

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE WEST MOJAVE DESERT VMT OFFSET DEMONSTRATION

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the West Mojave Desert Vehicle Miles Traveled Offset Demonstration (West Mojave Desert VMT Emissions Offset Demonstration) as part of West Mojave Desert's 70 Parts per Billion (ppb) 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard State Implementation Plan, as required by the federal Clean Air Act (Act). If approved, CARB will submit the West Mojave Desert VMT Emissions Offset Demonstration to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: October 22, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Please see the public agenda which will be posted ten days before the October 22, 2020, Board Meeting for any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person, it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 22, 2020, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on October 23, 2020. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before October 22, 2020, to determine when this item will be considered.

Background

The Act establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (standards). Areas are designated as nonattainment based on monitored exceedances of these standards.

In 2015, the U.S. EPA strengthened the ambient air quality standard for 8-hour ozone from 75 to 70 ppb. Effective August 3, 2018, U.S. EPA designated 19 areas in California as nonattainment for the 2015 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard and classified them as marginal, moderate, serious, severe, or extreme, including West Mojave Desert as severe.

Within two years of designations, the Act requires states to submit enforceable transportation control strategies and transportation control measures to offset any growth in emissions from growth in vehicle miles travelled or numbers of vehicle trips (VMT Emissions Offset Demonstration) for severe and extreme ozone nonattainment areas. CARB has prepared this VMT Emissions Offset Demonstration for West Mojave Desert to meet the requirements of the Act.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the West Mojave Desert VMT Emissions Offset Demonstration and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff has prepared a written report. Subject to the limitation below, copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, after September 18, 2020. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2017-baseline-inventory-and-vehicle-miles-traveled-offset-demonstration-2015-70>. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board's offices may have limited public access. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-9564 if you need physical copies of the documents.

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 submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than October 19, 2020**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California 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.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Tiffanie Be, Air Pollution Specialist, Emissions Inventory Development Section, at Tiffanie.be@arb.ca.gov

or (916) 327-8170, Stephanie Huber, Manager, Emissions Inventory Development Section, at Stephanie.huber@arb.ca.gov or (916) 323-2664, or Nesamani Kalandiyur, Manager, Transportation Analysis Section, at nesamani.kalandiyur@arb.ca.gov or (916) 324-0466.

Special Accommodation Request

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerks' Office at (916) 322-5594 or by facsimile at (916) 322-3928 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: September 18, 2020

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