

SUMMARY OF BOARD ITEM

ITEM #00-6-2

PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT INFORMATION TO THE BOARD ON FEDERAL REGIONAL HAZE REQUIREMENTS

DISCUSSION:

In 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated a regional haze regulation that calls for states to establish goals and emission reduction strategies for improving visibility in 156 mandatory Class I national parks and wilderness areas. The regulation provides an option for western states to comply by implementing the recommendations adopted by the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission in 1996. The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) is the successor to the Grand Canyon Commission.

On May 9, 2000, California joined the WRAP, a consensus organization of states, tribes, and federal agencies. The first major issue before the WRAP is a regional sulfur dioxide trading market for stationary sources in lieu of Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART). The WRAP must submit the trading program to U.S. EPA by October 2000. California sources are not expected to be affected because they already comply with the federal BART requirement.

There are also additional longer term planning requirements under the regional haze regulation. The staff will provide an update on these requirements and their timeframes.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT INFORMATION
TO THE BOARD ON FEDERAL REGIONAL HAZE REQUIREMENTS**

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to present information on federal regional haze requirements and how they will affect California.

DATE: June 22, 2000

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Air Resources Board
Board Hearing Room, Lower Level
2020 L Street
Sacramento, California

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board commencing at 9:30 a.m., June 22, 2000, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., June 23, 2000, if necessary. This item may not be considered until June 23, 2000. Please consult the agenda for this meeting, which will be available at least ten days before June 22, 2000, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact ARB's Clerk of the Board by June 12, 2000, at (916) 322-5594, or TDD (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls outside the Sacramento area to ensure accommodation.

Background:

In 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated a regional haze regulation that calls for states to establish goals and emission reduction strategies for improving visibility in 156 mandatory Class I national parks and wilderness areas. California has 29 of these national parks and wilderness areas, including Yosemite National Park, Redwood National Park, and Joshua Tree National Park. The regulation provides an option for western states to comply by implementing the recommendations adopted by the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission in 1996. The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) is the successor to the Grand Canyon Commission.

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SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the ARB, written submissions must be addressed to and received by the Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812, or 2020 L Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, no later than 12:00 noon, June 21, 2000, or received by the Clerk of the Board at the meeting. To be considered by the ARB, e-mail submissions must be addressed to reghaze@listserv.arb.ca.gov and received at the ARB no later than 12:00 noon June 21, 2000.

ARB requests, but does not require, that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted. Further inquiries should be directed to Ms. Lucille van Ommering, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Planning and Technical Support Division, at (916) 323-0296.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD


for Michael P. Kenny
Executive Officer

Date: June 5, 2000