



The Cleaner Air Partnership

A joint project of Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Valley Vision to help the Sacramento region meet clean air standards that protect health and promote economic growth.

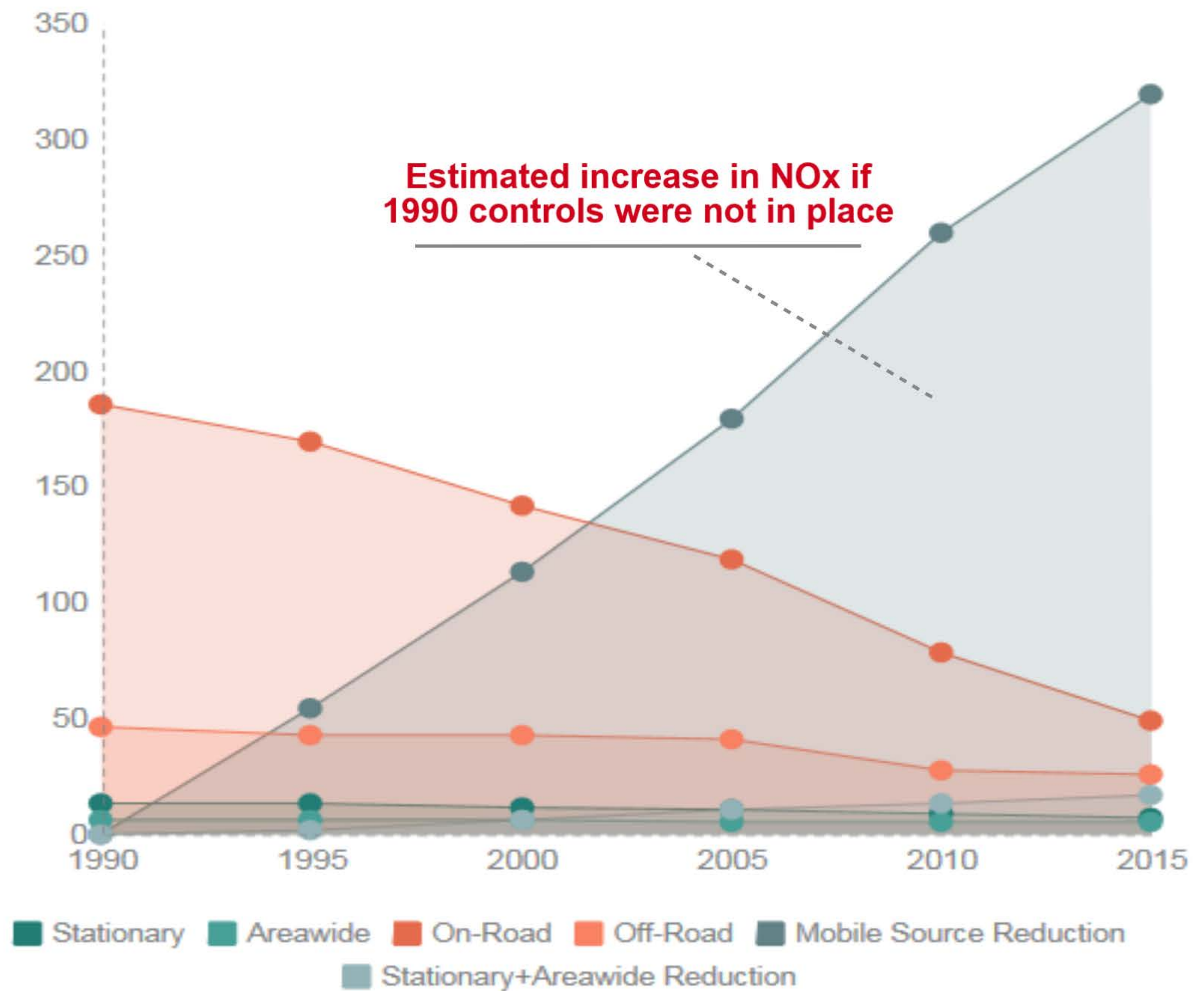
Air Quality Progress Report - April 2017 (Summary)

The Sacramento Region is making significant strides toward a clean air future, but does not yet meet state and federal health-based air quality standards. The need for critical progress remains.

Read the full report at <https://goo.gl/alyZJv>

- ✓ **66%** Reduction in smog-forming NOx (nitrogen oxide) emissions since 1990, despite a 50% increase in population.
- ✓ **63%** Reduction in smog-forming ROG (reactive organic gases) since 1990.
- ✓ **61%** Improvement in PM 2.5 levels (commonly known as 'soot') over the past 18 years. Our region attained the federal standard in December 2016.
- ✗ **Asthma** Continues to be an area where we must focus. Asthma-related emergency department visits increased each year since 2005.

1990-2015 Annual Average NOx Emissions, Sacramento Region



Policy Priorities:

Every \$1 invested in reduction of diesel emissions returns **\$13 in health benefits.**

Federal Incentive Programs

Approve and fund innovative voluntary measures proven to reduce ground-level ozone and particulate matter.

Maintain EPA funding for Diesel Emissions Reduction Grants (DERA).

Support programs to help state and local agencies encourage replacement of wood-burning devices.

Support programs to aid regional transportation related emission reductions and consider a concurrence role for air districts in use of CMAQ funding.

EPA Grants

Maintain EPA budget sufficient to carrying out the agency's core statutory responsibilities, including funding for grants for state and local air quality management equal to the FY 2016 budget of \$228 million.

EPA funding for Diesel Emissions Reduction Grants (DERA) should not come at the expense of funding for categorical grants for state and local air quality management.

Resilience

Support investments in infrastructure and energy resources that strengthen community and economic resilience.

Decouple the USDA Forest Service budget from the cost of fighting catastrophic wildfire; preserve funding intended for preventative forest management activities.

Implement policies to treat the outbreak of catastrophic wildfire similar to other natural disasters; allocate funding from FEMA for firefighting efforts upon emergency declaration.

Biomass

Support policies that position biomass as a value-added energy resource and that provide a level playing field for biomass with other forms of renewable energy (wind and solar).

Support markets for value-driven end uses for biomass material such as biomass-to-energy projects, as well as a range of bio-based products (e.g., synthetic gas, biochar, wood products including lumber, composites, and compost).

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