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Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requires the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (Tribe) to complete an Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan for the Tribe's ambient air monitoring station. EPA's requirements for the annual plan are listed in 40 CFR § 58.10.

The regulations from Title 40, Part 58, Section 10(a) of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR § 58.10, (a)(1)) state that:

“Beginning July 1, 2007, the state, or where applicable local, agency shall submit to the Regional Administrator an annual monitoring network plan which shall provide for the documentation of the establishment and maintenance of an air quality surveillance system that consists of a network of SLAMS monitoring stations that can include FRM, FEM, and ARM monitors that are part of SLAMS, NCore, CSN, PAMS, and SPM stations. The plan shall include a statement of whether the operation of each monitor meets the requirements of appendices A, B, C, D, and E of this part, where applicable. The Regional Administrator may require additional information in support of this statement. The annual monitoring network plan must be made available for public inspection and comment for at least 30 days prior to submission to the EPA and the submitted plan shall include and address, as appropriate, any received comments.”

It is the Tribe's objective to maintain and operate its ambient air monitoring station according to all applicable federal regulations and guideline documents. The air station meets the requirements listed in CFR § 58.10 (a)(1); except where otherwise noted, each monitor meets the requirements of appendices A, B, C, D, and E, where applicable. The purpose of this Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan (Plan) is to provide evidence that current regulations are being met for the Pechanga air monitoring network, to detail any changes proposed for the 18 months following its publication, and to provide specific information on the existing monitoring site.

The Tribe operates the Air Monitoring Program through the Pechanga Environmental Department (PED). The PED staff performs a complete review of the Pechanga Air Program annually to ensure the program is running effectively and within compliance for valid data submission.

The Pechanga Air Program began in 2008 with the collection of air quality data according to the program Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) which follows the EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The data collected and monitored at Pechanga Air Station include ozone (O₃), particulate matter 2.5 microns or larger (PM_{2.5}), and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), which are submitted to the EPA online Air Quality System (AQS) database quarterly. There are no new or discontinued monitoring sites. No new determinations that data are not of sufficient quality to be compared to the NAAQS have occurred and there are no changes in identification of monitors as suitable or not suitable for comparison against the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

Public Comment

The Annual Monitoring Network Plan must be made available for public review and comment for 30 days prior to submission to EPA. Information on how to comment on the plan and any comments received are listed in Appendix A.

The Annual Network Plan is publicly available on the Pechanga Tribal Government website and a public notice is posted notifying the public of the document's availability for review and comment. The community and public are able to access the report and submit written comments on the Plan. The state and local agencies are also able to access the plan for review and comment, including input on any changes to a PM_{2.5} monitoring network that impacts the location of a violating PM_{2.5} monitor. Any comments received by the PED are reviewed, documented and added to Plan, as applicable.

Network Design

The Tribe has been operating its air monitoring station since 2008. The site is located on the Pechanga Indian Reservation (Reservation) on the southeastern boundary of the city of Temecula (Figure 1). The single air monitoring site collects data for multiple pollutants. Table 1 provides a list of monitoring locations, pollutants monitored and the EPA AQS site code. On April 3, 2015, the EPA took a final action to revise the boundaries of the Southern California air quality planning areas to designate the Reservation as a separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

