April 28, 2010

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
Regional Administrator
Region 9
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is transmitting to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the Request for PM10 Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin (South Coast PM10 Plan) developed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District).

On January 8, 2010, the District adopted the South Coast PM10 Plan as part of a packet that also includes the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Coachella Valley (Coachella Valley PM10 Plan). The District transmitted the combined packet to ARB on January 15, 2010. ARB approved the Coachella Valley PM10 Plan on February 24, 2010, and transmitted it to the U.S. EPA on March 23, 2010. Due to changes in the transportation conformity budgets, ARB approved the South Coast PM10 Plan, as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP), on March 25, 2010. Therefore, this transmittal pertains solely to the South Coast PM10 Plan.

This package consists of two hard copies and one compact disk with the following materials:

I. January 15, 2010, letter from Dr. Elaine Chang, Deputy Executive Officer for the District, to Mr. James Goldstene, Executive Officer, transmitting:
   A. Approved Board Letter (Attachment 1) providing:
      • Certification of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption and
      • Certification of Public Hearing;
   B. Governing Board Resolution 10-1 (Attachment 3):
      • Approving the PM10 Maintenance Plans for the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley Portion of Salton Sea and
      • Certifying that the PM10 redesignation Requests and PM10 Maintenance Plans are Exempt from CEQA requirements;

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C. PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin (Attachment 4);
D. Evidence of Compliance with California's Procedural Requirements:
   • Notice of Exemption from CEQA (Attachment 6) and
   • 45-Day Notice of Public Hearings (Attachment 7);
E. Evidence of Public Notice (Attachment 8); and
F. Transcripts from five Regional Public Hearings (Attachment 9);

II. Public notice evidence and transcript for the ARB Public Meeting to Consider Approval of the South Coast PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan including Conformity Budgets;

III. ARB Resolution 10-21 adopting the South Coast PM10 Plan as a revision to the SIP;

IV. ARB Staff Report, Analysis of the South Coast Air Basin PM10 Redesignation Request, Maintenance Plan, and Conformity Budgets; and

V. Transportation Conformity Budgets and Documentation:
   A. Budgets for 2010, 2020, and 2030,
   B. Supplementary Information, and
   C. District letter dated February 19, 2010 regarding the Transportation Conformity Budgets.

ARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information you may need. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Ms. Karen Magliano, Chief, Air Quality Data Branch, at (916) 322-7137.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: See next page.
cc: (Without Enclosures)

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