

September 14, 2017

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS MEETING PM2.5 STANDARDS IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Staff of the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) invites you to participate in a joint workshop with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 to discuss strategies for meeting PM2.5 air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley. This will be the third in a series of workshops conducted by CARB staff to assess opportunities for reductions from stationary and mobile sources as part of a comprehensive PM2.5 attainment strategy. CARB staff will report back to the Board in September on the progress.

The community meeting will be held at the following location:

Date:	Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Time:	5:30 p.m.
Location:	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District-Bakersfield Office 3496 Flyover Court Bakersfield, CA 93308

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

The community meeting will be webcast and Spanish translation services will also be provided. Further information along with the webcast link can be found at:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sjvpm25/annualsjvpm25.htm>.

If you require special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact Ms. Bronwyn Mednick at (916) 322-5350 or bronwyn.mednick@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for California Relay Service.

Background

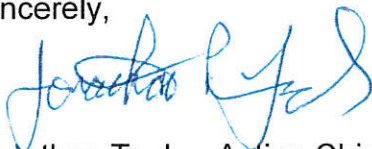
The San Joaquin Valley experiences some of the highest PM2.5 levels in the nation. Exposure to PM2.5 is associated with increased risk of hospitalization for lung and heart-related illnesses and premature mortality, especially in children, the elderly and people with existing health problems. Last October, the Board tabled consideration of the PM2.5 Plan for meeting the 12 ug/m3 annual standard and directed CARB staff to conduct additional public outreach and identify opportunities for further near-term reductions from stationary and mobile sources as part of the broader process of developing a comprehensive attainment plan for meeting multiple PM2.5 standards.

On December 1, 2016, CARB staff held a workshop in Fresno to discuss the scientific foundation of PM2.5 air quality in the San Joaquin Valley. CARB's initial science-based assessment suggests a balanced portfolio of both direct PM2.5 and NOx reductions is needed to meet multiple PM2.5 standards given the diversity of sources that contribute to the Valley's PM2.5 levels throughout the year. On May 17, 2017, CARB held a community meeting and discussed potential strategies to meet PM2.5 standards, with a focus on soliciting public input on key sources impacting communities and suggested approaches for achieving emission reductions. Staff also provided an update to the Board in May. Throughout this process, CARB and District staff have been working collaboratively in developing the strategy for the comprehensive attainment plan.

CARB staff will report back to the Board on September 28, 2017 with recommendations and next steps for continued strategy development.

We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Webster Tasat at (916) 323-4950 or webster.tasat@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Taylor".

Jonathan Taylor, Acting Chief
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cc: Mr. Webster Tasat, Manager
Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section