# PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Location of the March 23 and 24, 2017, Public Meeting has changed as noted below.

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC BOARD MEETING, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE REVISED PROPOSED SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT STRATEGY AND REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PREPARED FOR THE STRATEGY

This notice announces the availability of a revised Proposed Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (SLCP Strategy) and a revised Draft Environmental Analysis (Revised Draft EA) for public comment as well as public workshops and a public Board Meeting on the SLCP Strategy and Revised Draft EA.

# <u>Public Workshops on the Revised Proposed Short-lived Climate Pollutant Strategy:</u>

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct public workshops to discuss the SLCP Strategy, released for public review on November 28, 2016. During the workshops, ARB staff will provide a summary of the changes made in the SLCP Strategy and the Revised Draft EA. We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort.

The workshop locations, dates, and times are listed below:

DATE: **December 12, 2016** 

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

1990 E Gettysburg Ave Fresno, California 93726

DIRECTIONS: www.valleyair.org/General\_info/Directions\_Fresno.htm

WEBCAST: <a href="http://www.cal-span.org/">http://www.cal-span.org/</a>

DATE: **December 15, 2016** 

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Auditorium

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, California 91765

**DIRECTIONS:** 

http://www.agmd.gov/contact#&MainContent C005 Col00=1

WEBCAST: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts">http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts</a>

DATE: **December 16, 2016** 

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency

**Byron Sher Auditorium** 

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California 95814

DIRECTIONS: <a href="http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm">http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm</a>

WEBCAST:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/archived-meetings-documents.htm

## **Public Board Meeting:**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the location of the public meeting has changed as follows:

The Board will hold a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approving the SLCP Strategy.

DATE: March 23 and 24, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: County of Riverside

County Administrative Center First Floor Board Chambers

4080 Lemon Street

Riverside, California 92501

WEBCAST: http://video.calepa.ca.gov/

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., March 23, 2017 and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on March 24, 2017. This item may not be considered until March 24, 2017. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before March 23, 2017, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

#### Background on the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Strategy:

Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than major climate pollutants such as carbon dioxide (CO2). Their relative potency in terms of how they heat the atmosphere can be tens to thousands of times greater than CO2. SLCPs include black carbon,

methane, and fluorinated gases, including hydrofluorocarbons (HFC). The impacts of SLCPs are especially strong within the near term. Reducing these emissions can have an immediate beneficial impact on climate change.

California's Global Warming Solutions Act, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 (Nuñez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), charges the ARB with reducing statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 emission levels by 2020 and maintaining a statewide GHG emission limit, while seeking to continue GHG emission reductions. In September 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016), codifying a reduction target for statewide GHG emissions of 40 percent below 1990 emission levels by 2030. SLCP emission reductions will support achieving these targets. Specific to SLCP emission reductions, SB 605 (Lara, Chapter 523, Statutes of 2014) requires ARB to develop a plan to reduce emissions of SLCPs, and SB 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) requires ARB to approve and begin implementing the plan by January 1, 2018.

SB 1383 also sets targets for statewide reductions of SLCP emissions of 40 percent below 2013 levels by 2030 for methane and HFCs and 50 percent below 2013 levels by 2030 for anthropogenic black carbon. SB 1383 also provides specific directions for reducing emissions from dairy and livestock operations. It also provides for emissions reductions from landfills by diverting organic materials.

The SLCP Strategy was developed pursuant to SB 605 and SB 1383 and lays out a range of options to accelerate SLCP emission reductions in California, including regulations, incentives, and other market-supporting activities. The SLCP Strategy will inform and be integrated into the upcoming 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update, which will incorporate input from a wide range of stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan for achieving the SB 32 statewide 2030 GHG limit of 40 percent below 1990 levels. The process for updating the Scoping Plan began in fall 2015 and is scheduled for completion in 2017.

The SLCP Strategy and its appendices are available on ARB's website at: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm">http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm</a>

# **Revised Draft Environmental Analysis:**

The Revised Draft EA was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and ARB's regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d)). The resource areas from the CEQA Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses resulting from implementation of the proposed measures discussed in the SLCP Strategy. The Revised Draft EA is a substantially updated version of the document released with the SLCP Strategy in May 2016. The revision is being recirculated for a new public review period and new

comments must be submitted on the Revised Draft EA to be responded to in writing with the Final EA. (Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, § 15088.5., subd. (f).)

The Revised Draft EA provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the proposed measures under each of the 17 environmental resource areas. Collectively, the Revised Draft EA concluded implementation of these actions could result in the following short-term and long-term beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial long-term impacts to air quality and GHG emissions; less than significant impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy demand, geology and soils, GHG emissions (short-term), hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, resources related to land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreational services, transportation/traffic and utilities and service systems; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, resources related to land use planning, noise, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. The potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts are primarily related to short-term construction-related activities, which explain why some resource areas are identified above as having both less-than-significant impacts and potentially significant impacts. Please refer to the Revised Draft EA for further details.

The Revised Draft EA is included as Appendix E to the SLCP Strategy and can be obtained from ARB's website at: <a href="https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm">https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm</a>

Copies of the Revised Draft EA may also be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814.

# **Submittal of Comments:**

ARB invites comments on the SLCP Strategy and Revised Draft EA during the public comment period that begins on November 28, 2016, and ends on January 17, 2017. Comments should be submitted using the address or web page li sted below. Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the public workshops listed above.

After the close of the public comment period, ARB will prepare written responses to comments received on the Revised Draft EA as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the SLCP Strategy and the Revised Draft EA will be considered by ARB, only those comments relating to the Revised Draft EA received no later than 5 p.m. on January 17, 2017, will be responded to in writing in the supplemental response document which will be posted on ARB's website before the scheduled Board meeting.

Written comments on the SLCP Strategy and the Revised Draft EA must be submitted to one of the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board,

Air Resources Board

1001 | Street

Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php">http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php</a>

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, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this item should be directed to Dave Mehl, Air Resources Supervisor, at (916) 323-1491, or (designated back-up contact) Marcelle Surovik, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-2951.

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

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- Un interprete que este disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma.
- Una ac.omodaci6n razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Richard W. Corey Executive Officer

Date: November 28, 2016