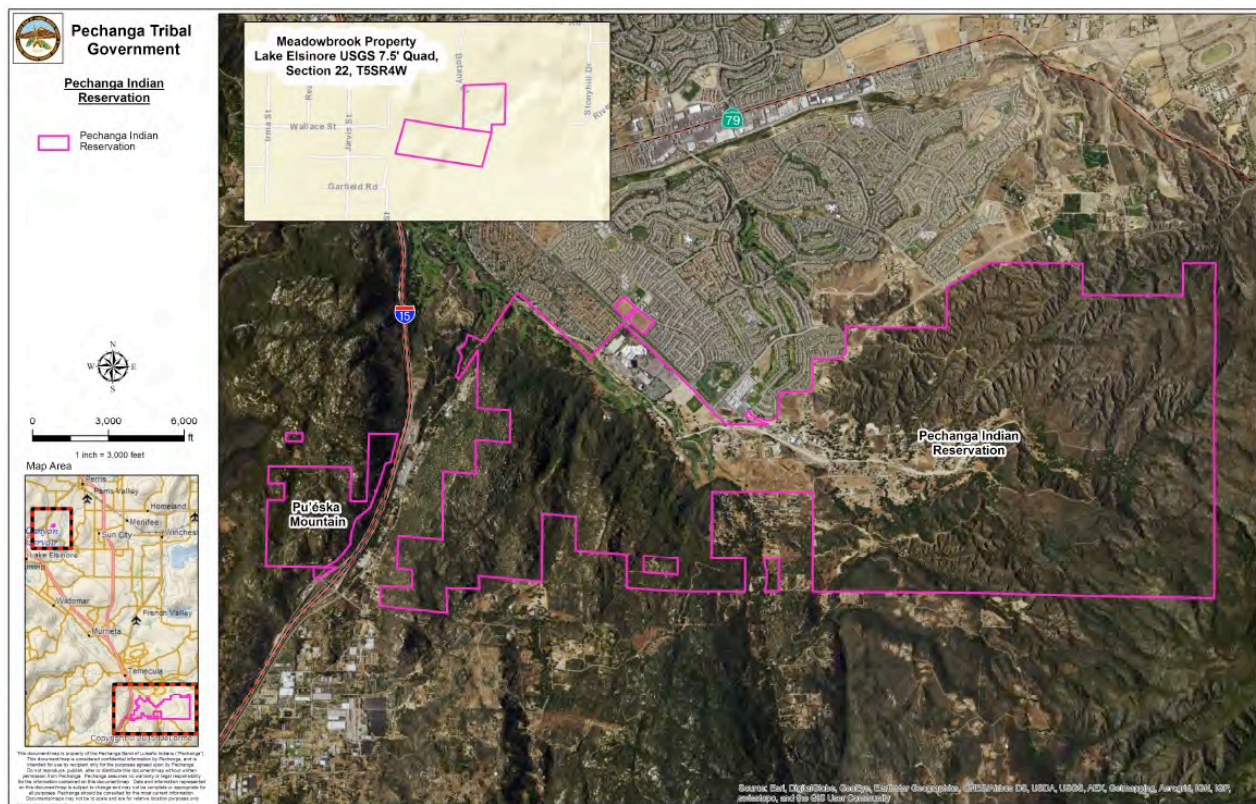


Figure 1 – Pechanga Air Station Location
Air Quality Planning Area for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

Site Name	AQS Code	Pollutants Monitored
Pechanga Air Station	TT-586-0009	NO ₂ O ₃ PM _{2.5}

Table 1 – Pechanga Air Station Pollutants Monitored

Site Selection and Purpose

The selection of the air monitoring site was based on the basic monitoring objectives listed below:

- determine representative concentrations and exposure in areas of population density;
- determine the highest concentrations of pollutants in an area based on topography and/or wind patterns;
- judge compliance with and/or progress made towards meeting the NAAQS;
- track pollution trends;
- determine general background concentration levels (The exact location of a site is most often dependent on the logistics of the area chosen for monitoring, such as site access, security and power availability); and,
- determine the welfare-related impacts in more rural and remote areas such as visibility impairment and effects on vegetation.

NAAQS Comparable

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix B requires the identification of any sites that are suitable or not suitable for comparison against the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS as described in Section §58.30. Pechanga air station meets this NAAQS requirement.

Minimum Monitoring Requirements

The Pechanga monitoring station meets the minimum monitoring requirements for all criteria pollutants O₃, PM_{2.5}, NO₂ (Tables 2, 3, and 4). The data are certified annually, the last report which includes the APM 600 was submitted May 15, 2020. For the 2019 data, the Program did not meet the due date, May 1. The report is signed by the Tribal Chairman and due to the COVID-19 pandemic and national emergency declaration, finalization and execution of the report was superseded by items relating to the health and safety of the Tribal Membership and Pechanga Tribal Government employees. In addition, to create a safe working environment at the Tribal Government, social distancing and working from home was implemented for most staff and Council Members. As a result, there were delays in acquiring physical signatures on documents including the 2019 annual data certification.

