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Dear Administrator Guzman:

The California Air Resources Board is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the *Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Serious State Implementation Plan* (Portola Serious Plan) prepared by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan. The Portola Serious Plan addresses the serious area requirements for the 2012 annual National Ambient Air Quality Standard for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) of 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS) and was adopted by the District Board on November 25, 2024.

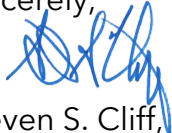
The Portola Serious Plan addresses 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS Clean Air Act (Act) requirements for Plumas County PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area including emission inventories, attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress demonstrations, quantitative milestones, best available control measure demonstration, contingency measure, and motor vehicle emissions budgets. This submittal package consists of the following documents:

1. December 4, 2024, letter from Julie Hunter, District Air Pollution Control Officer, to Dr. Steven Cliff, California Air Resources Board Executive Officer, including;
  - a. Board Adoption Resolution (including a finding of CEQA exemption);
  - b. Adopted Portola Serious Plan;
  - c. Evidence of Public Notice; and
  - d. State Implementation Plan Completeness Checklist;
2. California Air Resources Board Staff Report, *CARB Review of the Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Serious State Implementation Plan*; and
3. California Air Resources Board Executive Order S-24-015 adopting the Portola Serious Plan as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan.

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The California Air Resources Board Staff Report includes a minor technical clarification related to the base year emissions and the impact on reasonable further progress and contingency. The California Air Resources Board is committed to working with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 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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Enclosure (6)

cc: (with California Air Resources Board Executive Order S-24-015 only)

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