



San Diego County  
**Air Pollution  
Control District**

April 9, 2024

**ATTENTION: PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING BELLA MENTE MONTESSORI  
ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR MODIFYING AN EXISTING GAS STATION**

This notice is to inform you that an application has been filed with the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) by Costco Wholesale Corporation for a Permit to Modify an existing gasoline service station, which will include replacing an existing gasoline dispensing equipment and storage tanks, with new gasoline dispensing equipment and storage tanks equipped with the latest advanced air pollution and vapor control system, located at 1765 Hacienda Drive, Vista, CA 92081.

You are receiving this notice because state law requires local air pollution control districts, such as SDAPCD, to notify certain individuals prior to approving construction of any equipment that may release into the air any toxic air contaminant emissions where the source of emissions is located within 1,000 feet of a school. The notice is sent to all addresses within 1,000 feet of the equipment and parents or guardians of children attending any schools located within a quarter mile radius of the equipment (please see the aerial photo below). The law also requires the SDAPCD to consider any public comments submitted to the SDAPCD related to air pollution control requirements before approving the permit for construction or modification of this equipment.

Toxic air contaminants are chemicals in the form of gases, liquids, or particles that are emitted into the atmosphere and, when individuals are exposed to them, may cause adverse health effects. Gasoline dispensing stations emit gasoline vapors, which could be released into the air when filling storage tanks or vehicles with gasoline. Gasoline vapors include toxic air contaminants (TACs). The proposed facility will use California Air Resource Board certified emission control devices to collect the gasoline vapor emissions during refilling of gasoline into the storage tanks and fueling of vehicles.

The SDAPCD is committed to improving air quality to protect public health and the environment by applying and enforcing local, state and federal air quality rules and regulations in San Diego County. The proposed project is equipped with air pollution control systems to remove emissions of gasoline vapors and air toxics into the air. The operation of the modification to this existing gas station has been evaluated by the SDAPCD and is expected to operate in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and regulations.

Written comments concerning the air quality issues associated with the SDAPCD's proposed action may be submitted to SDAPCD by May 23, 2024. Please refer to Application No. APCD2023-APP-007920 on all correspondence regarding this project. The SDAPCD's evaluation of this application and proposed permit

conditions are available on the SDAPCD's website at: <https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/permits/public-notices.html>.

Please note that the SDAPCD does not have any authority to make zoning decisions on where facilities can be located and any questions concerning zoning designations or local ordinances should be directed to the local city or county Development Services Department.

Comments and questions regarding this notice may be directed to the SDAPCD's Engineering Division at (858) 586-2600 or [APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org](mailto:APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org).

Sincerely,



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