

July 10, 2023

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Dear Administrator Guzman:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the Yuba City-Marysville PM_{2.5} Second Maintenance Plan (2023 Plan) prepared by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (District) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The District adopted the 2023 Plan on April 3, 2023, and submitted it to CARB on April 26, 2023.

The 2023 Plan submittal addresses the 35 µg/m³ 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard second maintenance plan requirements for the Yuba City-Marysville Planning Area. This SIP submittal package consists of the following documents:

- I. April 26, 2023 letter from Mr. Christopher D. Brown, District Air Pollution Control Officer, to Dr. Steven S. Cliff, CARB Executive Officer, including:
 - a. Yuba City-Marysville PM_{2.5} Second Maintenance Plan with Appendices;
 - b. District Board Memorandum and signed Resolution 2023-03 adopting the 2023 Plan;
 - c. Proof of publication; and
 - d. Statement regarding public comments received on the 2023 Plan;
- II. March 3, 2023 District Public Hearing Notice;
- III. CARB Staff Report, *CARB Review of the 2023 Yuba City-Marysville PM_{2.5} Second Maintenance Plan for the 35 µg/m³ 24-hour PM_{2.5} Standard*;
- IV. CARB Executive Order S-23-005; and
- V. 2023 Plan – Maintenance Plan Completeness Checklist.

The 2023 Plan includes on-road motor vehicle emission budgets using the EMFAC2017 model. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow budgets to be replaced upon a finding of adequacy. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted today to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets. We anticipate updating the budget using the latest approved EMFAC2021 model in the second quarter of 2024.

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Without the ability to replace the applicable emission budgets with submitted budgets found adequate using the budget adequacy process, the benefits of using the updated data may not be realized for a year or more after the SIPs are submitted due to the SIP approval process. We appreciate U.S. EPA's willingness to work with us in our efforts to utilize motor vehicle emission budgets based on the most up-to-date, accurate data as soon as possible upon availability.

CARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any needed additional clarifying information. If you have any questions, please contact Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 445-4383, or have your staff contact Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,



Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D., Executive Officer

Enclosures (9)

