



**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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

Dear Dr. Cliff:

I am writing to express the full support from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) for your staff's recommendation of "attainment" for the 2024 revised annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) area designation for Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano 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 made great strides to reduce the impacts of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions in Yolo County and Solano County. Nowhere is this more evident than the efforts undertaken to meet the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. Portions of Yolo County, along with the portion of Solano County under the jurisdiction of the District, as well as the greater Sacramento area, were designated as nonattainment for the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. Like many parts of California, transportation, heating from wood burning devices, and agricultural open burning were the major sources of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions in the District. The District has utilized funding from CARB and U.S. EPA, in combination with District funds, to incentivize alternatives to agricultural burning, replacement of older diesel tractors and farm equipment, and the replacement of wood burning appliances. 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 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS in 2017.

The District greatly appreciates your recognition of our efforts to control PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and protect the public health in Yolo and Solano counties. 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) 757-3673 or [gbennitt@ysaqmd.org](mailto:gbennitt@ysaqmd.org).

Sincerely,

Gretchen Bennitt  
Air Pollution Control Officer