

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Response to Significant Environmental Issues

Item: Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of Revisions to the Designations of Areas in California as Attainment, Nonattainment, or Unclassified for the State Ambient Air Quality Standards

Agenda Item No.: 91-10-1

Public Hearing Dates: November 14, 1991

Issuing Authority: Air Resources Board

Comment: No comments were received identifying any significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. The staff report identified no adverse environmental effects.

Response: N/A

Certified: *Pat Hutchens*
Board Secretary

Date: 4/16/92

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WHEREAS, sections 39600 and 39601 of the Health and Safety Code require the Air Resources Board (the "Board") to adopt standards, rules and regulations and to do such acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to, and imposed upon, the Board by law;

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the California Clean Air Act of 1988 (the "Act"; Stats. 1988, ch. 1568) declaring that it is necessary that the state ambient air quality standards be attained by the earliest practicable date to protect the public health, particularly the health of children, older people, and those with respiratory diseases;

WHEREAS, in order to attain these standards, the Act mandates a comprehensive program of emission reduction measures and planning requirements for the Board and the air pollution control districts ("districts") in areas where the standards are not attained;

WHEREAS, the Act directed the Board in section 39608(a) of the Health and Safety Code, in consultation with the districts, to identify and classify, on or before September 30, 1989, each air basin as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassified on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis pursuant to criteria established by the Board pursuant to section 39607(e) of the Health and Safety Code;

WHEREAS, the Act in section 39608(c) of the Health and Safety Code requires the Board to review the designation annually and to update them as new information becomes available;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 39607(e) the Board adopted sections 70300-70306, Title 17, California Code of Regulations, establishing criteria for the designation, and the Board subsequently approved amendments to those criteria;

WHEREAS, on June 9, 1989, the Board approved the initial area designations which are contained in sections 60200-60209, Title 17, California Code of Regulations;

WHEREAS, in consultation with the districts and in consideration of comments received from public agencies, industry representatives, and interested persons, the staff has reviewed new information and has prepared proposed amendments to the area designations for specific areas of the state for carbon monoxide, suspended particulate matter, and sulfates;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments of the area designations are based on the criteria contained in sections 70300-70306, Title 17, California Code of Regulations, as last amended on January 2, 1991;

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act and Board regulations require that no project which may have significant adverse environmental impacts be adopted as originally proposed if feasible alternatives or mitigation measures are available to reduce or eliminate such impacts;

WHEREAS, a public hearing and other administrative proceedings have been held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code, and the Board has considered the record of that proceeding including testimony presented by interested persons and the staff at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that:

The proposed amendments to the current area designations, set out in sections 60200-60209 of Title 17, California Code of Regulations, comply with requirements of section 39608 of the Health and Safety Code;

The proposed amendments of the area designations are consistent with the designation criteria, sections 70300-70306 of Title 17, California Code of Regulations, as amended by the Board on January 2, 1991;

This regulatory action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and, in fact, it should ultimately result in environmental benefits because it is part of multi-step program designed to achieve and maintain the state ambient air quality standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the amendments to sections 60200, 60202, 60205, 60206, 60208, and 60209, Title 17, California Code of Regulations, as set forth in Attachment A hereto.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 91-52, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

Pat Hutchens

Pat Hutchens, Board Secretary

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