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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2014 PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL HAZE MID-COURSE REVIEW

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approval of the California Regional Haze Plan 2014 Progress Report (RH Progress Report) for submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

DATE: May 22, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
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., May 22, 2014. 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 established a national policy of achieving visibility comparable to natural conditions at the most treasured federal lands and scenic areas of the country. In 1999, U.S. EPA adopted the Regional Haze Rule (RH Rule) to guide this process nationwide. The RH Rule sets requirements for states to follow for improving visibility at 156 specific national parks, forests, seashores, monuments, and wilderness areas across the United States, deemed "Class 1 Areas". To ensure continuous progress to natural conditions visibility by 2064, the RH Rule requires each state to develop a state implementation plan (SIP) that includes interim visibility goals every ten years.

In 2009, ARB adopted the California Regional Haze Plan (RH Plan) setting Reasonable Progress Goals for 2018 (2018 RPG) for the 29 Class 1 Areas in California that were based on California's comprehensive emission control strategy. ARB submitted the RH Plan to U.S. EPA on March 16, 2009, which was approved on June 14, 2011. The next RH Plan SIP revision, due in 2018, will set RPGs for 2028. The RH Rule also requires each state to perform a mid-course progress review in the

middle of each ten-year planning cycle. The 2014 RH Progress Report has been prepared to meet this requirement.

Visibility is improving throughout California and is on track to achieve the 2018 RPGs for Class 1 Areas. Control measures implemented in California since the baseline planning period of 2000-2004 have improved visibility by reducing emissions of controllable haze pollutants and their precursors. As a result, the 2018 RPGs already have been achieved at most locations, except for areas impacted by wildfires. The RH Plan identified wildfire smoke in the western U.S. as a natural source of haze that slows the rate of visibility improvement at some locations in some years, occasionally masking visibility improvement achieved by emission reductions. The RH Progress Report affirms that the control strategy in the RH Plan is effective for improving visibility to achieve the 2018 RPGs, and does not need to be amended prior to the next scheduled SIP revision in 2018. ARB staff is recommending that the Board approve the RH Progress Report and direct staff to forward it to U.S. EPA.

Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990, as of April 21, 2014, not more than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/reghaze/reghaze.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 pm, Monday, May 19, 2014**, 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>

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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, Section Manager, (916) 323-4950, or Ms. Tina Suarez-Murias, Air Pollution Specialist, (916) 323-1495.

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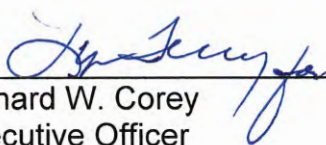
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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: April 21, 2014

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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

9:05 A.M.

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Mr. Jon Taylor, Chief, Transportation Planning Branch, Air Quality Planning and Science Division

Mr. Michael Tollstrup, Chief, Project Assessment Branch, Stationary Source Division

ALSO PRESENT:

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Mr. Azibuike Akaba, Regional Asthma Management and Prevention

Ms. Martha Argüello, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Mr. Will Barrett, American Lung Association of California

Ms. Danielle Blacet, Association of California Water Agencies

Ms. Martha Ann Blackman

A P P E A R A N C E S C O N T I N U E D

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Boren, Fresno County Council of Governments

Mr. Craig Breon, Sierra Club - Keru - Kaweah

Mr. Jack Broadbent, Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Ms. Julia Bussey, Chevron Corporation

Mr. Frank Caponi, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Mr. Cesar Campos, Central California Environmental Justice Network

Ms. Ann Chan, Natural Resources Agency

Mr. Ralph Chandler, California Refuse and Recycling Council

Ms. Pat Chen, South Coast Water District

Mr. Andy Chesley, San Joaquin Council of Governments

Mr. Ron Davis, Cal Desal

Ms. Sarah Deslauriers, California Wastewater Climate Change Group

Mr. Evan Edgar, California Compost Coalition

Ms. Kelley Gage, San Diego County Water Authority

Ms. Bonnie Holmes-Gen, American Lung Association

Mr. Ahron Hakimi, Kern County Council of Governments

Ms. Claire Halbhook, Pacific, Gas & Electric

Mr. Jamie Hall, CalStart

Mr. Bob Harding, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Mr. Frank Harris, Southern California Edison