Ozone

Ground-level O₃, or photochemical smog, is not emitted into the atmosphere as ozone, but rather is formed by the reactions of other pollutants. The primary pollutants entering into this reaction, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), create ozone in the presence of sunlight (ultraviolet radiation).

Ozone exposure has been associated with increased susceptibility to respiratory infections, medication use, doctor and emergency department visits and hospital admissions for individuals with lung disease. Ozone exposure also increases the risk of premature death from heart and lung disease. Children are at increased risk from ozone because their lungs are still developing and they are more likely to have increased exposure since they are often active outdoors¹.

In addition, cumulative ozone exposure can lead to reduced tree growth; visibly injured leaves and increased susceptibility to disease, damage from insects and harsh weather. These effects can have adverse impacts on ecosystems, including loss of species and changes to habitat quality, and water and nutrient cycles².

Table 2 Minimum Monitoring Requirements for O₃

Tribal Land	County	County Population in July 1, 2019 (US Census Bureau)	Annual Design Value 2017-2019 (ppm)	Monitors Required	Active Monitors	Monitors Needed
Pechanga Indian Reservation	Riverside/ San Diego	2,470,546 / 3,338,330	0.71	1	1	0

The Pechanga air station is collecting ozone data to be used by the Tribe to make regulatory decisions in support of tribal sovereignty. The data are also collected for use by the community and for the Tribe to monitor NAAQS compliance. The data are submitted to AQS to demonstrate compliance with NAAQS and to support research by the community and regulatory agencies.

The equipment used in the station is a Thermo Scientific Model 49i ozone analyzer which is used to measure continuous ambient concentrations of ozone (O₃). The Model 49i operates on the principle that ozone (O₃) molecules absorb UV light at a wavelength of 254 nm. The sample is drawn into the Model 49i through the sample bulkhead and is split into two gas streams. The two samples are then analyzed and averaged. This analyzer was designated by the EPA as an equivalent method for the monitoring of O₃, (EQOA-0880-047, August 27, 1980).

The station has been using the Dr. Das datalogger since October 2016. The datalogger began collecting data on November 14, 2016. This software provides the O₃ data in 1-minute, hourly, 8-hourly, and daily averages. The statistics that are calculated and presented in the O₃ data reports include: 1) maximum 1-hour average for the month; and, 2) maximum running 8-hour average for

¹ U.S. EPA. 2015. Ozone and Your Patients' Health Training for Health Care Providers. (<http://www.epa.gov/apti/ozonehealth/population.html>)

² U.S. EPA. 2015. Ground-level Ozone Ecosystem Effects. (<http://www.epa.gov/groundlevelozone/ecosystem.html>)

each day. Both are calculated per the method described in 40 CFR 50 Appendix I.

PM_{2.5}

Fine particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less is created primarily from industrial processes and fuel combustion. These particles are breathed deeply into the lungs. Exposure to particle pollution is linked to a variety of significant health problems ranging from aggravated asthma to premature death in people with heart and lung disease³.

Table 3 Minimum Monitoring Requirements for PM_{2.5}

Tribal Land	County	County Population in July 1, 2019 (US Census Bureau)	Annual Design Value 2017-2019 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Daily Design Value $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Monitors Required	Active Monitors	Monitors Needed
Pechanga Indian Reservation	Riverside/San Diego	2,470,546 / 3,338,330	5.6	13	0	2	0

The Pechanga air station is collecting PM_{2.5} data for use by the Tribe to make regulatory decisions in support of tribal sovereignty. The data are also collected for use by the community and for the Tribe to monitor NAAQS compliance. The data are submitted to AQS to demonstrate compliance with NAAQS and to support research by the community and regulatory agencies. All sites are suitable for comparison against the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

The method used for the Beta Attenuation Monitor Model 1020 configured for PM_{2.5} Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) monitoring includes sampling of ambient air through a standard EPA PM₁₀ inlet head and a **Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC)** at a volumetric flow rate of 16.7l per minute. A Smart Heater attached to the inlet system, and controlled by relative humidity (RH) measured at the filter tape, minimizes positive artifact from water sorption in humid environments. Particles in the air stream are collected and measured on quartz fiber filter tape. PM_{2.5} concentrations and sampling attribute data are reported hourly for a 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight.

