CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER UPDATED TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY BUDGETS FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY OZONE, PM2.5, AND PM10 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of Updated Transportation Conformity Budgets for the San Joaquin Valley Ozone, PM2.5, and PM10 State Implementation Plans. If approved, ARB will submit the transportation conformity budgets to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California SIP.

DATE: October 22, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

Or Via Videoconference:
California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95812

This item may be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 22, 2015. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar. All agenda items on the Consent Calendar – unless removed upon the request of a Board member or if someone in the audience submits a request to speak card on that item – will be voted on by the Board at the beginning of the public meeting.

Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act (Act) establishes transportation conformity requirements which are intended to ensure that transportation activities do not interfere with air quality progress. The Act requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects that obtain federal funds or approvals conform to applicable State Implementation Plans (SIP) before being approved by a Metropolitan Planning Organization. Conformity to a SIP means that proposed activities must not:

- Cause or contribute to any new violation of any standard,
- Increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of any standard in any area, or
- Delay timely attainment of any standard or any required interim emission reductions or other milestones in any area.

A number of San Joaquin Valley SIPs contain transportation conformity budgets that used the most up to date emission rates and planning assumptions available at the time

the plans were developed. On November 16, 2007, the Board submitted an air quality attainment plan for the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and a maintenance plan and re-designation request for the PM10 NAAQS in the San Joaquin Valley (Ozone Plan and PM10 Plan). On March 4, 2013, the Board submitted an attainment plan for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS (PM2.5 Plan) for the Valley. The U.S. EPA approved the Ozone and PM10 Plans on November 12, 2008 and March 1, 2012, respectively. The U.S. EPA proposed approval of the PM2.5 Plan on January 13, 2015.

ARB staff has subsequently released a revised emission rate program, EMFAC 2014, which updates the emission rates and planning assumptions used in conformity budgets. Staff has therefore updated the conformity budgets in the Ozone, PM10 and PM2.5 Plans to use the latest information.

PROPOSED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the transportation conformity emissions budgets for the Ozone, PM10 and PM2.5 Plans and direct staff to submit them to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the California SIP.

ARB staff has prepared a written report. Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990, on September 18, 2015. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/sanjqnvllysip.htm

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received **no later than 5:00 pm, October 19, 2015,** and addressed to the following:

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

Electronic submittal: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and verbal comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

ARB requests that written and email statements on this item be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Nesamani Kalandiyur, Manager of the Transportation Analysis Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 324-0466, or Mr. Dennis Wade, Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 327-2963.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: 9/21/15

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