

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE 2016 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR OZONE AND PM2.5 FOR THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider adopting the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (2016 AQMP) for the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley. The 2016 AQMP addresses the 75 part per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone ambient air quality standard (standard) and the 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual and the 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM2.5) standard. The 2016 AQMP also updates attainment demonstrations and other planning requirements for the 80 ppb 8-hour and 1-hour ozone standards. If adopted, ARB will submit the 2016 AQMP to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: March 23, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: County of Riverside
County Administrative Center
1st Floor Board Chambers
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, California 92501

This item may be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., March 23, 2017, and may continue at 8:30 a.m. on March 24, 2017. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before March 23, 2017, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background

The Clean Air Act (Act) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed health-based federal standards. These nonattainment areas must develop a SIP that demonstrates the area will attain the standard by specified dates.

In 2008, U.S. EPA lowered the 8-hour ozone standard from 80 ppb to 75 ppb. In 2012, U.S. EPA designated the South Coast and Coachella Valley as nonattainment for this standard with the classifications of Extreme and Severe respectively. The 2016 AQMP addresses the SIP planning requirements for the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard as well as updates to the 1-hour ozone standard and the 80 ppb 8-hour ozone standard for the South Coast.

The 2016 AQMP also addresses PM2.5 planning requirements. In 2012, U.S. EPA strengthened the annual PM2.5 standard to 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and the South Coast was classified a Moderate nonattainment area. The 2016 AQMP includes a request for a Serious area classification and provides the corresponding attainment demonstration.

In addition, the 2016 AQMP addresses Serious area planning requirements for the 35 µg/m³ 24-hour PM2.5 standard.

The 2016 AQMP includes attainment demonstrations for all of the above ozone and PM2.5 federal standards by the deadlines mandated in the Act. The 2016 AQMP also meets other Act requirements including comprehensive emission inventories, reasonable further progress (RFP) demonstrations, assessment of reasonably available control measures (RACM) for ozone and best available control measures (BACM) for PM2.5, contingency measures if the Basin fails to meet RFP milestones or attain the ozone and PM2.5 standards, a PM2.5 precursor assessment, quantitative milestones for PM2.5, transportation conformity budgets for milestone and attainment years, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) offset demonstrations for Severe and Extreme ozone areas. The ARB staff report supplements the 2016 AQMP by documenting attainment contingency reductions for the Coachella Valley.

The District Governing Board adopted the 2016 AQMP on March 3, 2016. ARB staff has reviewed the 2016 AQMP and concluded that 2016 AQMP meets applicable Act requirements with the exception of attainment contingency measures for Coachella Valley. A separate notice has been released and this element will be considered at the April Board meeting.

Proposed Action

ARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the 2016 AQMP for the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley and direct staff to submit the relevant portions of the 2016 AQMP along with the ARB staff report to U.S. EPA as a revision to 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. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/scabsip/scabsip.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 p.m., March 20, 2017**, 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 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 Scott King, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-2832, or Carol Sutkus, Manager of the South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-1229.

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Date: *March 6, 2017*

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