

December 28, 2020

Mr. John W. Busterud
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Dear Mr. Busterud:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is transmitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) documents which revise and supplement the contingency measure element of the Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Attainment Plan (Portola Plan) developed by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) for the 12 microgram per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) annual PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS).

On September 9, 2020, the Portola City Council adopted a City Ordinance, Ordinance 359, which implements a more stringent woodburning curtailment program if the contingency measure is triggered. On October 26, 2020, the District Board adopted a resolution directing the District to fulfill its obligations under Ordinance 359, approve the Ordinance 359 into the attainment plan, and submit the provisions of Ordinance 359 that address the contingency measure requirements to CARB for inclusion in the California SIP.

The enclosed Proposed Portola PM_{2.5} Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal, adopted by CARB on November 19, 2020, includes a contingency measure specifying new actions the District and City of Portola will take to reduce particulate matter pollution from residential wood heating if the Plumas County PM_{2.5} nonattainment area fails to attain the 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS by the applicable attainment date, or fails to meet the reasonable further progress or quantitative milestone requirements for the 2022 milestone year. The Proposed Portola PM_{2.5} Plan Contingency Measure also includes technical documentation that quantifies emission reductions associated with contingency measure and additional surplus reductions estimated to occur after the attainment date of December 31, 2021. This

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quantification demonstrates that the proposed contingency measure satisfies the requirements for contingency measures.

No public comments were received prior to or during the CARB meeting on the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Contingency Measure SIP Submittal. This submittal consists of electronic copies of the following materials:

1. The Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal;
2. SIP completeness checklist;
3. CARB Resolution 20-26 adopting the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal as a revision to the California SIP;
4. Public notice for the CARB November 19, 2020, public meeting to consider the Proposed Portola PM2.5 Plan Contingency Measure SIP Submittal; and
5. District submittal.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 445-4383, or have your staff contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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