CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO HEAR A STATUS REPORT ON THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE SACRAMENTO NONATTAINMENT AREA

Staff will brief the Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) on the status of State Implementation Plan (SIP) development for the Sacramento 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. Staff will present the expected benefits in the Sacramento nonattainment area of the 2007 State Strategy for the California SIP. This is an informational item only. The Sacramento area SIP will be considered for local adoption in January 2009 and by ARB shortly thereafter.

DATE: October 23, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, Second Floor
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., Thursday, October 23, 2008. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before October 23, 2008.

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BACKGROUND

ARB and local air districts are responsible for developing clean air plans to demonstrate how and when areas with ozone levels above the 1997 federal 8-hour ozone standard will attain the standard. ARB staff is currently working with the El Dorado County, Feather River, Placer County, Sacramento Metropolitan, and Yolo-Solano Air Districts to develop such a plan for the Sacramento Metropolitan 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Region. After air districts adopt plans for emission reduction commitments for sources within their jurisdiction (primarily stationary and area sources), ARB staff brings these plans to the Board for approval.

The Sacramento Region was initially classified by United States Environmental Protection Agency as a "Serious" nonattainment area in 2004. In February 2008, the region requested a voluntary reclassification to "Severe-15" when results of photochemical modeling showed that, even with the most stringent control measures, the area would not attain the standard by the June 2013 deadline imposed by the "Serious" classification.

The plan in development demonstrates attainment of the standards by June 2019, the deadline for attainment in "Severe-15" areas. The plan includes emissions reductions from new and existing local control measures and a quantification of benefits expected from the State control measures that ARB committed to develop in the State Strategy, adopted by the Board in September 2007. Each of the five air district boards will consider the plan for local adoption in January and February 2009, and ARB staff plans to bring the SIP revision to the Board by March 2009.

PUBLIC PROCESS

During the meeting, ARB staff will make an oral presentation to the Board. The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the hearing. To be considered by the Board, written submissions not physically submitted at the hearing must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 22, 2008,** 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

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

The Board requests, but does not require, that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that all written statements be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding these items should be directed to Mr. Ravi Ramalingam, Manager, Northern California Liaison Section, at (916) 322-2085, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

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Date: October 16, 2008