

Release of Draft 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan and Notice of February 10, 2022 Public Workshop

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff announces the release of the Draft 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (Draft 2022 State SIP Strategy). CARB staff also invites you to participate in a public workshop on February 10, 2022 to discuss the draft. The February 10th workshop will include a brief, high-level overview of the draft document followed by an extended opportunity for you to ask questions. Details of the draft document will not be discussed in the staff workshop presentation, so we encourage you to review the draft document in advance of the workshop. In addition, on February 24, 2022, the Board will hear an informational update on the development of the 2022 State SIP Strategy. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the February 24, 2022, Board Meeting, for more details.

The 2022 State SIP Strategy is being developed to identify the control measures and emissions reductions necessary from State-regulated sources to support attainment of the federal 70 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone standard across California. While the 2022 State SIP Strategy will include measures and commitments for achieving the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, the emissions reductions will also support attainment for the other national and State ambient air quality standards. We encourage you during the February 10th workshop to ask questions and engage in discussion with CARB staff, provide feedback on staff's draft measures, and suggest additional potential measures for the State to pursue. You will also have the opportunity to comment to the Board at the February 24, 2022, Board Meeting. In addition to these formal engagement opportunities, you are encouraged to submit comments through March 4, 2022 for consideration in the final draft of the 2022 State SIP Strategy. CARB staff will later release the Proposed 2022 State SIP Strategy for consideration by the Board in Summer 2022.

The February 10th public workshop will be held on Zoom with an available call-in option. The meeting will be conducted in English with Spanish interpretation available. 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>. Details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Web link: [Zoom](#)
Call-In Number: (877) 336-1831
Conference Code: 7673700

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 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 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 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 record some of the nation's highest fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) levels. While the 2022 State SIP Strategy will include measures and commitments for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard, the emissions reductions of ozone precursors such as oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) will support attainment for the other national ambient air quality standards, including PM_{2.5}. 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 emission reduction strategies within the 2022 State SIP Strategy.

As part of developing the 2022 State SIP Strategy, CARB released the Draft Measures document in October 2021 and held two public workshops to discuss attainment needs and staff's potential control measures. Today, staff is releasing the Draft 2022 State SIP Strategy document to provide additional measures and detail, including emissions reductions to be proposed as CARB commitments towards attainment of the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard in nonattainment areas across the State. CARB is hosting a third public workshop on February 10th and an informational update to the CARB Board on February 24th to provide additional opportunity for public feedback, input, and ideas on CARB staff's proposed measures prior to consideration of the final 2022 State SIP Strategy by the CARB Board in Summer 2022.

During the workshop and informational update to the Board in February 2022, CARB staff will present an overview of the proposed measures included in the Draft 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, and 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.

Copies of the Draft 2022 State SIP 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>, January 31, 2022.

Written Comment Period

Written comments not submitted during the meeting must be received no later than March 4, 2022, and addressed to the following:

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 2022 State SIP Strategy, is preparing 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, that will be included as Appendix B to the 2022 State SIP Strategy, entitled Draft Environmental Analysis for the Proposed 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan will be released for 45-day public comment period in March 2022.

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodation at the public workshop 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 workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for California Relay Service.

Si necesita alojamiento especial o lo necesita en forma alternativo (es decir, Braille, letra grande), comuníquese con la Sra. Candace Clawson al Candace.Clawson@arb.ca.gov no menos de diez días de trabajo antes del día programado para la seminario web. Los usuarios de TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de California.