

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approval of the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) 2015 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (2015 PM2.5 Plan) developed and adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District). If approved, ARB will submit the Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: May 21, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2015. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 21, 2015, to determine the order in which items will be considered.

To protect against the adverse health impacts of exposure to PM2.5, U.S. EPA first set PM2.5 air quality standards in 1997, adopting an annual standard of 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and a 24-hour PM2.5 standard of 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. In 2008, the District adopted a SIP which set out a strategy to attain the standards by 2015. U.S. EPA approved the 2008 SIP in 2011.

Through ongoing implementation of the control strategy contained in the SIP, PM2.5 air quality in the Valley had been improving. The Valley had met the 24-hour standard of 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2010, and by 2012 only a few sites remained above the annual standard of 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. However, the stagnant weather conditions and persistent lack of rainfall associated with California's drought increased PM2.5 levels in 2013, impacting both 24-hour and annual average concentrations. These conditions pushed most sites in the central and southern Valley back over the annual standard, and increased 24-hour concentrations in several locations to at or near the 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ standard.

Because the Valley can no longer feasibly attain the standards by 2015, the District requested that U.S. EPA reclassify the area as serious nonattainment and prepared an updated plan to demonstrate attainment by the most expeditious timeframe possible under the potential that these adverse meteorological conditions may occur again in the future. The 2015 PM2.5 Plan demonstrates that the significant emission reductions that will occur over the next five years provide an effective control strategy for attainment of

the standards by 2018 and 2020, and serves as a foundation for development of the 2016 SIP to meet more stringent 24-hour and annual PM2.5 standards adopted by U.S. EPA in 2008 and 2012.

In addition to secure further near-term emission reductions, the District has committed to provide targeted incentive funding for heavy-duty trucks and wood stove replacements, and to evaluate the potential for additional emission reductions from a number of sources currently regulated under District rules. Additionally, ARB has identified a number of actions related to achieving a cleaner heavy-duty truck fleet as part of the sustainable freight strategy, along with continued incentive funding.

The 2015 PM2.5 Plan also includes the serious area planning requirements established by the federal Clean Air Act. These planning requirements include: a comprehensive current emission inventory; an assessment of control measure stringency; reasonable further progress demonstration with quantitative milestones; identification of contingency measures; and motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets.

The District adopted the 2015 PM2.5 Plan on April 16, 2015. ARB staff has prepared a report (Staff Report) that includes an assessment of the 2015 PM2.5 Plan along with additional information requested by U.S. EPA related to reasonable further progress, quantitative milestones and contingency measure emission reductions. ARB staff recommends that the Board approve the 2015 PM2.5 Plan and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from the ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990. This notice, the Staff Report, and the District's 2015 PM2.5 Plan may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/sanjqnvllysip.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 12:00 pm, May 19, 2015**, 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, Manager of the Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-4950, or Ms. Patricia Velasco, Ph.D., Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-7560.

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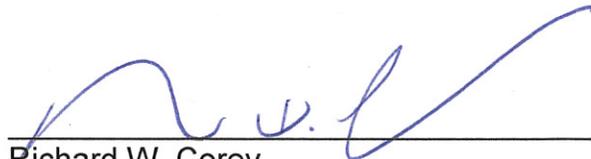
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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: April 17, 2015