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WORKSHOP NOTICE **Public Workshop for** **Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy**

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss ARB's Draft Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (Draft Strategy). During the workshops, ARB staff will provide a summary of the Draft Strategy, an updated project schedule, and the timeline for public comment. The Draft Strategy was released for public review on September 30, 2015. We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort.

The workshops will be held in three locations at the following dates and times:

Sacramento

Date: October 13, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>

Diamond Bar

Date: October 14, 2015
Time: 10:00 am
Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District
Auditorium
21865 Copely Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765
Directions: <http://www.aqmd.gov/contact>

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 our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Fresno

Date: October 19, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central Region Office
Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

Directions: http://www.valleyair.org/General_info/Directions_Fresno.htm

The public can also attend this workshop by video conference at the air district's Modesto and Bakersfield offices:

Modesto Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356

Bakersfield Office
34946 Flyover Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Background:

Short-lived climate pollutants are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than major climate pollutants such as carbon dioxide. Their relative potency in terms of how they heat the atmosphere can be tens to thousands of times greater than CO₂. Short-lived climate pollutants include methane, black carbon, and fluorinated gases. The impacts of short-lived climate pollutants are especially strong within the near term. Reducing these emissions can have an immediate beneficial impact on climate change. Senate Bill 605 (Lara, Chapter 523, Statutes of 2014) requires ARB, in coordination with other State agencies and local air districts, to develop a strategy by the end of 2015, to further reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions in California. Staff will consider public comments received on the Draft Strategy and develop a Proposed Strategy to present to the Board in December 2015.

Environmental Analysis:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and ARB's Certified Regulatory Program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251(d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 60000–60008), staff is reviewing the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy to determine if the proposed project will result in any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. An environmental analysis (EA) will be released for a 45-day public review and comment period with the proposed strategy to be released later this

fall. Comments received at this public workshop will be considered when determining the scope of, and preparing, the CEQA document.

Live Video/Audio Webcast:

For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcast) will be available at all three workshops. The workshop broadcasts can be accessed via: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> for the Sacramento workshop, <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts> for the Diamond Bar workshop, and http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm for the Fresno workshop. An e-mail address will be made available at each workshop to submit questions or comments during that workshop.

Public Comments on the Draft Strategy Report:

You are encouraged to submit your comments on the Draft Strategy at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=slcpdraftstrategy-ws&comm_period=1. Submitted comments can be viewed at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bccommlog.php?listname=slcpdraftstrategy-ws>. Staff requests that comments be submitted by October 30, 2015.

Workshop Materials:

The meeting agenda, staff presentation, and any other related materials will be distributed prior to the workshops. These documents will be posted in advance on ARB's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm>. Persons interested in receiving electronic notification of activities and materials released related to this effort should subscribe to the ARB's main Climate Change (cc) listserve at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=cc.

Special Accommodation:

If you require special accommodation for the workshops or require the workshop documents in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Marcelle Surovik, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-2951 or via e-mail at marcelle.surovik@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the workshops. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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We welcome and encourage your participation in the workshops. If you have questions regarding the workshops, please contact Mr. David Mehl, Manager, Energy Section, at (916) 323-1491 or via e-mail at dmehl@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

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