February 11, 2020

Ms. Deborah Jordan  
Acting Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Ms. Jordan:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) is submitting the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure (Valley Incentive Measure) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). CARB approved the Valley Incentive Measure at a public hearing on December 13, 2019 with full support from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District), agricultural industry, and colleagues at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Valley Incentive Measure quantifies emissions reductions for agricultural equipment incentive projects funded in the San Joaquin Valley through the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program, NRCS, and Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program or FARMER Program. The Valley Incentive Measure ensures the emissions reductions achieved can be credited towards commitments in the California SIP for the San Joaquin Valley.

In January 2019, CARB adopted the San Joaquin Valley Supplement to the 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (Valley State SIP Strategy), which includes a commitment to develop and propose to the Board for consideration a measure entitled, Accelerated Turnover of Agricultural Equipment. This submittal fulfills the Valley State SIP Strategy commitment to take action by 2020 and credits the emissions reductions towards the State’s aggregate emissions reduction commitment.

The Valley Incentive Measure submittal consists of the following items:

1. CARB’s San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure and Appendices, dated November 8, 2019;

2. Corrections to typographical errors for the Valley Incentive Measure, dated November 14, 2019;
3. CARB Resolution 19-26 approving the Valley Incentive Measure as a revision to the California SIP for the San Joaquin Valley;

4. Document entitled "Additional Clarifying Information for the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure";

5. CARB public notice evidence;

6. Transcript from the CARB December 13, 2019 CARB public meeting to consider approval of the Valley Incentive Measure;

7. Comment Log demonstrating two comments were submitted along with attached letters; and

8. SIP Completeness Checklist.

If you have any questions, please contract Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enclosures

cc: See next page.
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