CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP, PUBLIC BOARD MEETING, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT REDUCTION STRATEGY AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PREPARED FOR THE PROPOSED STRATEGY

This notice announces the availability of the Proposed Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (Proposed Strategy) and the Draft Environmental Analysis (EA) prepared for the Proposed Strategy, as well as a public workshop and public Board meeting on the Proposed Strategy and Draft EA.

Public Workshop on the Proposed Short-lived Climate Pollutant Strategy:

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public workshop to discuss ARB's Proposed Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (Proposed Strategy), released for public review on April 11, 2016. During the workshop, ARB staff will provide a summary of the Proposed Strategy. We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort.

The workshop will be held on the following date and time:

DATE:	**April 26, 2016**
TIME:	**10:00 a.m.**
LOCATION:	California Environmental Protection Agency Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street, Second Floor Sacramento, California 95814
DIRECTIONS:	http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm

Public Board Meeting:

The Air Resources Board will conduct a public Board meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the Proposed Strategy.

DATE:	**May 19, 2016**
TIME:	**9:00 a.m.**
LOCATION:	California Environmental Protection Agency Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street, Second Floor Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., May 19, 2016. Please consult the public agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 19, 2016, to determine the order in which this item will be considered.

Background on the Proposed Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy:

Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than major climate pollutants such as carbon dioxide (CO_2). Their relative potency in terms of how they heat the atmosphere can be tens to thousands of times greater than CO_2. SLCP include black carbon, methane, and fluorinated gases, including hydrofluorocarbons. The impacts of SLCP are especially strong within the near term. Reducing these emissions can have an immediate beneficial impact on climate change.

SLCP reductions are important to continuing and maintaining the greenhouse gas reductions called for by AB 32 (Nunez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) and SB 605 (Lara, Chapter 523, Statutes of 2014), and to ensuring emissions meet the statewide greenhouse gas emission limit that AB 32 established. The Proposed Strategy is identified in the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan as one of the recommended actions to achieve additional greenhouse gas emission reductions. SB 605 further requires ARB, in coordination with other State agencies and local air districts, to develop a strategy to further reduce SLCP emissions in California.

A Draft Strategy was released for public comment on September 30, 2015. After considering comments received, ARB staff developed the Proposed Strategy, which will be presented to the Board at a public meeting on May 19, 2016. The Board will not vote on the Proposed Strategy at this meeting; a second meeting will be scheduled for either late summer or early fall for the Board to consider approving a final SLCP Strategy, along with final environmental documents.

The Proposed Strategy and its appendices are available on ARB's website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm.

Environmental Analysis:

ARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed Strategy, prepared a Draft Environmental Analysis in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and ARB's regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d)). The resource areas from the CEQA Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses resulting from implementation of the proposed measures discussed in the Proposed Strategy. The Draft EA provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the proposed measures under each of 17 environmental resource areas. Collectively, the Draft EA concluded implementation of these actions could result in the following short-term and long-term beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial long-term impacts in reduced greenhouse gas emissions; less than significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, energy demand, geology and soils, greenhouse gases (short-term), hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, resources related to land

use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, and recreational services; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, resources related to land use planning, noise, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. The potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts are primarily related to short-term construction-related activities, which explains why some resource areas are identified above as having both less-than-significant impacts and potentially significant impacts. Please refer to the Draft EA for further details.

The Draft EA is included as **Appendix C** to the Proposed Strategy and can be obtained from ARB's website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm

Copies of the Draft EA may also be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Submittal of Comments:

ARB invites comments on the Proposed Strategy and Draft EA during the 45-day public comment period that begins on **April 11, 2016** and ends on **May 26, 2016**. Comments should be submitted using the address or web page listed below. Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the May 19, 2016 public meeting.

After the close of the 45-day public comment period, ARB staff will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the Proposed Strategy and the Draft EA will be considered by ARB, only those comments relating to the Draft EA will be responded to in writing in the supplemental response document. The supplemental response document containing staff's written responses to comments on the Draft EA will be posted on ARB's website before the public meeting scheduled for the Board to consider approving the Proposed Strategy.

To be responded to in writing and considered by the Board at a subsequent public meeting on the Proposed Strategy, written comments on the Draft EA must be received **no later than 5 p.m. on May 26, 2016**. Comments on the Draft EA and the Proposed Strategy must be submitted to one of the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this item should be directed to David Mehl, Air Resources Supervisor, at 916 323-1491 or (designated back-up contact) Marcelle Surovik, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at 916 327-2951.

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting.
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Date: April 11, 2016