A collocated PM_{2.5} sampler at the air station is a Thermo Scientific Partisol Model 2000i. The Partisol 2000i Air Sampler was designed to conform to the U.S. EPA Federal Reference Method for fine particulate sampling. The hardware was designed to meet or exceed the requirements of CFR 40 Part 50. It is located 1.5 meters from the primary sampler, at a right angle to the prevailing southwest wind direction. Its sample inlet is nine meters above the ground, at the same height as the primary sampler. The Partisol 2000i sampler operates by splitting a PM₁₀ sample stream into its fine (PM_{2.5}) and coarse fractions (particles between 2.5 and 10 microns in size) using an U.S. EPA designed virtual impactor for the 2.5 micron cutpoint. The system collects particulate matter on two 47 mm diameter filters simultaneously. The sampler is operated for a 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight, once every 6 days, according to the national schedule⁴.

³ AirNow. 2015. Particle Pollution (PM). (<http://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.particle>)

⁴ U.S. EPA. 2015. Nitrogen Dioxide Health. (<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/nitrogenoxides/health.html>)

NO₂

NO₂ is a highly toxic, reddish brown gas that is created primarily from fuel combustion in industrial sources and vehicles. It creates an odorous haze that causes eye and sinus irritation, blocks natural sunlight, and reduces visibility.

Table 4 Minimum Monitoring Requirements for NO₂

Tribal Land	County	County Population in July 1, 2019 (US Census Bureau)	Annual Design Value 2017-2019 (ppm)	Monitors Required	Active Monitors	Monitors Needed
Pechanga Indian Reservation	Riverside/ San Diego	2,470,546 / 3,338,330	219	0	1	0

The Pechanga air station is collecting NO₂ data to be used by the Tribe to make regulatory decisions in support of tribal sovereignty. The data are also collected for use by the community and for the Tribe to monitor NAAQS compliance. The data are submitted to AQS to demonstrate compliance with NAAQS and to support research by the community and regulatory agencies.

The air program uses a Teledyne Model T200 Nitrogen Oxides Analyzer which uses chemiluminescence detection, coupled with state-of-the-art microprocessor technology to provide the sensitivity, stability and ease of use needed for ambient or dilution CEM monitoring requirements of nitric oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and the total nitrogen oxides (NO_x). This analyzer was designated by the EPA as a reference method for the monitoring of NO₂, as method RFNA-1104-099.

The station uses a datalogger, DR. DAS, and associated software which provides the NO_x data in 1-minute, hourly, 8-hourly, and daily averages. The data are then processed and averaged for comparisons to federal ambient air quality standards. The statistics that are calculated and presented in the NO_x data reports are: 1) maximum 1-hour average for each day; 2) maximum 1-hour average for the month; and 3) the annual mean.

Meteorological Instruments

The purposes of the meteorological measurements at the Pechanga air station are to provide local information to the Tribe and to assist in providing characterizations of regional-scale meteorological patterns in conjunction with the air quality measurements.

The station uses the Vaisala WXT520 equipment to collect meteorological data, with the exception of the precipitation, for data validation. The equipment uses specific data collection and analysis methods. They are as follows:

For wind speed: the WXT520 uses Vaisala WINDCAP® sensor technology in wind measurement. The wind sensor has an array of three equally spaced ultrasonic transducers on a

horizontal plane. Wind speed and wind directions are determined by measuring the time it takes the ultrasound to travel from each transducer to the other two. The wind sensor measures the transit time (in both directions) along the three paths established by the array of transducers. This transit time depends on the wind speed along the ultrasonic path. For zero wind speed, both the forward and reverse transit times are the same. With wind along the sound path, the up-wind direction transit time increases and the down-wind transit time decreases. The wind speed is calculated from the measured transit times using the formula.

For precipitation: For rain data the station uses the Ecotech Rainmaster 1000 Tipping Bucket rain gauge. Each unit consists of a collector funnel with leaf filter, an integrated measurement mechanism and an outer enclosure with quick release fasteners. The bucket tips when precipitation of 0.01 inch, 0.2mm or 0.5mm has been collected. Each tip activates a reed switch closure which is detected by a data logger. The rainwater can be collected in a bottle located beneath the rain gauge for sample verification or further analysis.