A P P E A R A N C E S C O N T I N U E D

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Brad Heavner, California Solar Energy Industry Association

Mr. Chuck Helget, Republic Services

Mr. Curt Johansen, Council of Infill Builders

Ms. Carey Knecht, Climate Plan

Mr. Nick Lapis, Californians Against Waste

Ms. Barbara Lee, California Air Pollution Control Officers Association

Mr. Rey León, San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement Project

Mr. Howard Levenson, CalRecycle

Mr. Bill Magavern, Coalition for Clean Air

Mr. Paul Mason, Pacific Forest Trust

Ms. Jerilyn Lopez-Mendoza, Southern California Gas

Ms. Jeanne Merrill, California Climate and Agriculture Network

Ms. Katherine Mitchell, Bioenergy Association of California

Ms. Amy Mmgu, California Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Erica Morehouse, Environmental Defense Fund

Mr. Ed Murray, Aztec Solar, Inc.

Mr. Brian Nowicki, Center for Biological Diversity

Ms. Rachel O'Brien, Consumer's Union

Mr. Daniel O'Connell, American Farmland Trust

Mr. Rob Oglesby, California Energy Commission

A P P E A R A N C E S C O N T I N U E D

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Michelle Passero, Nature Conservancy

Ms. Mary Pitto, Rural Cities

Ms. Betty Plowman

Ms. Nancy Rader, California Wind Energy Association

Mr. Eddy Reyes

Ms. Katelyn Roedner, Diocese of Stockton

Ms. Dorothy Rothrock, California Manufacturers and
Technology Association

Mr. Hank Ryan, Small Business California

Ms. Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Council

Mr. David Schonbrun, Transdef.org

Ms. Sandy Schubert, Department of Food and Agriculture

Mr. Mik Skvarla, California Council for Environmental and
Economic Balance

Ms. Lora Smith, RN, California Nurses Association

Mr. Miguel Solorio, Comite ALMA

Ms. Mari Rose Taruc, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Ms. Tara Thronson, Valley Vision

Ms. Candida Vanegas

Dr. Barry Wallerstein, South Coast Air Quality Management
District

Mr. Michael Wang, Western States Petroleum Association

Mr. Chuck White, Waste Management

A P P E A R A N C E S C O N T I N U E D

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. V. John White, Center for Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Technologies

Ms. Kate White, California State Transportation Agency

Ms. Ella Wise, Natural Resources Defense Council

Mr. Carlos Yamzon, Stanislaus County Council of
Governments

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Good morning. Good
3 morning, ladies and gentlemen. People, if you'll -- this
4 is not working. Well, he said it was.

5 Is it on now?

6 Okay. Can you hear me?

7 If you can, wave your hand. It doesn't sound
8 like it's on.

9 There we go. Okay. Good morning, everybody.
10 The May 22nd, 2014 public meeting of the Air Resources
11 Board will come to order. We will start by rising and
12 saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

13 (Thereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
14 recited in unison.)

15 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Madam Clerk, would you
16 please call the roll.

17 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Dr. Balmes?

18 BOARD MEMBER BALMES: Here

19 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Ms. Berg?

20 BOARD MEMBER BERG: Here.

21 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Mr. De La Torre?
22 Mr. Eisenhut?

23 BOARD MEMBER EISENHUT: Here.

24 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Supervisor Gioia?
25 Mayor Mitchell?

1 BOARD MEMBER MITCHELL: Here.

2 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Mrs. Riordan?

3 BOARD MEMBER RIORDAN: Here.

4 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Supervisor Roberts?

5 Supervisor Serna?

6 BOARD MEMBER SERNA: Here.

7 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Dr. Sherriffs?

8 BOARD MEMBER SHERRIFFS: Here.

9 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Professor Sperling?

