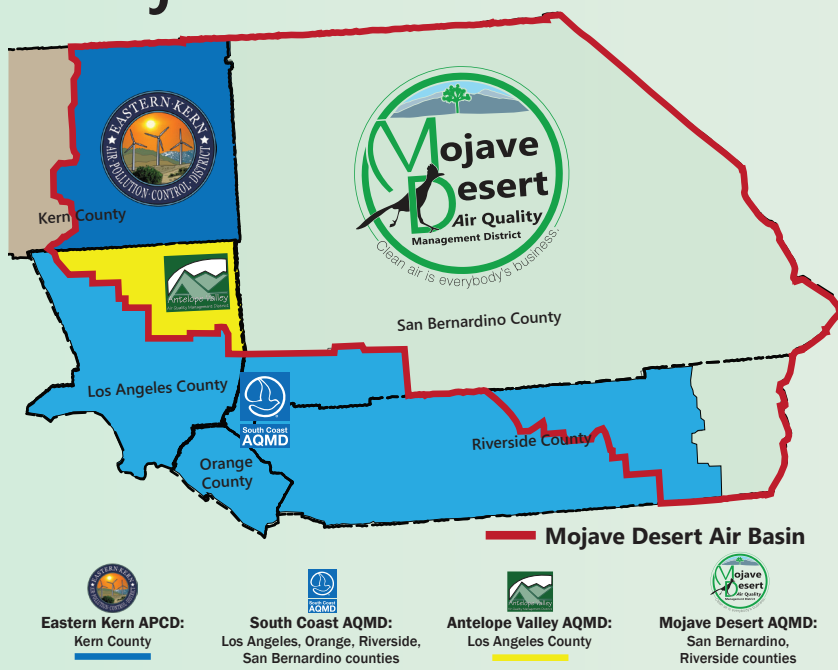


**The basics...**

# What is MDAQMD?

Stretched out over almost **20,000 square miles** of California's vast desert expanse, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District is geographically the second largest of the state's 35 air districts. As the air pollution control agency for San Bernardino County's High Desert and Riverside County's Palo Verde Valley, the District has primary responsibility for regulating stationary sources of air pollution located within its jurisdictional boundaries. The District implements air quality programs required by state and federal mandates, enforces rules and regulations based on air pollution laws and educates businesses and residents about their role in protecting air quality and the risks of air pollution. The District is authorized to perform these duties under the California Health and Safety Code, Division 26, Part 3, Chapter 13, Article 4, § 41230-41233.

## Mojave Desert Air Basin



The MDAQMD lies within the Mojave Desert Air Basin, which encompasses desert portions of Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The District works to protect the health of nearly 600,000 residents by safeguarding the region's air quality. By partnering with the local communities and businesses, we implement regulations and programs to reduce air pollution and assist the region in attaining ambient air quality standards.

## Who governs?

➤ The **Governing Board** is the decision-making body for the District. The Board is responsible for adopting rules, setting policies and providing direction on important air quality issues that affect the Mojave Desert. This 13-member body comprises representatives for each municipality — **Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Blythe, Hesperia, Needles, Twentynine Palms, Victorville** and **Yucca Valley** — and county supervisorial district — **San Bernardino's 1st and 3rd**, and **Riverside's 4th** — located within the MDAQMD's boundaries, and one Public Member appointed by the balance of the Board.

The Governing Board meets on the **fourth Monday of each month** at the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, 14306 Park Ave., Victorville, CA 92392.

➤ The **Hearing Board** is a quasi-judicial body which makes determinations permit appeals and revocations, petitions for variances and abatement orders. The Hearing Board is comprised of one member each from the legal, medical and engineering professions, and two public members appointed by the Governing Board. The Hearing Board meets on an as-needed basis.

➤ The **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** brings together stakeholders from a number of different groups affected by the District's rules and regulations. The TAC provides recommendations and input to the Governing Board on air quality matters, including proposed rule making decisions and meets on an as-needed basis. Like the Hearing Board, members of the TAC are also appointed by the Governing Board.

➤ The **Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer** is charged with the day-to-day operations of the District and its 40 staff members. The APCO appoints district personnel, enforces laws, rules and regulations and reports directly to the Governing Board.



### Our independence

MDAQMD became an independent agency on July 1, 1993 following legislation passed by Assemblyman Paul Woodruff in 1992.



Needles

Yucca Valley

Twentynine Palms

Blythe

### Our mission statement

## Mojave Desert

**AQMD** is committed to attaining and maintaining ***healthful air quality***

while supporting strong and sustainable economic growth.

# How do we operate?

## ► Planning & Rulemaking

MDAQMD develops and implements a set of rules and plans to improve and maintain healthy air quality for the entire population within our 20,000+ square miles. When developing new regulations, the District must comply with complex procedures established by statutes in federal and state codes. Our regulations development process is based on the specific nature of the regulation and its potential impacts.

## ► Permit Engineering

The District requires that all equipment with the potential to emit air pollutants (including air toxins and hazardous air pollutants) have a valid District permit prior to commencing construction and/or operation.

## ► Compliance

Staff ensures that industry, businesses, institutions and individuals comply with our local, state and federal air quality regulations and air pollution control. The Compliance Section also provides technical assistance to industries and individuals and assists in the drafting of air quality-related statutes and regulations.

## ► Air Monitoring

We monitor the ambient air, in compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act and California air pollution laws. Six monitoring stations are located at different sites throughout our jurisdiction where we collect information 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the ambient levels of pollutants, including ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides and carbon monoxide. Additionally, community sensors at various locations throughout our jurisdiction monitor PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>1.0</sub>, providing a general idea of current particulate levels in our many communities.

## ► Community Relations & Education

The CRE staff serves as the liaison between the District's services and the public, as well as the educational community. This section produces publications for the general public, represents the District in chambers of commerce and other community organizations and visits students of all age and grade levels to present the benefits of clean air and risks associated with air pollution.

## ► Administrative Services

A portion of staff is dedicated to coordinating and operating several administrative services including financial management, human resources, grants programs, records management and customer service.

## ► District Counsel

Appointed by the Governing Board, the District employs a full-time attorney to provide legal advice and generally ensure the District receives appropriate legal services necessary to function properly according to the laws of the state of California and the United States.



**Our offices**

Lobby hours:

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Monday through Thursday

**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Fridays (*closed alternating Fridays*)

at 14306 Park Ave., Victorville, CA 92392

**Our website**



[mdaqmd.ca.gov](http://mdaqmd.ca.gov)

Visit our website for more information on our sections, programs, responsibilities and staff. Our website also provides **current air quality information** throughout our jurisdiction.

**Our social media**



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**Our phone numbers**

- Executive Office (Board clerk)..... 760.245.1661, ext. 6244
- Air quality information..... 760.245.1661, ext. 6159
- Burn day inquiries..... 800.472.2376  
or 800.356.3805
- Complaint line..... 800.635.4617
- Grants..... 760.245.1661, ext. 2020
- District Counsel..... 760.245.1661, ext. 6810
- Community Relations & Education..... 760.245.1661, ext. 3001
- Fax..... 760.245.2699