CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A PROGRESS REPORT AND PROPOSED STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISIONS FOR PM2.5

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of a progress report and proposed revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). ARB's proposed PM2.5 SIP revisions are limited to an updated calendar of ARB rulemaking, adjustments to transportation conformity budgets, and revisions to reasonable further progress tables and associated reductions for contingency purposes for the South Coast and the San Joaquin Valley. The proposed Board action also includes approval for submittal to U.S. EPA of revisions to the PM2.5 and ozone SIP for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley adopted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District on March 4, 2011.

DATE: April 28, 2011

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item may be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., April 28, 2011. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before April 28, 2011, to determine the order of agenda items.

Background

ARB and local air districts are responsible for developing clean air plans to demonstrate how and when California will attain PM2.5 standards established under the federal Clean Air Act. In 2007 and 2008, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast) and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (San Joaquin Valley) adopted comprehensive PM2.5 SIPs to meet these standards.

As part of these SIPs, ARB adopted the 2007 State Strategy to map out the actions it would take to reduce precursor and direct PM2.5 emissions to levels that will bring California regions into compliance with federal health-based air quality standards. The State Strategy includes a legal commitment by the State of California, enforceable in federal court, to reduce emissions to specific levels. The 2007 State Strategy provides

most of the emission reductions needed in the two regions.

In April 2009, ARB adopted and submitted its first status report and revision to the 2007 State Strategy. The status report documented the progress made in implementing the State Strategy in terms of actions taken and emission reductions achieved since the 2007 State Strategy was adopted. The SIP revision also included a commitment to revise the SIP, as necessary.

In November 2010, U.S. EPA proposed disapproval of various elements of the PM2.5 SIP for the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley, including the State Strategy. In its proposed action, U.S. EPA argued that, to be approvable, the State Strategy needed to contain a greater proportion of adopted regulations, as opposed to enforceable commitments to adopt. ARB's progress report and SIP revisions document the Board's recent actions that address this issue and should enable U.S. EPA to approve the PM2.5 SIPs.

In December 2010, ARB adopted amendments to its truck and construction regulations to account for economic impacts that significantly reduced activity and emissions associated with goods movement, including the trucking, shipping, and construction industries. The revised regulations still provide the emission reductions necessary to meet air quality standards, but do so at a lower cost.

Proposed Action

ARB staff has prepared a document entitled, *ARB Progress Report: Implementation of the PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley Air Basins and Proposed SIP Revisions.*

This progress report documents both the regulatory and air quality progress that the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley have made since the PM2.5 plans were adopted in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

This report also includes the following proposed SIP revisions to the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 SIPs: an updated calendar of ARB rulemaking, updates to Reasonable Further Progress tables and associated reductions for contingency purposes, and adjustments to the transportation conformity budgets.

ARB staff is proposing updates to ARB's rulemaking calendar in the PM2.5 SIP to reflect the current status of adopted measures and updates to expected action dates for three measures: new emission standards for recreational boats, expanded off-road recreational vehicle emission standards, and additional evaporative emission standards. ARB proposes to modify the action date for all three measures from the existing range of 2009-2010 to 2013.

ARB is proposing to update the transportation conformity budgets applicable to the federal annual PM2.5 standard for the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley. These

updates are necessary to account for the Board's December 2010 action regarding amendments to the truck and bus and off-road construction equipment regulations.

The federal Clean Air Act requires that SIPs show there will be steady progress in reducing emissions during the years leading to the attainment date, called reasonable further progress. ARB staff is proposing updates to the reasonable further progress tables to reflect the current status of adopted measures and account for changes due to the recession. These revisions are necessary to reflect current forecasted emissions as a result of the impacts of the recession on key source categories in the SIP.

In a separate action on March 4, 2011, the South Coast Board adopted revisions to their PM2.5 and Ozone SIP for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley. These revisions update the implementation status of the district's control measures to meet the PM2.5 attainment date, revise the control measure adoption schedule, and modify the District's emissions reduction commitment to reflect improvements to the off-road emissions estimates for 2014.

ARB staff will make an oral presentation at the hearing and will present the proposed SIP revision for Board action. Copies of the status report and proposed SIP revision may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office,1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990 beginning April 18, 2011. This document may also be obtained from ARB's website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may be submitted 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 12:00 noon, April 27, 2011,** 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 oral 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. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

ARB requests that written and email statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Lucille van Ommering, Manager of the SIP and Local Government Strategies Section, (916) 322-8261.

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Date: March 29, 2011

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