

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO HEAR A REPORT ON STAFF'S REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMISSION CONTROLS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) staff will present its evaluation of additional local control measures for accelerating 8-hour ozone attainment in the San Joaquin Valley. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, pending its evaluation, could add all or portions of these recommended control measures to its 8-hour ozone SIP.

DATE: November 15, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
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., Thursday, November 15, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before November 15, 2007, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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BACKGROUND

ARB 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 PM_{2.5} 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. After air districts adopt plans for emission reduction commitments for sources within their jurisdiction (primarily stationary and area sources), ARB staff bring these plans to the Board for approval.

At the June 14, 2007 Air Resources Board hearing, the Board considered and approved the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) 2007 Ozone Plan. Prior to Board action, the Board heard several hours of public testimony, much of which from community members who felt that more work was needed to reduce emissions in

advance of a 2024 “extreme” ozone attainment date. The public comments also indicated that significant work must be done to reach out to the public and build public trust.

Following this lengthy public comment, the Board approved the 2007 Ozone Plan and the District’s request for reclassification to an “extreme” nonattainment status. However, in response to the public call for expedited clean air progress, the Board directed ARB staff to evaluate ways to further reduce emissions and report back to the Board within six months on any additional emission control opportunities identified during this effort. The Board also directed staff to convene a task force and hold a series of town hall meetings in Valley communities to get input from the public on the staff’s review.

Staff has complied with the Board’s direction and has prepared a staff report which contains staff’s evaluation. The evaluation takes into account the fact that in September 2007, the Board approved the 2007 State Strategy for California’s State Implementation Plan for reducing ozone and fine particulate matter (State Strategy). The State Strategy included strengthening commitments for additional emission reduction in the San Joaquin Valley from mobile sources beyond those identified in the proposed state strategy released in June 2007. Because the Board approved the revised 2007 State Strategy in September, the staff report focuses on ARB staff’s review of stationary source emissions and opportunities to reduce those emissions in the effort to expedite ozone air quality progress in the San Joaquin Valley.

SCOPE OF STAFF REPORT

ARB staff’s evaluation focused primary on the current and proposed rules and policies of the District’s oxides of nitrogen (NOx) control strategies. The purpose of the evaluation was to identify whether there might be additional strategies that the SJVUAPCD could evaluate for potential to provide additional NOx emissions reductions from stationary sources. To do this, staff looked at the District’s stationary source inventory, its current and proposed rules for several stationary source categories, measures in the District’s 2007 Ozone Plan, and the District’s Best Available Control Technology program. Staff’s review also considered the August 2007 draft document entitled Clearing the Air: A Path to Clean Air by 2017, prepared by the International Sustainable System Resource Center.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Copies of the staff report 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 staff report will be available to the public on November 5, 2007, and will be posted on the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm>.

PUBLIC PROCESS

During the meeting, ARB staff will make an oral presentation to the Board. The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the meeting, 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, November 14, 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 meeting 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 meeting any suggestions for modification of the proposed SIP revisions.

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. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

Further inquiries regarding these items should be directed to Ravi Ramalingam, Manager, Transportation Strategies Section at (916) 322-2085.

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Executive Officer

Date: November 2, 2007