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of San Diego and Imperial Counties

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Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Re: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF OZONE EARLY PROGRESS PLANS FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY

Dear Air Resources Board.

Imperial County Air Pollution Control District is currently working on an Ozone SIP, which is due at the end of this year. However, the early progress plan for Ozone in Imperial County is currently seeking approval. There was confusion as to whether the early progress plan was the final Ozone SIP to be submitted to CARB for approval and whether or not it could influence and or substitute the final Ozone SIP to be submitted by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District. It is understood that it is the first time that California is completing an early progress plan for Ozone and therefore it is understandable that members of the community would be a bit confused. Also, I do understand that CARB gave a 30 day notification to review the early progress plan. However, in order to avoid this confusion, to explain to the community how these tables were formulated, and get adequate community input it would be advised that workshops be conducted in the communities in which these plans would be implemented before being approved by CARB in the future.

However, I would like to recognize and send special thanks to Sylvia Oey and Dennis Wade for explaining the early progress plan and how it can not nor it is intended to serve as a substitute to the final Ozone SIP which is to be submitted by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District later on this year.

Sincerely,

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