

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER A MINOR REVISION TO THE SOUTH COAST 2012 PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider a minor revision to the South Coast Air Basin 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (2012 AQMP). If approved by the Board, ARB will submit the update to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: February 19, 2015

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., February 19, 2015. 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**

In December 2012, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) adopted a plan to meet the federal Clean Air Act (Act) requirements for the 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  24-hour PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) as part of the District 2012 AQMP. The 2012 AQMP was developed to meet the requirements of the U.S. EPA PM2.5 Implementation Rule based on the Subpart 1 provisions of the Act, including a demonstration of attainment by 2014. In January 2013, ARB approved the 2012 AQMP and forwarded it to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the SIP.

Following approval of the 2012 AQMP by the District and ARB, the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, issued a ruling finding that U.S. EPA erred in constructing the PM2.5 Implementation Rule based solely on the Subpart 1 general provisions of the Act without considering the more specific Subpart 4 provisions that address particulate matter. The court remanded the PM2.5 Implementation Rule back to U.S. EPA to address the Subpart 4 provisions.

In June 2014, U.S. EPA classified the South Coast Air Basin under Subpart 4 as a moderate nonattainment area for the 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS with an attainment date of 2015. Additionally, U.S. EPA directed the State to submit a SIP meeting Subpart 4 requirements following the existing guidance for PM<sub>10</sub> implementation.

On February 6, 2015, the District adopted the *Supplement to the 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> State Implementation Plan for the South Coast Air Basin* (PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan Supplement). The PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan Supplement demonstrates that the District rules and minor revisions to the 2012 AQMP satisfy the Subpart 4 requirements for a moderate PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area and provides the information U.S. EPA needs to approve the PM<sub>2.5</sub> portion of the 2012 AQMP. These minor revisions include an updated demonstration of attainment for 2015, transportation conformity budgets, Reasonably Available Control Measures and Reasonably Available Control Technology analysis for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and its precursors, and clarification of the control strategy commitments that provide emission reductions in the attainment demonstration.

### **PROPOSED ACTION**

Staff has reviewed the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan Supplement and concluded that the information provided in conjunction with the 2012 AQMP meets the requirements of Subpart 4 of the Act for a moderate PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area. Staff recommends that the Board approve the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan Supplement and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

Copies of the ARB staff report describing the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan Supplement 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, February 17, 2015**, 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 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 Carol Sutkus, Manager, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at 916-322-1229, or Dr. Scott King, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at 916-322-2832.

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Richard W. Corey,  
Executive Officer

Date: February 9, 2015

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