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Notice of Exemption

Project Title: 2018 Amendments to Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: February 21, 2019; Agenda Item #19-2-3

Project Description: The Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards regulation includes the following changes: an added description of Sutter Buttes portion of Sutter County in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin (section 60200), an added description of the CA 60 Near-road portion of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties of the South Coast Air Basin (section 60200), changes to Ozone Area Designations (section 60201), and changes to Nitrogen Dioxide Area Designations (section 60203). This will result in changes to the labels that indicate the healthfulness of the current air quality throughout the State.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on February 21, 2019.

CARB has determined that this regulation is exempt from CEQA under the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). The common sense exemption states a project is exempt from CEQA if "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." Based on CARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the regulation would result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter VII of the Staff Report.

The Staff Report and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2019/areadesignations18#anchor

These documents may also be examined at:

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