CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE SOUTH COAST PM2.5 CONTINGENCY MEASURE

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider adoption of the South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure, which amends the statewide contingency measure included in the 2018 Updates to the California State Implementation Plan (2018 Updates) adopted by the Board on October 25, 2018. If adopted, CARB will submit the South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE:	February 21, 2019
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	California Environmental Protection Agency California Air Resources Board 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., February 21, 2019, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on February 22, 2019. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar, unless removed upon the request of a Board member, or if someone in the audience submits a request-to-speak card on this item. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before February 21, 2019, to determine when this item will be considered.

Background

The South Coast is classified as a Serious PM2.5 nonattainment area for both the 12 $\mu g/m^3$ annual and 35 $\mu g/m^3$ 24-hour PM2.5 standards. Air quality modeling conducted by South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) staff projects that the South Coast will meet both of these standards with ongoing State and District programs, and other defined measures.

On October 25, 2018, CARB approved the statewide contingency measure as part of the 2018 Updates. The statewide measure, set out in Chapter X of the 2018 Update, consisted of two complementary elements to satisfy contingency requirements: 1) identification of new actions that California will take if they are triggered by the region's failure to attain or meet a reasonable further progress milestone; and 2) identification of new emissions reductions that provide for approximately one year's

worth of progress. Together these elements address new requirements for contingency measures established by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Bahr v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*, (9th Cir. 2016) 836 F.3d 1218.

The 2018 Update's statewide contingency measure covered the District for the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard. This proposed South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure will amend the statewide contingency measure to also cover the District for the 35 $\mu g/m^3$ 24-hour and 12 $\mu g/m^3$ annual PM2.5 standards.

If the South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure is triggered, the new actions that California will take are enhanced enforcement activities for CARB regulations in the South Coast. These enhanced enforcement activities will begin within 60 days of U.S. EPA's determination of the South Coast's failure to attain either the 12 $\mu g/m^3$ annual or 35 $\mu g/m^3$ 24-hour PM2.5 standard and will continue until CARB submits a new SIP to U.S. EPA demonstrating attainment of that standard.

This South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure will allow U.S. EPA to approve the PM2.5 SIPs included in the South Coast 2016 Air Quality Management Plan adopted by CARB on March 23, 2017.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure which amends the statewide contingency measure in the 2018 Updates to include the two South Coast PM2.5 standards and direct the Executive Officer to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, beginning January 18, 2019. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/scabsip/scabsip.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 p.m., February 19, 2019**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, California 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 oral 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.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Scott King, Air Pollution Specialist, (916) 323-2832 or Carol Sutkus, Manager, (916) 322-1229.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

CARB, as the lead agency for the proposed South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure, has concluded that this action is exempt from CEQA, as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15061, because the action includes both an Enforcement Action Taken by Regulatory Agencies (as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15321 for "class 21" exemptions); and it is also exempt as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter IV of the South Coast PM2.5 Contingency Measure.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: January 18, 2019

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