10 Chairman Nichols?

11 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Here.

12 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: Madam Chairman, we have a
13 quorum.

14 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Great. And I know that two
15 of our Board members are on their way, Mr. De La Torre,
16 and Professor Sperling, so they will be joining us soon.

17 Okay. A couple of announcements before we get
18 started. First of all, for anybody who isn't familiar
19 with our procedures, if you want to testify, we need you
20 to fill out a request-to-speak card. They're available in
21 the lobby outside this room. And we appreciate it if you
22 turn it into the Clerk. Shortly after we start an item,
23 we would like all the cards to be collected. It's not
24 helpful when people start -- you know, wait and then
25 decide to testify at the end. Sometimes it's necessary,

1 but normally it just creates chaos. So I may announce at
2 some point that we're just kind of cutting off the list if
3 we get to be -- if we get too many people.

4 Speakers need to be aware that we do impose a
5 three-minute time limit. We appreciate it if you state
6 your name when you come up to the podium, and then put
7 your testimony in your own words, rather than just reading
8 it, because we can listen better that way, and we will
9 read whatever is submitted to us in writing. We get all
10 the written testimony.

11 I'm required to point out the exits at the rear
12 of the room and to the two sides here of the platform, the
13 dais. If there is an alarm that sounds, we need to vacate
14 the room immediately and go down the stairs, not the
15 elevator, until we get the all-clear signal to come back.
16 We do have fire drills from time to time, so appreciate
17 your cooperation with that.

18 Okay. The first item on our agenda this morning
19 is a consent calendar. And, Mr. Corey, would you present
20 that?

21 Actually, you don't have to present it. I just
22 have to ask the Board Clerk if any witnesses have signed
23 up to testify. No wonder you looked confused.

24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER COREY: I was prepared to
25 anyway.

1 (Laughter.)

2 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: You could present it, I'm
3 sure, but no, we don't need to. So I just have to ask the
4 Clerk if any witnesses have signed up to testify.

5 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: (Shakes head.)

6 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: No. Okay.

7 Do any Board members want to take this item off
8 the consent calendar?

9 Seeing none. Then I will close the record on
10 this agenda item. This is six research proposals, by the
11 way, for the Board's consideration. We did receive the
12 proposals in advance, and it's actually quite an
13 impressive list, but we just decided not to take the time
14 to go through them here at the meeting.

15 So if you've had an opportunity to review the
16 proposals, may I have a motion and a second to adopt
17 Resolution numbers 14-8 through 14-13?

18 BOARD MEMBER BALMES: So moved.

19 BOARD MEMBER SHERRIFFS: Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Okay. We have a motion and
21 a second. And I think we can just do this by a voice vote
22 then. All members who wish to vote for these proposals,
23 please say aye.

24 (Ayes.)

25 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 (Unanimous vote.)

3 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Okay. Great.

4 We now move to another consent item, which is the
5 Regional Haze Mid-Course Review. Did we have any
6 witnesses sign up For this one?

7 BOARD CLERK JENSEN: (Shakes head.)

8 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Also, no.

9 Okay. Then I can close this item unless anybody
10 wants to hear it.

11 BOARD MEMBER RIORDAN: Madam Chairman, I would
12 then move staff recommendation on this particular item.

13 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Okay, number 14-15.

14 And do we have a second?

15 BOARD MEMBER SERNA: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: We have a second.

17 All in favor, please say aye?

18 (Ayes.)

19 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Any opposed?

20 Any abstentions?

21 (Unanimous vote.)

22 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: This is great actually. We
23 are making progress on this.

24 (Laughter.)

25 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Why don't we just do this

1 all the time.

2 (Laughter.)

3 CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: If anybody wants to know,
4 the Regional Haze Program is an excellent program that
5 tries to get States to work on natural visibility
6 conditions. And it's not necessarily the thing that we
7 talk about the most, but it actually is of great value.
8 So thank you.

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**Remainder of Transcript of May
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included here.**

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