

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider the Proposed 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public hearing at the date and time noted below to consider adoption of the *Proposed 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan* (Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy). If adopted, CARB will submit the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) in support of attainment of the federal 70 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone standard across California as described below.

Date: September 22, 2022

Time: 9:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 8:30 a.m., on September 23, 2022. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the September 22, 2022, Board Meeting, for important details, including, but not limited to, the day on which this item will be considered, how to participate via Zoom, and any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting if needed.

Background

The Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy identifies the proposed control measures and emissions reductions necessary from State-regulated sources to support attainment for the federal 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, established by U.S. EPA in 2015, for all nonattainment areas in California. As required under the federal Clean Air Act, after a new standard is set, local air districts must develop SIPs for the nonattainment areas to demonstrate attainment of federal air quality standards that identify both the magnitude of emission reductions needed by the required attainment deadline, and the actions necessary to achieve those reductions. CARB's mobile source control program, along with emission reduction efforts at the local and federal level, have been tremendously successful in reducing emissions of air pollutants, resulting in significantly cleaner vehicles and equipment in operation today and improving air quality across the State. Current control programs adopted by CARB, as well as the local air districts and U.S. EPA, provide a significant down payment on the emissions reductions needed to meet the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard throughout the State.

Nineteen areas in California are designated as nonattainment for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, with two areas having the most critical air quality challenges at a regional level – the South Coast Air Basin and the San Joaquin Valley. These regions are the only two areas in the nation classified as Extreme for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, and also record some of the nation’s highest fine particulate matter (PM2.5) levels. That said, based on air quality modeling done to date, seven areas need reductions beyond already-adopted regulations, which are accounted for in the baseline emissions inventory in order to demonstrate attainment – these areas are the South Coast Air Basin, San Joaquin Valley, Ventura County, Eastern Kern County, Sacramento Metro area, Western Mojave Desert, and Coachella Valley.

CARB released the *2022 State SIP Strategy: Draft Measures* document in October 2021, the *Draft 2022 State SIP Strategy* in January 2022, and has held three public workshops to date to discuss attainment needs and staff’s potential control measures. Today, staff is releasing the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy, which includes additional measures, updates, and estimated emissions reductions to be proposed as CARB commitments towards attainment of the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard for all nonattainment areas needing reductions from new State control measures. Further, Appendix A: Economic Analysis to the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy describes the estimated statewide impacts to the California economy from the suite of emission reduction measures in the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy. CARB is hosting a fourth public workshop on August 23, 2022 to provide additional opportunity for public feedback, input, and ideas on staff’s proposed measures prior to consideration of the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy in September.

While the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy includes measures and potential commitments for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, the emissions reductions of ozone precursors such as oxides of nitrogen (NOx) will also support attainment for the other national ambient air quality standards, including PM2.5. Additionally, there are many low-income and underserved communities within these nonattainment areas, and across the State, that continue to experience disproportionately high levels of air pollution but that will benefit from the emission reduction strategies within the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends that the Board approve the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy and the proposed commitments contained therein, and direct staff to submit the strategy and commitments to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP alongside the attainment plans for the relevant nonattainment areas.

CARB staff will present a summary of the written strategy at the meeting. Copies of the strategy may be obtained from CARB’s website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2022-state-strategy-state-implementation-plan-2022-state-sip-strategy>, August 12, 2022. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at Bradley.Bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during 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 during the meeting, must be received **no later than September 12, 2022**, 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.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Austin Hicks, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at Austin.Hicks@arb.ca.gov or Ariel Fideldy, Manager, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at Ariel.Fideldy@arb.ca.gov.

Environmental Analysis

CARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy, prepared an environmental analysis (EA) under its certified regulatory program (California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 60000 through 60008) to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code section 21080.5). The Draft EA, entitled *Draft Environmental Analysis for the Proposed 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan*, is identified as Appendix B to the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy. The Draft EA identified, disclosed and analyzed potential significant impacts on the environment from compliance responses and identified potential feasible mitigation measures and alternatives to lessen or avoid the significant environmental impacts associated with the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy, including the proposed measures that were originally identified as Public Measure Suggestions in the Draft 2022 State SIP Strategy and incorporated into the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy. The Draft EA was released for a 45-day CEQA public comment period on March 29, 2022, which ended on May 13, 2022. There are no modifications or additions to the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy that would change or alter any of the impacts or conclusions already analyzed and disclosed in the Draft EA. Therefore, there is no requirement to recirculate the Draft EA for an additional CEQA comment period. The comment period noticed above is exclusively for comments on the Proposed State SIP Strategy.

Special Accommodation Request

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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

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Date: August 12, 2022

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 [CARB's website](http://www.arb.ca.gov) (www.arb.ca.gov).