# CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE 2007 SAN DIEGO 8-HOUR OZONE ATTAINMENT PLAN

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of the 2007 San Diego 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan.

DATE: May 24, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: San Diego Marriott Del Mar Hotel Grand Ballroom 11966 El Camino Real San Diego, California 92130

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 24, 2007 and will continue at 8:00 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2007. This item may not be considered until May 25, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 24, 2007, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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#### 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 San Diego Air Basin as a "basic" nonattainment area with an attainment date of June 2009. The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (District) developed an attainment plan with input from interested parties. The District's attainment demonstration indicates that the local, State, and federal

controls already in place will reduce emissions sufficiently by 2008 to allow San Diego to attain the ozone standard by the 2009 deadline.

# Proposed Action

The District released its draft plan on March 1, 2007 and held a public workshop on April 2, 2007. The District governing board is scheduled to consider approval of the plan at a duly noticed public hearing on May 23, 2007. ARB staff has reviewed the Draft 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan for San Diego County and concluded that it meets applicable federal requirements. ARB staff also concluded that the implementation of the April version of the plan would reduce ozone levels throughout San Diego to the benefit of public health and result in attainment of the 8-hour ozone standard by June 2009. ARB staff recommends that the Board approve the San Diego plan as a revision to the California SIP and direct the Executive Officer to submit the plan to U.S. EPA. If the governing board makes changes to the draft plan at its hearing on May 23, ARB staff will consider the changes, and recommend appropriate actions at the ARB meeting.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, on May 10, 2007. The report may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/2007sip/2007sip.htm">http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/2007sip/2007sip.htm</a>.

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 submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received <u>no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 23, 2007,</u> and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <u>http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php</u>

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 Ms. Karen Khamou, Air Pollution Specialist, (916) 322-1502, 1001 "I" Street, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812.

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/s/ Catherine Witherspoon Executive Officer

Date: May 8, 2007

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 <u>www.arb.ca.gov</u>.