

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE 2009 SACRAMENTO METRO AREA 8-HOUR OZONE ATTAINMENT PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of the 2009 Sacramento Metro Area 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan.

DATE: March 26, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2009.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or by Fax at (916) 322-3928 as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled board hearing. TTY/TDD Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Background

The federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes planning requirements for those areas that routinely exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates. Federal law holds each state responsible for implementing the provisions of the Act.

In July 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated a new 8-hour NAAQS for ozone. U.S. EPA classified the Sacramento Metro Area as a "serious" nonattainment area with an attainment date of June 2013. The five air districts that comprise the Sacramento Metro Nonattainment Area have requested from U.S. EPA voluntary reclassification to "severe-15." As a "severe-15" area, the Sacramento Metro Area has until June 2019 to attain the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The Sacramento Metropolitan, Yolo-Solano, Placer County, El Dorado County and Feather River Air Districts have developed an attainment plan with input from interested

parties. The Sacramento attainment demonstration indicates that the local, State, and federal controls already in place, together with new local measures and reductions from the California 2007 State Strategy will allow the region to attain the ozone standard by the 2018 deadline.

The California Air Resources Board has previously adopted and submitted to U.S. EPA the 2007 State Strategy for emissions benefits from the proposed new State measures to demonstrate attainment. For informational purposes, the table below shows the expected NOx and ROG emission reductions from the proposed new SIP measures for Sacramento for 2018. The total emission reductions necessary to attain the federal standards will be the enforceable State commitment in the SIP upon Board adoption and U.S. EPA approval.

Expected Emission NOx and ROG Reductions from Proposed New SIP Measures (tons per day) Sacramento Metro Area: 2018		
Proposed New SIP Measures	NOx	ROG
Passenger Vehicles	1.7	2.6
Smog Check Improvements (BAR)	1.4	1.3
Expanded Vehicle Retirement	0.3	0.2
Modifications to Reformulated Gasoline Program	--	1.1
Heavy-Duty Trucks	9.5	0.8
Cleaner In-Use Heavy-Duty Trucks	9.5	0.8
Goods Movement Sources	0.2	0.0
Clean Up Existing Harbor Craft	0.2	0.0
Off-Road Equipment	1.9	0.4
Cleaner In-Use Off-Road Equipment (over 25hp)	1.9	0.4
Other Off-Road Sources	0.3	6.1
New Emission Standards for Recreational Boats	0.3	3.0
Expanded Off-Road Rec. Vehicle Emission Standards	0.0	2.7
Additional Evaporative Emission Standards	--	0.4
Areawide Sources	--	1.9
Consumer Products Program	--	1.9
Emission Reductions from Proposed New Measures	13	11

The Plan also contains a Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) demonstration. The RFP demonstration shows that existing local, State, and federal controls are sufficient for the Sacramento Metro Area to achieve the required minimum 3 percent per year reduction in ozone-precursor emissions.

Proposed Action

The districts released their draft plan on September 10, 2008 and held public workshops in several locations throughout the region September 22-25, 2008. The governing boards of all five districts approved the plan at duly noticed public hearings on January 22 (Sacramento), February 2 (Feather River), February 10 (El Dorado County), February 11 (Yolo-Solano), and February 19, 2009 (Placer County). The Sacramento Air District has made minor technical corrections to the plan since its adoption by the local boards. The corrections are available at

<http://www.airquality.org/notices/CAPUpdate/8hrAPandFEIRHearingsJanFeb2009.shtml>

The corrections do not materially affect any conclusions in the plan.

At the Board meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the 2009 Sacramento Metro Area 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan as a revision to the SIP. The Board will also consider an emissions reduction commitment as shown in the table below, providing the reductions that, along with reductions from local and federal measures, will allow the Sacramento area to achieve attainment of the ozone standard by 2018.

Summary of Emission Reduction Commitments – Sacramento		
Year	NOx	ROG
2018	13	11

ARB staff will present a written Staff Report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, at least ten days prior to the Board meeting. The report may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at that time at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm>.

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by email before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 25, 2009**, 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>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

The Board requests, but does not require, 30 copies of any written submission. Also, the ARB requests that written and email statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Laura Lawrence, Air Pollution Specialist, (916) 324-9264, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, California, 95814.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

/s/

James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

Date: February 24, 2009

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website at www.arb.ca.gov.