

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2014 PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL HAZE MID-COURSE REVIEW

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approval of the California Regional Haze Plan 2014 Progress Report (RH Progress Report) for submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

DATE: May 22, 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 one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., May 22, 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 established a national policy of achieving visibility comparable to natural conditions at the most treasured federal lands and scenic areas of the country. In 1999, U.S. EPA adopted the Regional Haze Rule (RH Rule) to guide this process nationwide. The RH Rule sets requirements for states to follow for improving visibility at 156 specific national parks, forests, seashores, monuments, and wilderness areas across the United States, deemed "Class 1 Areas". To ensure continuous progress to natural conditions visibility by 2064, the RH Rule requires each state to develop a state implementation plan (SIP) that includes interim visibility goals every ten years.

In 2009, ARB adopted the California Regional Haze Plan (RH Plan) setting Reasonable Progress Goals for 2018 (2018 RPG) for the 29 Class 1 Areas in California that were based on California's comprehensive emission control strategy. ARB submitted the RH Plan to U.S. EPA on March 16, 2009, which was approved on June 14, 2011. The next RH Plan SIP revision, due in 2018, will set RPGs for 2028. The RH Rule also requires each state to perform a mid-course progress review in the

middle of each ten-year planning cycle. The 2014 RH Progress Report has been prepared to meet this requirement.

Visibility is improving throughout California and is on track to achieve the 2018 RPGs for Class 1 Areas. Control measures implemented in California since the baseline planning period of 2000-2004 have improved visibility by reducing emissions of controllable haze pollutants and their precursors. As a result, the 2018 RPGs already have been achieved at most locations, except for areas impacted by wildfires. The RH Plan identified wildfire smoke in the western U.S. as a natural source of haze that slows the rate of visibility improvement at some locations in some years, occasionally masking visibility improvement achieved by emission reductions. The RH Progress Report affirms that the control strategy in the RH Plan is effective for improving visibility to achieve the 2018 RPGs, and does not need to be amended prior to the next scheduled SIP revision in 2018. ARB staff is recommending that the Board approve the RH Progress Report and direct staff to forward it to U.S. EPA.

Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990, as of April 21, 2014, not more than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/reghaze/reghaze.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, Monday, May 19, 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 Mr. Webster Tasat, Section Manager, (916) 323-4950, or Ms. Tina Suarez-Murias, Air Pollution Specialist, (916) 323-1495.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

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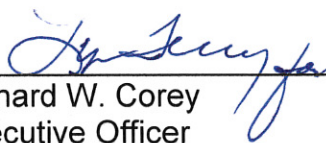
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Executive Officer

Date: April 21, 2014

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