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Dear Administrator Guzman:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the 2023 *Sacramento Regional 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard 8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan* (Plan) prepared by the five local air districts representing the Sacramento Metro nonattainment area and the CARB Staff Report as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan. The five local air districts in the Sacramento Metro nonattainment area are the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Feather River Air Quality Management District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and El Dorado County Air Quality Management District.

The five local air districts adopted the Plan on various dates between September 28, 2023 and October 17, 2023, and then submitted them separately to the CARB. CARB adopted the Plan during a public hearing on October 26, 2023.

The Plan submittal addresses 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard Clean Air Act requirements for the Sacramento Metro Severe nonattainment area, including emissions inventories, attainment demonstration, motor vehicle emissions budgets, and contingency measures.

This State Implementation Plan submittal package consists of the following documents:

1. California Air Resources Board:
  - 1.1. California Air Resources Board Staff Report, CARB Review of the 2023 *Sacramento Regional 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard 8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan*;
  - 1.2. California Air Resources Board notice of public hearing;
  - 1.3. Resolution No. 23-19;
  - 1.4. Board hearing transcript; and
  - 1.5. State Implementation Plan Completeness Checklist;
2. The adopted 2023 *Sacramento Regional 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard 8-Hour Ozone Attainment and Reasonable Further Progress Plan with Appendices*;
3. Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District:
  - 3.1. October 17, 2023 submittal letter to CARB;
  - 3.2. Proof of notice for the public hearing on September 28, 2023;
  - 3.3. Resolution No. 2023-007;

- 3.4. California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption;
  - 3.5. Summary of public comment and response; and
  - 3.6. State Implementation Plan completeness checklist;
4. Feather River Air Quality Management District:
    - 4.1. October 11, 2023 submittal letter to CARB;
    - 4.2. Proof of notice for the public hearing on October 2, 2023;
    - 4.3. Resolution No. 2023-12; and
    - 4.4. State Implementation Plan completeness checklist;
5. Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District:
    - 5.1. October 12, 2023 submittal letter to CARB;
    - 5.2. Proof of notice for the public hearing on October 11, 2023;
    - 5.3. Resolution No. 23-12;
    - 5.4. California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption;
    - 5.5. Summary of public comment and response; and
    - 5.6. State Implementation Plan completeness checklist;
6. Placer County Air Pollution Control District:
    - 6.1. October 13, 2023 submittal letter to CARB;
    - 6.2. Proof of notice for the public hearing on October 12, 2023;
    - 6.3. Board memo;
    - 6.4. Resolution No. 23-18;
    - 6.5. Public comments statement;
    - 6.6. California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption; and
    - 6.7. State Implementation Plan completeness checklist;
7. El Dorado County Air Quality Management District:
    - 7.1. October 20, 2023 submittal letter to CARB;
    - 7.2. Proof of notice for the public hearing on October 17, 2023;
    - 7.3. Resolution No. 157-2023;
    - 7.4. Summary of public comment and response;
    - 7.5. California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption; and
    - 7.6. State Implementation Plan completeness checklist.

The Plan includes on-road motor vehicle emission budgets using the EMFAC2017 model. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow budgets to be replaced upon a finding of adequacy. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted today to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets. We anticipate updating the budget using the latest approved EMFAC2021 model in the second quarter of 2024.

Without the ability to replace the applicable emission budgets with submitted budgets found adequate using the budget adequacy process, the benefits of using the updated data may not be realized for a year or more after the State Implementation Plans are submitted due to the State Implementation Plans approval process. We appreciate U.S. EPA's willingness to work with us in our efforts to utilize motor vehicle emission budgets based on the most up-to-date, accurate data as soon as possible upon availability.

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



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Enclosures (38)

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