For pressure, temperature, and humidity measurement: WXT520 uses the measurement principle of the pressure, temperature, and humidity sensors. Measurement is based on an advanced RC oscillator and two reference capacitors against which the capacitance of the sensors is continuously measured. The microprocessor of the transmitter performs compensation for the temperature dependency of the pressure and humidity sensors.

Data Availability

Data is submitted to EPA through the AQS and the data can be accessed through the system. The types of data submitted to AQS include the hourly values for the continuous monitors, the FRM data, the precision checks and 1-point QC checks. The department annually reviews the data and submits a letter and data certification to EPA for the Annual Data Certification requirement. Currently, the PED makes data available to Pechanga Tribal Members upon request.

Monitoring Objectives.

The ambient air monitoring networks must be designed to meet three basic monitoring objectives. These basic objectives are listed below. The appearance of any one objective in the order of this list is not based upon a prioritized scheme. Each objective is important and must be considered individually:

- (a) Provide air pollution data to the general public in a timely manner. The Pechanga Air program makes their data available through AQS. The data are uploaded into the AQS quarterly.
- (b) The Pechanga air program will work to capture data to meet compliance with NAAQS standards and emissions strategy development. Data from monitors of various types can be used in the development of attainment and maintenance plans.
- (c) The Pechanga Air Program submits information to AQS which can be accessed for the purpose of support for air pollution research studies.

Detailed Site Information

Site Name: Pechanga

The Pechanga ambient air monitoring station was established in the spring of 2008 in order to represent neighborhood-scale air quality. It is located at the Pechanga Government Center. On April 3, 2015 EPA designated the Pechanga Reservation as a separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Recent or Proposed Changes

The Pechanga Air Program anticipates continuing the current program in place. The department is planning to install a second ozone monitor on the Reservation in the next 18 months. This monitor will collect informational data on ambient ozone levels for the Tribe and the data will be used for internal reviews and comparison with the existing ozone monitor. The program will continue to monitor and maintain the level of technical and professional proficiency as a designated separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The Pechanga Air Program anticipates that the second ozone monitor will be installed on the main Reservation (e.g. the area designated as a separate air quality planning area, excluding the Meadowbrook trust lands). The exact location is to be determined and will be decided based on a combination of preliminary data collection, expert opinion, and/or modeling efforts.

The Pechanga Air Program will continue to monitor and maintain the equipment and data; the program will be evaluated annually to comply with federal regulations and other regulations that may apply.

Photos of the Air Station Equipment



North



Northeast

East



Southeast



South



Southwest



West



Northwest

Table 6: Pechanga Air Network Site Information

Site Name	Pechanga			
AQS ID	TT-586-0009			
GPS coordinates	33°26'52.37"N 117° 5'19.30"W			
Location	Pechanga Government Center, Pechanga Reservation			
Address	12705 Pechanga Road, Temecula, CA 92593			
Counties	Riverside and San Diego			
Distances to roads	Pechanga Road: 57meters Pechanga Parkway: 1,075 meters Pala Road: 608 meters I-15: 4.6 kilometers			
Traffic counts	Pechanga Road: no data (road is within Reservation) Pechanga Parkway: 33,290ADT (2019 data) Pechanga Parkway north of Deer Hollow Way: 15,680 (2019 data) I-15: 164000ADT (2017 data)			
Groundcover	Paved from east to north; vegetated from south to west			
Representative Area	Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Reservation- Riverside and San Diego County, Temecula, CA Suburban/Rural.			
Pollutant, Parameter Occurrence Code (POC)	Ozone 1	PM_{2.5} 1	PM_{2.5} FRM 2	NO₂ 1
Primary / QA Collocated / Other	Primary	Primary	Collocated	Primary
Parameter Code	44201	88101	88101	42602
Site Type	General background	General background	General background	General background
Monitor Type	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS
Network Affiliation	Pechanga	Pechanga	Pechanga	Pechanga
Method Code	047	170	143	099
FRM / FEM / ARM / Other	FEM	FEM	FRM	FEM
Collecting Agency	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band
Analytical Lab	NA	N/A	IML Air Science 555 Absaraka Street Sheridan, WY 82801	NA
Reporting Agency	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band
Spatial scale	Neighborhood	Neighborhood	Neighborhood	Neighborhood
Monitoring Start Date	June 9, 2008	August 12, 2008	August 12, 2008	July 25, 2008
Current Sampling Frequency	Continuous	Continuous	1 in 6	Continuous
Sampling method	Photometric EQOA-0880-047	Beta Attenuation EQPM-0308-170	Beta Attenuation EQPS-0509-177	Chemiluminescent RFNA-1292-090
Analysis method	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Start date	June 9, 2008	August 12, 2008	August 12, 2008	July 25, 2008
Operation schedule	Continuous	Continuous	1 in 6 coll	Continuous
Sampling season	Year round	Year round	Year round	Year round
Probe height [†]	1.26 meters	2.6 meters	2.03 meters	1.26 meters
Distance from supporting structure	1.3 meters	2.5 meters	2.4 meters	1.3 meters
Distance from obstructions on roof	16.15 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical	17.07 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical	15.24 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical	16.15 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical
Distance from obstructions not on roof	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters Vertical	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters Vertical

