State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

OZONE DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REVISED NATIONAL OZONE STANDARD OF 70 PARTS PER BILLION

Resolution 16-11

September 22, 2016

Agenda Item No.: 16-8-1

WHEREAS, the Legislature in Health and Safety Code section 39602 has designated the State Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) as the air pollution control agency for all purposes set forth in federal law;

WHEREAS, section 109(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act requires the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to set primary air quality standards at levels that protect public health with an adequate margin of safety;

WHEREAS, section 109(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act requires U.S. EPA to set secondary air quality standards at levels requisite to protect public welfare;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2015, the U.S. EPA promulgated a revised primary eight-hour ozone standard and an identical secondary eight-hour ozone standard at a level of 0.070 parts per million, based on the need to protect against daylong exposures to lower levels of ozone;

WHEREAS, section 107(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act requires states to submit to U.S. EPA a list designating areas as nonattainment, attainment, or unclassifiable for a new or revised national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) no later than one year after the promulgation of the standard and requires U.S. EPA to finalize the designations within two years of the promulgation of the new or revised standard;

WHEREAS, section 107(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Clean Air Act provides that any area that does not meet, or that contributes to ambient air quality in a nearby area that does not meet, the NAAQS for a pollutant shall be designated nonattainment;

WHEREAS, section 107(d)(1)(A)(ii) of the Clean Air Act also provides that any area (other than an area identified as nonattainment under section 107(d)(1)(A)(i)) that meets the NAAQS for the pollutant shall be designated attainment;

WHEREAS, section 107(d)(1)(A)(iii) of the Clean Air Act provides that any area that cannot be classified on the basis of available information as meeting or not meeting the NAAQS for the pollutant shall be designated unclassifiable;

WHEREAS, ARB has developed recommendations for area designations and boundaries in consultation with local air districts and U.S. EPA;

WHEREAS, a Staff Report titled *Recommended Area Designations for the 0.070 ppm Federal 8-hour Ozone Standard* which lists recommendations for area designations and nonattainment area boundaries for the federal 0.070 ppm eight-hour average ozone standard has been prepared;

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this Resolution lists recommendations for nonattainment, attainment, and unclassifiable area designations and boundaries for each area for the 0.070 ppm federal eight-hour average ozone standard;

WHEREAS, the recommendations are based on ozone data from 2013 to 2015, the most recent data available;

WHEREAS, U.S. EPA will base the final designations on ozone data from 2014 to 2016;

WHEREAS, ARB's regulatory program that involves the adoption, approval, amendment, or repeal of standards, rules, regulations, or plans has been certified by the Secretary for Natural Resources under Public Resources Code section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15251(d)), and ARB conducts its CEQA review according to this certified program (California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 60000-60007);

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the proposed recommendations are exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) and section 15308 ("Class 8" exemption: Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) because the record evidence shows with certainty that the proposed recommendations will enhance the environment by better protecting the public from health impacts associated with exposure to ozone, and there is no possibility that the proposed activity may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, as described in Chapter 6 of the Staff Report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board directs the Executive Officer to forward the recommended area designations and nonattainment boundaries for the federal 0.070 ppm eight-hour average ozone standard to U.S. EPA and to work with U.S. EPA to resolve any issues that may arise regarding the recommendations.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 16-11 as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

Tracy Jensen

Tracy Jensen, Clerk of the Board

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Attachment A: Recommended Nonattainment, Attainment and Unclassifiable Designations for the 0.070 parts per million Federal 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Recommended Nonattainment, Attainment and Unclassifiable Designations for the 0.070 parts per million Federal 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Designation Area	Description	Recommended Designation
Amador County	Amador County	Nonattainment
Calaveras County	Calaveras County	Nonattainment
Chico (Butte County)	Butte County	Nonattainment
Imperial County	Imperial County	Nonattainment
Kern County (Eastern Kern)	Eastern half of Kern County within the Mojave Desert Air Basin portion (excluding Indian Wells Valley)	Nonattainment
Los Angeles-San Bernardino Counties (Western Mojave Desert)	Northeastern Los Angeles County and central San Bernardino County	Nonattainment
Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin	Orange County; western Los Angeles County (including Catalina and San Clemente Islands); western Riverside County; and southwestern San Bernardino County	Nonattainment
Mariposa County	Mariposa County	Nonattainment
Nevada County (Western portion)	Portion of Nevada County west of the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains	Nonattainment
Riverside County (Coachella Valley)	Central Riverside County	Nonattainment
Sacramento Metropolitan Area	Sacramento and Yolo counties; eastern Solano County; southern Sutter County; and portions of Placer and El Dorado counties west of the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains	Nonattainment
San Diego County	San Diego County	Nonattainment
San Francisco Bay Area	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties; southern Sonoma County; and western Solano County	Nonattainment
San Joaquin Valley	Fresno, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin Stanislaus, and Tulare counties and the western portion of Kern County within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin	Nonattainment
San Luis Obispo (Eastern San Luis Obispo County)	Eastern portion of San Luis Obispo County	Nonattainment
Sutter Buttes	Sutter Buttes in Sutter County above 2,000 feet	Nonattainment
Tuolumne County	Tuolumne County	Nonattainment
Tuscan Buttes	Tuscan Buttes in Tehama County above 1,800 feet	Nonattainment
Ventura County	Continential portion of Ventura County	Nonattainment

Designation Area	Description	Recommended Designation
Colusa County	Colusa County	Attainment
Eastern Riverside County	Eastern portion of Riverside County within the Mojave Desert Air Basin	Attainment
Glenn County	Glenn County	Attainment
Inyo County	Inyo County	Attainment
Lake County	Lake County	Attainment
North Central Coast Air Basin	Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties	Attainment
North Coast Air Basin	Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity counties and North Coast Air Basin portion of Sonoma County	Attainment
Northeast Plateau Air Basin	Lassen, Modoc and Siskiyou counties	Attainment
Northeast San Bernardino County	Northern and eastern portions of San Bernardino County within the Mojave Desert Air Basin	Attainment
Santa Barbara County	Continental portion of Santa Barbara County	Attainment
Shasta County	Shasta County	Attainment
Sutter and Yuba Counties	Yuba County and portion of Sutter County outside of Sacramento Metropolitan and Sutter Buttes nonattainment areas	Attainment
Tehama County	Portion of Tehama County outside of the Tuscan Buttes nonattainment area	Attainment
Western San Luis Obispo County	Portion of San Luis Obispo County to the west of the Eastern San Luis Obispo County nonattainment area	Attainment
Eastern Nevada County	Portion of Nevada County east of the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains	Unclassifiable
Lake Tahoe Air Basin	Eastern portion of Placer and El Dorado counties within the Lake Tahoe Air Basin	Unclassifiable
Northeastern Kern County	Portion of Kern County within the Indian Wells Valley	Unclassifiable
Northern Channel Islands	The Channel Islands located in the South Central Coast Air Basin: Anacapa, San Miguel, San Nicholas, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa islands	Unclassifiable
Northern Great Basin Valleys Air Basin	Alpine and Mono counties	Unclassifiable
Northern Mountain Counties	Plumas and Sierra counties	Unclassifiable