Dante,

Here is what I found on the AQMD website.

Permit moratorium was lifted starting Jan 1, 2010 by Governor signing SB827 (initially introduced as SB 696) on October 12, 2009.

"SB 827 serves as a stopgap measure, temporarily lifting the permit moratorium while allowing AQMD time to complete rulemaking on its emission offset program pursuant to the state court decision. The legislation will expire on May 1, 2012."


Environmental groups petitioned EPA on January 15, 2010 to repeal SB 827 but the repeal was not granted by the court.

"AQMD turns back legal challenge to its air pollution permits

January 15, 2010 - AQMD has thwarted a legal maneuver that could have prevented Southland businesses from obtaining air pollution permits. Superior Court Judge James Chalfant in Los Angeles denied a request for a temporary restraining order in a lawsuit filed in December 2009 by several environmental groups. The lawsuit seeks to invalidate AQMD's implementation of SB 827, which has allowed AQMD to issue more than 1,300 permits beginning on January 2 after a one-year permit moratorium was imposed by a 2008 court decision. Judge Chalfant ruled today that the plaintiffs, including California Communities Against Toxics (CCAT), Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), and Coalition for a Safe Environment (CASE) had not shown that irreparable harm would result if a temporary restraining order was not issued. The case will now proceed in Judge Chalfant's court."

There is no indication on the AQMD website that a new AQMD rule has been adopted to resolve this issue.

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