

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY BUDGETS FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approval of updates to the transportation conformity budgets for the San Joaquin Valley. If adopted, ARB will submit these updates to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as revisions to the State Implementation Plan for California.

DATE: November 20, 2014

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 meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., November 20, 2014. 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

The federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes planning requirements for those areas that routinely exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates. The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin was designated nonattainment for the 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard in 2009.

In December 2012, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) adopted a SIP for the 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard (2012 PM_{2.5} Plan). The 2012 PM_{2.5} Plan was developed to meet requirements of the Act, including requirements to demonstrate reasonable further progress (RFP) toward attainment of the standard. The 2012 PM_{2.5} Plan also contains transportation conformity budgets as required by the Act. In January 2013, the Board approved the 2012 PM_{2.5} Plan.

The transportation conformity budgets in the 2012 PM_{2.5} Plan included the benefits of incentive programs and the District's employee trip reduction rule. Those same benefits

were not included in the Plan's RFP demonstration because the region was able to demonstrate RFP without them. U.S. EPA has requested that the State remove the benefits of incentive programs and the employee trip reduction rule from the transportation conformity budgets so that they are consistent with the plan's RFP demonstration.

PROPOSED ACTION

Staff is recommending that the Board approve the updates to the transportation conformity budgets for the San Joaquin Valley.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990. This notice, the Staff Report and the transportation conformity budgets will be available from ARB's website at:

www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sjvpm25/24hrs/vpm25.htm

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

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 Monday November 17, 2014,** 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 Jonathan Taylor, Chief of the Transportation Planning Branch, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 322-0285, or Cari Anderson, Air Resources Engineer, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 322-6007

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date:

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