

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PORTOLA PM2.5 PLAN CONTINGENCY MEASURE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUBMITTAL

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider approval of the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan (SIP) Submittal.

DATE: November 19, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Please see the Public Agenda which will be posted ten days before the November 19, 2020, Board Meeting for any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person, it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., November 19, 2020, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on November 20, 2020. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before November 19, 2020, to determine when this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

On February 28, 2017, CARB submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Attainment Plan (Portola Plan) developed by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District). The Portola Plan demonstrates that the Plumas County PM2.5 Nonattainment Area (Nonattainment Area) will reach attainment of the 12 microgram per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by December 31, 2021. U.S. EPA approved all elements of the Portola Plan but deferred action on contingency measures.

The Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal addresses the Clean Air Act contingency measure requirement. This SIP submittal specifies new actions the District and the City of Portola will take within 60 days of a finding by U.S. EPA that (1) the Nonattainment Area has failed to attain the 2012 annual PM2.5 NAAQS of  $12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  by the Moderate area attainment date of December 31, 2021, (2) the Nonattainment Area has failed to meet any reasonable further progress (RFP) requirement or quantitative milestone requirement in the Portola Plan or (3) CARB has failed to submit a quantitative milestone report required under the federal Clean Air Act for the 2012 PM2.5 annual NAAQS.

In the event the contingency measure requirement is triggered, the District and the City of Portola will implement a more stringent wood burning curtailment program, consisting of a longer curtailment season and a lower curtailment threshold of 20 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, under the City of Portola Municipal Code. On September 9, 2020, the Portola City Council adopted a City Ordinance, Ordinance 359, which includes this contingency provision in the Portola Municipal Code. In a public hearing, scheduled for October 26, 2020, the District Board will consider a proposed resolution directing the District to fulfill its obligations under Ordinance 359 and submit Ordinance 359 that addresses the contingency measure requirements as described above to CARB for inclusion in the California SIP. In the event the District Board does not submit Ordinance 359 to CARB for inclusion in the SIP, this item, the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal, will be removed from the Board agenda.

The Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal also includes estimates of emission reductions anticipated from the proposed contingency measure as well as surplus reductions expected from the implementation of other programs designed to reduce PM2.5 emission in the Nonattainment Area. CARB staff has reviewed the contingency measure and determined that the measure, when combined with future emission reductions estimated to occur after the attainment date of December 31, 2021, provides PM2.5 emission reductions consistent with the U.S. EPA's recommendations, and adequately addresses contingency as required by the Clean Air Act.

### **Proposed Action**

Staff is recommending that the Board approve the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal as a revision to the California SIP and direct the Executive Officer to submit the revision to U.S. EPA.

CARB staff has prepared a written report. Subject to the limitation below, copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, after October 16, 2020. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2017-portola-pm25-state-implementation-plan>. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board's offices may have limited public access. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at [bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov](mailto:bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov) if you need physical copies of the documents.

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 November 16, 2020**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, 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, email, 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 Kasia Turkiewicz, Air Resources Engineer, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 445-6497 or Theresa Najita, Air Pollution Specialist, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 322-7297.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

CARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal, has concluded that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described in the State CEQA Guidelines § 15061, because the action is an Action Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment (as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15308 for "class 8" exemptions). It is also exempt as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter V of the Staff Report.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: October 16, 2020

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