

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER MINOR UPDATES TO 1997 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD SIPs: COACHELLA VALLEY AND WESTERN MOJAVE DESERT OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREAS

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider minor updates to the Coachella Valley and Western Mojave Desert Federal Ozone Nonattainment Areas State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard (2014 Update). If approved by the Board, ARB will submit the 2014 Updates to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as revisions to the California SIP.

DATE: October 23, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 23, 2014, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on October 24, 2014. This item may not be considered until October 24, 2014. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before October 23, 2014, to determine the day on which this item will be considered. 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.

BACKGROUND

The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed a health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standard (standard) set by U.S. EPA. These nonattainment areas must adopt and implement a SIP demonstrating that they will attain the standard by specified CAA deadlines.

In July 1997, U.S. EPA promulgated an 8-hour standard for ozone of 0.08 parts per million, designating the Coachella Valley nonattainment area with a serious classification and the Western Mojave Desert nonattainment area with a moderate classification.

Coachella Valley

On November 28, 2007, ARB submitted the 2007 Coachella Valley 8-Hour Ozone Plan (2007 Coachella Plan) to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP. The 2007 Coachella Plan included a Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) demonstration using U.S. EPA guidance that at that time allowed for counting emission reductions from sources outside the nonattainment area to show progress toward attainment. U.S. EPA later determined that using emission reductions from out-of-area sources was inappropriate for RFP purposes and revised its RFP policy to limit emission reductions to sources within the nonattainment area.

The 2007 Coachella Plan also included a request that U.S. EPA reclassify the Coachella Valley from serious to a severe classification. On May 5, 2010, U.S. EPA approved the reclassification of the Coachella Valley to severe but did not take action on the attainment demonstration or other CAA planning requirements pending new submittals using current U.S. EPA guidance.

The Coachella Valley 2014 Update provides the required new submittals including an updated emission inventory, attainment demonstration, RFP demonstration using in-area emission reductions only, new transportation conformity budgets, and a revised vehicle miles traveled (VMT) offsets demonstration. This information will support U.S. EPA's approval of the Coachella Valley's 2007 SIP for attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard.

Western Mojave Desert

On July 22, 2008, ARB submitted the 2008 Western Mojave Desert 8-Hour Ozone Plan (2008 Mojave Plan) to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP. Like the 2007 Coachella Plan, the 2008 Mojave Plan included an RFP demonstration using U.S. EPA guidance at that time that allowed emission reductions from sources outside the nonattainment area to show progress toward attainment.

The 2008 Mojave Plan also included a request that U.S. EPA reclassify the Western Mojave Desert from moderate to a severe-17 classification. On March 14, 2012, ARB submitted a clarification requesting that U.S. EPA reclassify the Western Mojave Desert to severe-15. On June 7, 2012, U.S. EPA approved the reclassification of the Western Mojave Desert to severe-15 but did not take action on the attainment demonstration or the other CAA requirements pending new submittals using current U.S. EPA guidance.

The Western Mojave Desert 2014 Update provides the required new submittals including an updated emission inventory, attainment demonstration, RFP demonstration using in-area emission reductions only, new transportation conformity budgets, and a revised VMT offsets demonstration. Regarding the attainment demonstration, the 2008 Mojave Plan identified the emission reductions needed to attain the 8-hour ozone standard in 2020, the deadline for a severe-17 area. The Western Mojave Desert 2014 Update demonstrates that the Western Mojave Desert will achieve the reductions needed for attainment by 2018, the severe-15 deadline. This information will support U.S. EPA's approval of the 2008 Mojave Plan for attainment of the 1997

8-hour ozone standard.

PROPOSED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Proposed 2014 Updates for the Coachella Valley and Western Mojave Desert 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas as revisions to the California SIP.

Copies of the ARB staff reports describing the SIP updates will be available prior to the meeting. These may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990. The report 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 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, on October 20, 2014,** 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.

ARB requests that written and e-mail 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 Carol Sutkus, Manager, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at 916-322-1229.

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Executive Officer

Date:

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