

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE OZONE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the *Imperial County 2017 State Implementation Plan for the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard* (Ozone Plan) developed by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (District) for the 75 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone standard. If adopted, CARB will submit the Ozone Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: October 26, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: County of Riverside
County Administrative Center
First Floor Board Chambers
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, California 92501

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board that will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 26, 2017, and may continue at 8:30 a.m. on October 27, 2017. 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 areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (standards). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates.

In 2008, U.S. EPA strengthened the 8-hour ozone standard to 75 ppb. Imperial County is classified as a Moderate nonattainment area with an attainment date of July 20, 2018. Imperial County is primarily impacted by transport from the Mexican municipality of Mexicali. The Act includes a provision under Section 179B that allows consideration of the impact of transport of pollutants across international borders. Exceedances that occur due to international transport may cause violations of the standard; however, the Act does not require states to develop an attainment strategy addressing pollution that originates from sources beyond United States borders. The Ozone Plan utilizes this provision in assessing attainment by the Moderate attainment date.

On September 12, 2017, the District Board of Directors approved the Ozone Plan that addresses the Moderate classification planning requirements as applicable under Section 179B. The Ozone Plan includes a comprehensive emission inventory, a 179B demonstration, a reasonable further progress demonstration, an assessment of reasonably available control measures and technologies, and identification of contingency measures for reasonable further progress. The Ozone Plan also includes motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets developed using the EMFAC2014 emissions model that reflects the latest planning assumptions. In addition, the CARB staff report on the Ozone Plan includes additional analysis in support of the weight of evidence supporting the 179B demonstration for the Ozone Plan.

CARB staff has reviewed the Ozone Plan and has concluded that it, along with the CARB staff report, meets the applicable requirements in the Act.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the *Imperial County 2017 State Implementation Plan for the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard* along with the CARB Staff Report and direct staff to submit these documents to U.S. EPA as revisions to the California SIP.

CARB staff has prepared a written report. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, September 22, 2017. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/imperial/imperialsip.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 p.m., October 23, 2017**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, California 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 oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each

comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ariel Fidely, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 324-8622 or Carol Sutkus, Manager of the South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-1229.

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Date: 9/22/17

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