CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED STATE STRATEGY FOR CALIFORNIA'S STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) FOR THE FEDERAL 8-HOUR OZONE AND PM2.5 STANDARDS

The Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of ARB staff's "Proposed State Strategy for California's State Implementation Plan" (SIP) to attain the national ambient air quality standards for 8-hour ozone and fine particulate matter (PM2.5). At the public hearing, the Board will also consider a modification to the current SIP commitment for pesticide emission reductions in the Ventura County nonattainment area. If adopted, ARB will submit these items to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval as revisions to the California SIP.

DATE:	June 21 and June 22, 2007
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Los Angeles Airport Marriott 5855 West Century Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045

These items will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 21, 2007, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 22, 2007. This item may not be considered until June 22, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before June 21, 2007, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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BACKGROUND

The Air Resources Board and local air districts are responsible for developing clean air plans to demonstrate how and when California will attain the new federal 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 standards established under the federal Clean Air Act. For the areas within California that have not attained federal air quality standards, the ARB works with local air districts to develop and implement State and local attainment plans.

This notice focuses only on the proposed State Strategy which consists of emission reduction commitments (predominantly for mobile sources) that are within the State's authority to control. After air districts adopt plans for emission reduction commitments

for sources within their jurisdiction (primarily stationary and area sources), ARB staff will bring these plans to the Board for approval.

The State Strategy proposes commitments for emission reductions that are statewide in nature. The strategies, however, are driven by the considerable amount of emission reductions needed in the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley. These areas experience the worst air quality problems in the State and are also the only two areas in California that exceed the federal PM2.5 standard.

PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed State Strategy would apply throughout California and is intended to help all nonattainment areas attain or maintain the federal 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 standards. Staff is proposing a commitment which consists of three components: a commitment to achieve emission reductions by specific dates, a commitment to propose defined new SIP measures, and a long-term strategy commitment. Defined new SIP measures for Board consideration affect passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, goods movement sources, off-road equipment, fuels and fueling operations, and consumer products. Staff also proposes that the Board approve a commitment to implement further improvements to the Smog Check program and a SIP commitment by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to reduce pesticide emissions. Staff is also proposing a modification to DPR's existing SIP commitment to achieve pesticide emission reductions in the Ventura County nonattainment area.

ARB staff has prepared a document entitled *Proposed State Strategy for California's 2007 State Implementation Plan* (State Strategy) which sets forth staff's proposed SIP commitments along with supporting documentation. The document also recommends strategies for reducing emissions from mobile sources and fuels under federal jurisdiction, including ships, locomotives, and trucks registered outside of California.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental impact analysis has been prepared and is available as an appendix to the proposed State Strategy. Additionally, an economic impact analysis is also included in the appendices.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Copies of the proposed State Strategy may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-322-2990. The proposed State Strategy will be available to the public on May 7, 2007, and will be posted on the ARB website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm.

PUBLIC PROCESS

During the hearing, ARB staff will make an oral presentation and present recommendations to the Board. The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the hearing, and in writing or by e-mail before the hearing. To be considered by the Board, written submissions not physically submitted at the hearing must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, June 20, 2007,** 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

Facsimile submittal: 916-322-3928

The Board requests but does not require that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that all written statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the hearing so that ARB staff and Board Members have time to fully consider each comment. The Board encourages members of the public to bring to the attention of staff in advance of the hearing any suggestions for modification of the proposed SIP revisions. Further inquiries regarding these items should be directed to Jeff Weir, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at 916-445-0098 or Ravi Ramalingam, Manager, Transportation Strategies Section at 916-322-2085.

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Date: May 7, 2007