NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON REDUCTIONS ACHIEVED FROM INCENTIVE-BASED EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURES IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider a report on reductions achieved from incentive-based emission reduction measures in the San Joaquin Valley. If approved, this report will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) as a demonstration supporting SIP creditability under the approved SJV PM2.5 SIP.

DATE: October 23, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: South Coast Air Pollution Control District Auditorium
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 23, 2014, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on October 24, 2014. This item may not be considered until October 24, 2014. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before October 23, 2014, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the Board adopted a SIP for the San Joaquin Valley to attain the 15 μg/m3 annual PM2.5 standard (SJV PM2.5 Plan). In 2011, ARB amended the SJV PM2.5 Plan and, on November 9, 2011, the U.S. EPA approved the amended SJV PM2.5 Plan. In the SJV PM2.5 Plan, ARB committed to achieve the aggregate emission reductions necessary to reach the attainment emissions targets via ongoing reductions from the State’s existing control program, new emission reduction measures described in the SIP, or alternative emission reduction measures including incentive programs.

Implementation of the SJV PM2.5 Plan has led to the adoption of statewide rules and regulations as well as San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) rules that have achieved significant emission reductions in the San Joaquin Valley. These rules and regulations have been approved by U.S. EPA as part of the SJV PM2.5 Plan.

ARB and the District have also been implementing incentive programs in the San Joaquin Valley that accelerate the purchase of cleaner technologies beyond those
achieved by regulations alone. Specifically these are the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer) and Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Prop 1B).

In order for emission reductions from incentive programs to be credited toward fulfilling a SIP commitment, U.S. EPA guidance requires that reductions be quantifiable, surplus, enforceable and permanent. This report shows how emission reductions from the Moyer and Prop 1B programs satisfy these U.S. EPA requirements, and quantifies the emission reductions from these programs for projects that will be in place throughout the SJV PM2.5 Plan attainment year of 2014. The report also demonstrates how the reductions meet U.S. EPA requirements for credit toward fulfilling the aggregate emission reductions commitment in the SJV PM2.5 Plan.

If approved by ARB, the proposed report on reductions achieved from incentive-based emission reduction measures in the San Joaquin Valley will be submitted to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the California SIP as required by the federal Clean Air Act.

PROPOSED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Report on Incentive-based Emission Reduction Measures in the San Joaquin Valley and direct staff to submit the report to U.S. EPA as a demonstration of SIP creditability of incentive-based reduction for the SJV PM2.5 SIP.

Copies of the ARB staff report will be available on September 22, 2014. These may be obtained from ARB’s Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990. The report may also be obtained from ARB’s website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.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, October 20, 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

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and verbal 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.

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 Carol Sutkus, Manager of the South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, (916) 322-1229 or Tiffany Mateo, Air Resource Engineer, (916) 445-0098.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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Executive Officer

Date:

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