State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 93-60

November 18, 1993

Agenda Item No.: 93-14-3

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code sections 39600 and 39601 authorize the Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) to adopt standards, rules, and regulations and to do such acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Board by law;

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the California Clean Air Act of 1988 (the Act; Stats. 1988, ch. 1568) declaring that it is necessary that the State ambient air quality standards (the State standards) be attained by the earliest practical date to protect the public health, particularly the health of children, older people, and those with respiratory diseases;

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WHEREAS, the Act in Health and Safety Code section 39607(e) requires the Board to establish and periodically review criteria for designating an air basin as nonattainment or attainment for any State standard set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 70200 (ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, suspended particulate matter or PM10, sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles);

WHEREAS, on June 8, 1989, the Board adopted and on June 15, 1990, May 15, 1992, and December 10, 1992, the Board amended the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, sections 70300 through 70306, and Appendices 1 through 4, thereof, establishing designation criteria (the adopted criteria) consistent with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, as a result of its periodic review of the adopted criteria, the ARB staff proposes amending Appendix 3 to the adopted criteria to provide consistency among the requirements for complete data, regardless of the number of years of data that are available;

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WHEREAS, the ARB staff has provided opportunities for public comment and considered such comments before proposing to the Board amendments to the adopted criteria;

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WHEREAS, on June 9, 1989, the Board approved the initial area designations which are contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, sections 60200 through 60209, and has updated the area designations during each subsequent year;

WHEREAS, in consultation with the districts and considering comments received from public agencies, industry representatives, and interested persons, the ARB staff has proposed amendments to the area designations for a number of specific areas of the State for ozone, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, and hydrogen sulfide;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the area designations for carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, and hydrogen sulfide are based on the adopted criteria contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, sections 70300 through 70306, and Appendices 1 through 4, thereof;

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WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act and Board regulations require that no project which may have significant adverse environmental impacts be adopted as originally proposed if feasible alternatives or mitigation measures are available to reduce or eliminate such impacts;

WHEREAS, a public hearing and other administrative proceedings have been held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code and the Board has considered the testimony presented by interested persons and the ARB staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that:

1. The proposed amendments to the designation criteria are necessary for the designation of areas as nonattainment, attainment, or unclassified for the State standards and comply with the specifications described in Health and Safety Code section 30607(e);

2. The proposed amendments to the designation criteria assure that the area designations will continue to be based on the most appropriate and reliable air quality information;

3. The proposed revisions to the area designations comply with the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 39608;

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5. This regulatory action will not have a significant economic impact on any public agency, small business, or private persons or businesses other than small businesses; and

6. This regulatory action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. In fact, it should ultimately result in environmental benefits because it is part of a multiple step program designed to achieve and maintain the State standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the amendments to the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, sections 60200, 60201, 60202, 60204, 60206, and 60208, and to Appendices 3 and 4 to sections 70300 through 70306, as set forth in Attachment A, hereto.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 93-60, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

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