

October 6, 2021: Release of the 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan: Draft Measures, and Notice of October 19, 2021 Public Workshop

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff announces the release of the 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan: Draft Measures (2022 State SIP Strategy: Draft Measures), and invites you to participate in a public workshop on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. During the workshop, staff will walk through the potential State measures CARB staff is considering to support attainment of the 70 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone standard across California. The 2022 State SIP Strategy: Draft Measures includes potential CARB measures developed by staff, some of which are already undergoing independent public processes, potential federal actions and/or CARB petitions for federal actions, and potential State measures suggested by members of the public. During the workshop, we encourage you to ask questions, engage in discussion with CARB staff, provide feedback on staff's draft measures, and suggest additional potential measures for the State to pursue.

The public workshop will be held on Zoom with an available call-in option. The meeting will be conducted in English with Spanish interpretation available. Details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 Time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Web link: Zoom

Call-In Number: (877) 336-1831

Conference Code: 7673700

Participants will be able to send written questions or comments to CARB staff during the meeting through Zoom. Workshop materials will be posted in advance of the workshop at https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2022-state-strategy-state-implementation-plan-2022-state-sip-strategy.

Background

Per the Clean Air Act, nonattainment areas must develop SIPs to demonstrate attainment of federal air quality standards that include identifying both the magnitude of emission reductions needed by the required attainment deadline, and the actions necessary to achieve those reductions. CARB's current mobile source control program, along with 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

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the local air districts and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (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 regions in California are designated as nonattainment areas under 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 levels. While the 2022 State SIP Strategy will include measures and commitments for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, the emissions reductions will support attainment for the other national ambient air quality standards. Additionally, there are many low-income and disadvantaged communities within these nonattainment areas, and across the State, that continue to experience disproportionately high levels of air pollution and the resulting detrimental impacts to their health.

As part of developing the 2022 State SIP Strategy, CARB has released the Draft Measures, and is hosting this second workshop, to provide additional information on staff's draft potential control measures. During the workshop, CARB staff will present potential measures to be included in the 2022 State SIP Strategy, which encompass actions to establish requirements for cleaner technologies (both zero-emissions and near zero-emissions), deployment of these technologies into the fleet, accelerating the deployment of cleaner technologies through incentives. This includes potential CARB measures developed by staff, some of which are already undergoing independent public processes, measures to petition for action on primarily-federally regulated sources, and measures suggested by the public for inclusion in the SIP.

CARB staff encourages your participation in the workshop. Input you provide through the workshop will inform the development of the 2022 State SIP Strategy, which will be finalized and presented to the Board in 2022. If you have questions about the meeting purpose, scope and logistics, please contact Mr. Austin Hicks at *Austin.Hicks@arb.ca.gov*.

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodation or need this in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print), please contact Ms. Candace Clawson at *Candace.Clawson@arb.ca.gov* no later than 10 days before the scheduled webinar. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for California Relay Service.