CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE YUBA CITY-MARYSVILLE PM2.5 MAINTENANCE PLAN AND REDESIGNATION REQUEST

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the proposed Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan submittal for the Yuba City-Marysville fine particulate matter (PM2.5) nonattainment area that was developed and approved by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (District). If approved, ARB will submit this to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: April 25, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 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., April 25, 2013. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar. All items on the Consent Calendar will be voted on by the Board immediately after the start of the public meeting. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a Board member or if someone in the audience would like to speak on that item.

In December 2006, U.S. EPA lowered the 24-hour national ambient air quality standard (standard) for PM2.5 from 65 $\mu g/m^3$ to 35 $\mu g/m^3$. Effective December 14, 2009, U.S. EPA designated the Yuba City-Marysville Area as nonattainment for the more stringent 24-hour PM2.5 standard. The federal Clean Air Act establishes planning requirements for those areas that exceed the health-based standards. These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates. The SIP submittal deadline for the revised 24-hour PM2.5 standard is December 14, 2012.

Under the U.S. EPA's *Clean Data Policy for the Fine Particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standards* (Clean Data Policy), nonattainment areas that attain the standard prior to the SIP submittal deadline are eligible for reduced regulatory requirements. Based on quality-assured federal reference method monitoring data for 2006-2008, the Yuba City Marysville PM2.5 nonattainment area has demonstrated attainment of the 24-hour PM2.5 standard and continues to attain based on the most recent air quality data.

On June 8, 2010, ARB requested the "clean data" finding for the 24-hr PM2.5 standard for this area. On January 10, 2013, U.S. EPA determined that the Yuba City-Marysville nonattainment area has attained the 24-hour PM2.5 standard. Based on this determination, U.S. EPA also suspended the majority of the planning elements under the Clean Air Act, including the attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress demonstration, reasonably available control measures, and contingency elements of a SIP.

To address the remaining requirements, on April 1, 2013, the District adopted the *Yuba City-Marysville PM2.5 Nonattainment Area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan* (Redesignation Request/Maintenance Plan). The Redesignation Request/Maintenance Plan officially requests that this area be redesignated to attainment for the PM2.5 standard.

ARB staff has reviewed the District submittal and has concluded that it meets the applicable Clean Air Act requirements. ARB staff has determined that the Redesignation Request/Maintenance Plan would ensure continued maintenance of the standard for the required ten years following redesignation. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the *Yuba City-MarysvillePM2.5 Nonattainment Area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan* as a revision to the California SIP and the request to be redesignated from nonattainment to attainment for the PM2.5 standard.

ARB Staff Report will be available prior to 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. 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 verbally 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 24, 2013,** 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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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 Ms. Sylvia Vanderspek, Manager, Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 324-7163 or Ms. Kasia Turkiewicz, Air Resources Engineer, Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 445-6497.

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James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

Date: March 25, 2013

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