Many hours were put to the 2018 PM **2.5** Plan, with expectations of a 2020 15 micrograms per cubic meter reduction. We, CARB, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, and clean air advocates, have been working this plan since 2016.

PM**2.5** is of **immediate** concern to those of us with asthma and who have other respiratory diseases. When I first learned I have asthma, I was in an Emergency Room. I was exposed to particulates which resulted in me becoming sick with rhinitis, sinusitis, bronchitis, and by the time I was in the ER, first stage of pneumonia. I was very sick. And, I was very sick in the matter of a week.

Due to climate change, the San Joaquin Valley is in a very different environment than we were when the 2018 PM **2.5** Plan was first introduced (2016). Presently, our air is hotter, our forests are drier, (from lack of rain); and some forest trees are dying from beetle infestation. Now we will **annually** be plagued with wild fires, since our forests are no longer healthy. We will annually be plagued with PM **2.5** in the form of black carbon. This is in addition to the already present PM **2.5** sources we experience here in the San Joaquin Valley. PM **2.5** from wildfires is placing a further burden on the San Joaquin Valley. We all suffer from the effects of the small particulates, especially those residents who cannot escape them. These are residents who have no air conditioning and have windows open in the hot summers we now endure. This population ends up in Emergency Rooms. This population experiences pollution sickness, including young children having asthma attacts. For San Joaquin residents, current real-time, daily, safe air quality is critical for our good health and quality of life.

This is a dire public health burden on the San Joaquin Valley. More and more people are moving here from other areas in our state and out-of-state populations. There will be more and more people suffering from the worst air, relative to PM **2.5**, in the USA.

The American Lung Association routinely finds the San Joaquin Valley unsafe for those of us sickened by our air. We suffer respiratory, heart, lung, brain, and other health issues due to PM **2.5** getting into our blood stream and transferring throughout our bodies.

Please think of the suffering people here. Please support the PM **2.5** Plan in any way you can, to give us clean and safe air. Clean air that is harmless to breathe. We are depending upon you. You have our health, and even our lives in your care. Reducing PM **2.5** immediately is critical to us NOW. We must work together. Work with EPA. Work with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Work with residents suffering from our unsafe air.

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