

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE 2016 OZONE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) 2016 Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard (2016 Ozone Plan). If approved, ARB will submit the Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: July 21, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., July 21, 2016. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before July 21, 2016, to determine the order in which this item will be considered.

Background

The federal Clean Air Act (Act) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (standards). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how they will attain the standard by specified dates.

In 2008, U.S. EPA lowered the 8-hour ozone standard from 0.08 parts per million (ppm) to 0.075 ppm. In July 2012, U.S. EPA designated the San Joaquin Valley as an extreme nonattainment area for this more stringent standard. The District must develop and implement a SIP that establishes the strategy for attaining the standard by 2031 and that meets the Act's planning requirements. The District prepared the 2016 Ozone Plan to address these requirements, and its Governing Board adopted the 2016 Ozone Plan on June 16, 2016.

Ozone levels in the San Joaquin Valley have shown ongoing improvement over the last 25 years. While there was relatively modest progress in the early years, over the last decade ozone levels have shown significant improvement in response to accelerated NOx reductions. Peak ozone concentrations have decreased nearly 20 percent, and the number of days exceeding the standard has dropped over 40 percent. Current control programs will continue this pace of NOx reductions, with a further 50 percent reduction by 2031. The 2016 Ozone Plan demonstrates that the San Joaquin Valley will

attain the standard with emission reductions occurring through 2031 from implementing existing ARB and District control programs.

The 2016 Ozone Plan includes comprehensive emission inventories, a reasonable further progress (RFP) demonstration, an assessment of reasonably available control measures and technologies, and identification of contingency measures if the San Joaquin Valley fails to meet an RFP milestone or attain the standard. The 2016 Ozone Plan also includes motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets developed using ARB's federally-approved Emission Factor model for assessing emissions to support ARB's air quality planning efforts, EMFAC2014, that reflect the latest planning assumptions, as well as a demonstration that transportation control measures and strategies offset any emission increase due to growth in vehicle miles travelled.

In addition, the ARB staff report contains a submittal identifying the Arvin-Di Giorgio ozone monitoring site as the maximum ozone concentration monitor in the Bakersfield Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). On May 2, 2016, U.S. EPA approved the Arvin-Di Giorgio ozone monitoring site as the replacement for the Arvin-Bear Mountain site. This SIP submittal addresses the U.S. EPA's partial disapproval in the California Infrastructure SIP regarding a maximum ozone concentration monitor in the Bakersfield MSA.

ARB staff has reviewed the 2016 Ozone Plan and has concluded that it meets the applicable Act requirements.

Proposed Action

ARB staff recommends that the Board approve the 2016 Ozone Plan for the San Joaquin Valley and direct staff to submit it to the U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

ARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. 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, June 17, 2016. 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, July 18, 2016**, 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>

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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. Webster Tasat, Manager of the Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-4950, or his designated back-up contact Ms. Patricia Velasco, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 323-7560.

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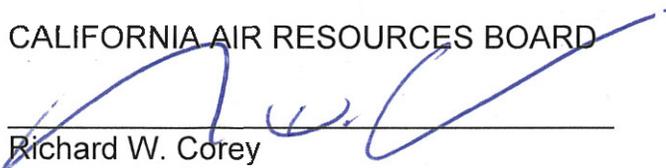
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Executive Officer

Date: June 17, 2016

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