

January 3, 2025

Dr. Steven Cliff  
Executive Officer  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Dr. Cliff,

I am writing to express the Placer County Air Pollution Control District's (District) full support for your staff's recommendation of "attainment" for the 2024 revised annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) area designation for Placer County. The District sincerely appreciates your leadership, and we believe your recommendation and supporting technical analyses provide a strong foundation for U.S. EPA to reach a similar conclusion when finalizing the area designations for California, which is anticipated to occur in October 2025.

The District has a long record of establishing and enforcing rigorous regulations and programs to reduce PM2.5 emissions in Placer County. Nowhere is this more evident than the efforts undertaken to meet the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS. Portions of Placer County, along with the greater Sacramento area, were designated as nonattainment for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS. Like many parts of California, heating from wood burning devices and open burning were the two major sources of PM2.5 emissions in Placer County. To address this, the District amended six open burning rules to further control PM2.5 emissions from agricultural and non-agricultural, prescribed, residential, land development, and non-industrial disposal burning activities in 2011. Concurrently, the District amended its Wood Burning Appliances rule to lower emission standards on new and existing (upon sale of a residential property) wood burning appliances. Additionally, the District applied for and received funding from CARB and U.S. EPA, which was paired with local District funding, to launch a countywide woodstove replacement program. The success of these efforts, in collaboration with similar efforts by the other air districts in the Sacramento area, sufficiently reduced emissions enabling U.S. EPA to issue an attainment determination to the Sacramento nonattainment area for the 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS in 2017.

The District greatly appreciates your recognition of our efforts to control PM2.5 emissions and protect the public health in Placer County. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 745-2321 or [ecwhite@placer.ca.gov](mailto:ecwhite@placer.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Erik C. White  
Air Pollution Control Officer