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	Vertical	Vertical		
Distance from tree dripline	50.3 meters	50.3 meters	50.3 meters	50.3 meters
Distance to furnace or incinerator flue	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Distance between collocated monitors	N/A	N/A	1 meter	N/A
Unrestricted airflow	360°	360°	360°	360°
Probe material	Teflon	Teflon	N/A	Teflon
Residence time for reactive gases NO/NO ₂ /NO _y , SO ₂ , O ₃ ; PAMS: VOCs, Carbonyls (seconds)	8	N/A	N/A	11
Will there be changes within the next 18 months?	No	No	No	No
Is it suitable for comparison against the annual PM _{2.5} ?	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
Frequency of flow rate verification for manual PM samplers audit	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A
Frequency of flow rate verification for automated PM analyzers audit	N/A	Monthly	N/A	N/A
Frequency of one-point QC check (gaseous)	weekly	N/A	N/A	weekly
Last Annual Performance Evaluation (gaseous)	12/19/19	N/A	N/A	12/19/20
Last two semi-annual flow rate audits for PM monitors	N/A	6/27/19 12/19/19	6/27/19 12/19/19	N/A

† Height listed is distance from roof. Equipment is mounted on roof of Government Center building, 7.8 meters above ground level.

Site Name	Pechanga			
Meteorological	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Ambient Temp	Rel. Humidity
Manufacturer	Vaisala	Vaisala	Vaisala	Vaisala
Model	WXT520	WXT520	WXT520	WXT520
Range	0.4 to 50.0 m/s	000 to 360°	-10.0 to 50.0°C	0-100% RH
Analysis method	Automatic Sensor and Formulation	Automatic Sensor and Formulation	RC Oscillator	RC Oscillator
Start date	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015
Height above ground	11 meters	11 meters	9 meters	9 meters
Vertical distance from supporting structure	3.3 meters	3.3 meters	1.5 meters	1.5 meters
Horizontal distance from supporting structure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Distance from obstructions on roof	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters
Distance from obstructions not on roof	50 meters/ SW	50 meters/ SW	50 meters/ SW	50 meters/ SW
Unrestricted airflow	360°	360°	360°	360°

Site Name	Pechanga			
Meteorological	Precipitation	Solar Radiation	Pressure	
Manufacturer	Ecotech	Middleton	Vaisala	

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Model	Rainmaster 1000	SK01-D2	WXT520	
Range	N/A	0 to 1400 wt/m ²	600 to 800 mm Hg	
Analysis method	Tipping bucket	Differential thermopile	RC Oscillator	
Start date	December 28, 2018	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015	
Height above ground	8 meters	8 meters	5 meters	
Vertical distance from supporting structure	3.3 meters	3.3 meters	1.5 meters	
Horizontal distance from supporting structure	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Distance from obstructions on roof	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters	
Distance from obstructions not on roof	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters	
Unrestricted airflow	360°	360°	360°	

Appendix A – Public Comment

(No public comment received during the comment period of June 1-June 30, 2020).