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MAY 17, 2017 COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES FOR 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 community meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 to discuss strategies for meeting PM2.5 air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley. This will be the second 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. ARB staff will report back to the Board at the end of May with recommendations and next steps for continued strategy development.

The community meeting will be held at the following location:

Date:	Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Location:	University of California Merced, Fresno Center 550 E. Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710

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.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.
For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Community Meeting Information and Background

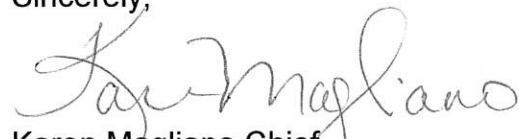
The San Joaquin Valley experiences some of the highest PM2.5 levels in the nation. Exposure to PM2.5 is associated with increased risk of hospitalization for lung and heart-related illnesses and premature mortality, especially in children, the elderly and people with existing health problems. Last October, the Board tabled consideration of the PM2.5 Plan for meeting the 12 ug/m3 annual standard. The Board 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. The May 17 community meeting will include discussion of 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.

CARB staff will report back to the Board on May 25, 2017 with recommendations and next steps for continued strategy development. The recommendations will consider the input received during this community meeting along with ongoing feedback received since the October Board hearing.

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. If you have questions about meeting logistics, please contact Ms. Bronwyn Mednick at (916) 322-5350 or bronwyn.mednick@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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