

March 15, 2021

Ms. Deborah Jordan, Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9
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Dear Ms. Jordan:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the *2020 Coachella Valley Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Emissions Offset Demonstration* (Demonstration). The Demonstration addresses the Clean Air Act (Act) requirement to submit enforceable transportation control strategies and transportation control measures to offset any growth in emissions from growth in vehicle miles traveled or number of vehicle trips.

On July 10, 2019, U.S. EPA classified the Coachella Valley as an Extreme area for the 80 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone standard. On December 28, 2020, CARB submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Coachella Valley that met all requirements of the Act as an Extreme nonattainment area as applicable under the 80 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, with the exception of the VMT Offset Demonstration. On February 25, 2021, CARB adopted the Demonstration. This submittal fulfills the requirement of the Act for a VMT offset demonstration for 80 ppb 8-hour ozone standard for the Coachella Valley Extreme nonattainment area.

This submittal includes electronic copies of the following materials:

1. The Demonstration;
2. CARB SIP Completeness Checklist for the Demonstration;
3. CARB Resolution 21-1;
4. January 22, 2021 public notice for the CARB February 25, 2021 public meeting to consider approval of the Demonstration.

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CARB staff is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "E. Chang", written in a cursive style.

Executive Officer