July 25, 2011

Mr. James Goldstene
Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
1001 “I” Street
Sacramento, CA  95814

Re:  SIP Revision – Owens Valley PM10 Planning area Demonstration of Attainment State Implementation Plan and Coso Junction PM10 Maintenance Plan – Revised Managed Vegetation Best Available Control Measure (BACM) Description (Board Order #110718-04)

Dear Mr. Goldstene,

On behalf of the Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District), I am transmitting to the California Air Resources Board the Managed Vegetation BACM description revision, adopted by the District’s Governing Board on July 18, 2011 (Board Order #110718-04). The Managed Vegetation BACM description revision amends the 2008 Owens Valley PM$_{10}$ Planning Area Demonstration of Attainment State Implementation Plan (2008 SIP) and incorporated Board Order #080128-01 adopted by the District Governing Board on February 1, 2008. The Managed Vegetation BACM description revision also amends the 2010 PM$_{10}$ Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the Coso Junction Planning Area adopted by the Governing Board on May 17, 2010 because it includes Board Order #080128-01 as a contingency measure. The enclosed Managed Vegetation BACM description revision modifies the original Attainment Demonstration SIP adopted in 1998, and revised in 2003 and 2008 collectively referred to as the “Owens Valley PM$_{10}$ Planning Area Demonstration of Attainment State Implementation Plan” (Owens Valley SIP) which is currently implemented through Board Order #080128-01.

The Managed Vegetation BACM description revision is incorporated into, and constitutes an integral part of the Owens Valley SIP and Board Order #080128-01. The Managed Vegetation BACM description revision was adopted after a duly-noticed public hearing and opportunity for written and oral public comment. The Declaration of the District’s Board Clerk certifying the facts showing the District’s compliance with the notice and public hearing requirements for the Managed Vegetation BACM description revision requirements and copies of the Board Order certifying the adopted description revision are attached. When approved by the Governing Board at its September 19, 2011 meeting, the minutes of the July 18, 2011 meeting will be transmitted to you to supplement the record of proceedings of the adoption of the Managed Vegetation description revision (Board Order #110718-04).
As the Managed Vegetation BACM description revision is not a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) it is therefore exempt from CEQA.

In order to incorporate the requirements of the Managed Vegetation BACM description revision into the 2008 Owens Valley SIP, and 2010 Coso Junction Maintenance Plan, the District respectfully requests an expeditious review and approval of this revision and transmittal to the U.S. EPA for its approval.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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