

State of California  
**Air Resources Board**

**BOARD ITEM SUMMARY**

**ITEM #: 20-6-2      Public Meeting to Consider the Indian Wells Valley Second 10-Year PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) approve the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District's (District) Indian Wells Valley Second 10-Year PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan (2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

**DISCUSSION:**

The 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan addresses the federal 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> standard of 150 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) in one of the more arid portions of the State. In 2002, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) designated the Indian Wells Valley Planning Area (Indian Wells Valley) as moderate nonattainment for the 24-hour and annual PM<sub>10</sub> standards. On May 7, 2003, U.S. EPA redesignated Indian Wells Valley to attainment of the PM<sub>10</sub> standards based on air quality data collected in 1998 through 2000 and approved the first 10-year maintenance plan.

Indian Wells Valley has continuously attained the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> standard since 2003. Attainment of the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> standard was achieved through adopting and implementing fugitive dust control rules similar to those adopted by other districts in Southern California. The District adopted the 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan to satisfy federal Clean Air Act requirements for continuous monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> and full implementation of adopted control measures over a 20-year period after redesignation of Indian Wells Valley to attainment. The 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan is designed to satisfy all of the Act requirements for a PM<sub>10</sub> maintenance area.

**SUMMARY AND IMPACTS:**

CARB staff has reviewed the 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan and has concluded that it meets the applicable Clean Air Act requirements. CARB staff recommends that the Board approve the 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan and direct staff to submit the 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> Plan to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP. This is not expected to be controversial.