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## **MEETING NOTICE** **Public Meetings for** **Proposed Cap-and-Trade Adaptive Management Process**

***(Updated with additional description & new location for Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting)***

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a series of regional public meetings to discuss the draft proposed Cap-and-Trade Adaptive Management Process. ARB is developing this Adaptive Management Process as a formal mechanism for identifying, monitoring and responding to any localized impacts that may occur under the Cap-and-Trade regulation. The Cap-and-Trade regulation sets a cap on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which is lowered over time to reduce the amount of pollutants released into the atmosphere. The cap has been in place since 2013 and reduces GHG emissions from large industrial sources. The Cap-and-Trade program, along with other complementary emission reduction measures, will reduce GHG emissions in California. Emission reductions are expected to come from cars and trucks, fuels, industrial facilities and many other sources.

Because the Cap-and-Trade program works alongside existing complementary State, local, and federal measures, ARB believes that localized air impacts under the Cap-and-Trade program are extremely unlikely. Moreover, the Board approved in 2011 an Adaptive Management Plan (Plan) to closely monitor the effects of the Cap-and-Trade Program on localized air quality. In adopting the Plan, ARB sought to ensure that the Cap-and-Trade program identifies, monitors, and responds to any localized air quality impacts while the cap is in place. Accordingly, ARB is committed to implementing adaptive management.

In adopting the Plan, the Board further directed staff to work with local air districts to develop a process to implement the Plan. The public meetings noted below are the first in a series of statewide meetings ARB staff intends to hold for obtaining public input as we continue to work with the local air districts and interested stakeholders to further develop the Adaptive Management Process. The proposed Adaptive Management Process will monitor year-to-year changes in emissions at Cap-and-Trade covered facilities. Comments received at these public meetings will be considered for incorporation into the draft proposal. The revised draft will be released in early 2016, followed shortly thereafter with another round of public meetings and opportunity to comment. Staff intends to present a final proposed Adaptive Management Process to

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the Board in spring/early summer 2016. These Regional Public Meetings provide opportunity for stakeholder and public input regarding the proposed Adaptive Management Process.

As noted above, air pollution control programs at the federal, State, and local levels reduce greenhouse gas (GHG), smog-forming criteria pollutant and toxic air pollution throughout California, improving the health of all California residents. ARB works closely with the local air districts to enforce air pollution regulations, monitor air pollution, and ensure that emission reductions are occurring as intended so that all Californians, including those in disadvantaged communities, are experiencing the benefits of cleaner air. The Cap-and-Trade program adds another layer of protection by placing a price on carbon that incentivizes facilities to reduce emissions from their operations. And Adaptive Management provides the tools, along with a transparent and public process, for tracking emission trends from facilities subject to Cap-and-Trade.

During the public meetings noticed below, ARB staff will provide a summary of and solicit input on the draft proposed process, schedule, and timeline for public comment. We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort.

The regional meetings will be held in four locations at the following dates and times:

**Sacramento**

Date: November 5, 2015  
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, California 95814  
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>

**Los Angeles**

Date: November 9, 2015  
Time: 5:00pm  
Location: California Department of Transportation Building  
Auditorium  
100 South Main Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Directions: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/contactus/D7\\_office\\_location.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/contactus/D7_office_location.pdf)

**Fresno**

Date: November 10, 2015

Time: 5:00pm

Location: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
Central Region Office  
Governing Board Room  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, California 93726

Directions: [http://www.valleyair.org/General\\_info/Directions\\_Fresno.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/General_info/Directions_Fresno.htm)

The public can also attend this meeting by video conference at the air district's Modesto and Bakersfield offices:

Modesto Office  
4800 Enterprise Way  
Modesto, CA 95356

Bakersfield Office  
34946 Flyover Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

**San Pablo**

Date: November 16, 2015

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Maple Hall Community Center  
1 Alvarado Square  
San Pablo, California 94806

Directions: <http://ca-sanpablo.civiccities.com/index.aspx?NID=1170>

**Live Video/Audio Webcast**

For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcast) will be available from the Sacramento and Fresno meetings. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of each meeting at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> (Sacramento) and [http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public\\_workshops\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm) (Fresno). An e-mail address will also be available to submit questions or comments.

**Meeting Materials**

The meeting agenda, staff presentation, and any other related materials will be distributed prior to the meetings. These documents will be posted in advance on ARB's Adaptive Management website:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/adaptivemanagement/adaptivemanagement.htm>.

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Persons interested in receiving electronic notification of activities and materials released related to this effort should subscribe to the ARB's main Climate Change (cc) listserve at: [http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv\\_ind.php?listname=cc](http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=cc).

**Special Accommodation**

If you require special accommodation for the meeting or require the meeting documents in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print) or in another language, please contact Mr. Johnnie Raymond, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-8279 or via e-mail at [jraymond@arb.ca.gov](mailto:jraymond@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the meetings. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation in the meetings. If you have questions regarding the meetings, please contact Mr. David Mallory, Manager, Climate Change Policy Section, at (916) 445-8316 or via e-mail at [dmallory@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dmallory@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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