

## **CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AND CONSIDER THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PM2.5 CONTINGENCY MEASURES**

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to hear an update on the development of a comprehensive State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the San Joaquin Valley for meeting multiple PM2.5 standards. The Board will also consider contingency measures for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM2.5 standard.

DATE: September 28, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency  
Air Resources Board  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at any time during a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 28, 2017, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on September 29, 2017. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before September 28, 2017.

#### **Background**

Meeting health based PM2.5 standards over the next decade is the San Joaquin Valley's greatest air quality challenge. ARB staff has been working closely with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) on the development of an integrated attainment strategy for multiple PM2.5 standards as part of a comprehensive SIP that will be completed later this year. Staff provided an update to the Board in May 2017 on the overall scope of reductions needed and progress made in identifying necessary stationary and mobile source control measures. This item will provide an update on continued efforts in defining the final attainment strategy and the remaining steps for development of the comprehensive SIP.

In addition, the Board will consider adoption of a SIP revision providing contingency measures for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual PM2.5 standard. This 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> standard must be met by 2020, which is the first attainment deadline for the PM2.5 standards addressed in the comprehensive SIP. Air quality modeling conducted by ARB staff projects the San Joaquin Valley will meet this standard through ongoing implementation of current

ARB and District programs. While the full scope of SIP elements required under the Clean Air Act (Act) for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual standard will be included in the comprehensive SIP, ARB staff is proposing consideration of the contingency measures element at this time to address a prior disapproval and associated sanctions clock. That prior disapproval was associated with crediting of reductions from mobile source measures that had received a waiver or authorization from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) (under section 209 of the Act) but that had not otherwise been submitted into the SIP. Such crediting of reductions from measures waived or authorized by U.S. EPA was allowed by the Agency prior to a 2015 judicial decision. ARB has since submitted these measures into the SIP, and U.S. EPA approved them in 2016. With these measures now approved into the SIP, this SIP revision documents the necessary contingency for the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual standard in the context of the current 2020 attainment date.

Contingency measures serve an important function to ensure that further emission reductions continue to occur during development of a new SIP should an area fail to attain. The SIP revision consists of three 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, 2) identification of new emission reductions that provide for approximately one year's worth of progress, and 3) a commitment for development and submission of a new SIP within one year of the region's failure to attain. 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 new actions that California will take, if the contingency measure is triggered, are enhanced enforcement activities for ARB regulations in the San Joaquin Valley. These enhanced enforcement activities will begin within sixty days of U.S. EPA's determination of the region's failure to attain the 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual standard, and would continue until ARB submits a new SIP to U.S. EPA demonstrating attainment of that standard.

### **Proposed Action**

ARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the *State Implementation Plan Attainment Contingency Measures for the San Joaquin Valley 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard* and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

A written staff report is available. Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/sanjoqnvllysip.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., September 25, 2017,** 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, 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 ten 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 Sylvia Vanderspek, Chief of the Air Quality Planning Branch at (916) 324-7163 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: August 25, 2017

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