

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE 2016 PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approving the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District 2016 Moderate Area Plan for the 2012 PM2.5 Standard. If approved, ARB will submit the plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: October 20, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, California 93726

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 20, 2016. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before October 20, 2016, to determine the order in which this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

The federal Clean Air Act (Act) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (standards). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement SIPs that demonstrates how they will attain the standard by specified dates. For PM2.5, the Act requires a step-wise process. Each nonattainment area begins with a Moderate SIP to evaluate whether the standard can be met within six years. If attainment within six years cannot be demonstrated, U.S. EPA classifies the area as Serious and establishes requirements for a second SIP submittal that must show attainment within 10 years.

In 2012, U.S. EPA lowered the annual PM2.5 standard from 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to 12  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and subsequently designated the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) as a Moderate nonattainment area in April 2015. While PM2.5 air quality in the Valley had improved since 2001, stagnant weather conditions and persistent lack of rainfall associated with California's drought has impacted PM2.5 concentrations in the Valley and held up progress towards attainment. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) prepared the 2016 Moderate Area Plan for the 2012 PM2.5 Standard (2016 MAP) to address requirements under the Act for a Moderate nonattainment area, which includes a demonstration that it is impracticable for the Valley to attain these requirements by the identified December 2021 deadline. The 2016 MAP therefore requests the area be

classified as a Serious nonattainment area which will establish a new attainment deadline of 2025. The District Governing Board adopted the 2016 MAP on September 15, 2016.

The 2016 MAP includes comprehensive emission inventories, a reasonable further progress (RFP) demonstration and quantitative milestones; an assessment of reasonably available control measures and technologies plus additional reasonable measures; and identification of contingency measures if the Valley fails to meet an RFP milestone. The ARB staff report on the 2016 MAP will also include contingency measure emission reductions for 2022 augmenting those in the 2016 MAP. The 2016 MAP includes motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets developed using EMFAC2014 that reflect the latest planning assumptions.

The ARB staff report, as well as the photochemical modeling assessment documentation, including the Modeling Emission Inventory Protocol for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> State Implementation Plan in the San Joaquin Valley, is posted on ARB's website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/sanjqnvllysip.htm>.

### **Proposed Action**

ARB staff recommends that the Board approve the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Moderate Area Plan for the 2016 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard, request reclassification of the Valley as a Serious nonattainment area, and directs staff to submit this plan to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

ARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990, September 16, 2016. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/sanjqnvllysip.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., October 17, 2016**, 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.

ARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Webster Tasat, Manager of the Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-4950 or (designated back-up) Patricia Velasco, Ph.D., Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-7560.

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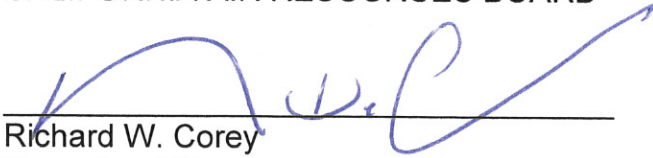
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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: September 16, 2016

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