

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE OZONE ATTAINMENT PLAN FOR WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the adoption of the Ozone Attainment Plan for Western Nevada County (Ozone Plan). If adopted, CARB will submit the Ozone Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: November 15, 2018

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., November 15, 2018, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on November 16, 2018. 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 November 15, 2018, to determine when this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

The federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (standards). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates.

In 2008, U.S. EPA strengthened the 8-hour ozone standard to 75 parts per billion (ppb). The Western Nevada County Nonattainment Area (Western Nevada County) is classified as a Moderate nonattainment area with an attainment date of December 31, 2017. The Act specifies that nonattainment areas must attain the standard as expeditiously as practicable. Western Nevada County is primarily impacted by transported ozone from upwind nonattainment areas that is not scavenged at night by local NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, resulting in some of the highest nocturnal ozone levels in the state during summer stagnant weather conditions. Although significant emissions reductions continue to occur in these upwind areas, air quality modeling demonstrates that a Serious classification provides the timeframe necessary to achieve sufficient emission reductions for attainment in Western Nevada County. As a result, the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

(District), the local air district with jurisdiction over Western Nevada County, is requesting a voluntary reclassification to Serious ozone nonattainment. The District prepared the Ozone Plan to address the Serious classification planning requirements that demonstrates attainment of the standard by the Serious deadline of July 20, 2021.

The Ozone Plan includes a comprehensive emission inventory, attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress (RFP) demonstration, assessment of reasonably available control measures and technologies, and identification of contingency measures for RFP and attainment. The Ozone Plan also includes motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets developed using the latest planning assumptions. The CARB staff report for this proposed action contains a Weight of Evidence analysis (WOE) to supplement the air quality modeling contained in the Ozone Plan.

CARB staff has reviewed the Ozone Plan and has concluded that it, together with the WOE, meets the applicable requirements of the Act for a Serious nonattainment area.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the Ozone Plan including the WOE and direct staff 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, on October 12, 2018. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/wncsip.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., November 13, 2018**, 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>

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 Earl

Withycombe, Air Resources Engineer, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-8487 or Webster Tasat, Manager of the Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 323-4950.

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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: *October 12, 2018*

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