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Comment 1 for Open Comment for the March 23, 2023, Board Meeting (opencomments 3.23). (At Hearing)

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Comment:

California Air Resources Board has denied San Joaquin Valley residents the opportunity to voice their concerns on air quality by not hosting its regular annual update to the public and the board on the progress being made to clean the Valley's Air.

◆ Written updates are not the same as creating public spaces for concerns to be heard.

California Air Resources Board has yet to review the top 27 stationary sources of PM2.5 that the Board committed to when the plan was adopted in 2019.

➔ Outstanding issues with Valley Air District's Emissions Reduction Credit banking system remain unresolved, and CARB committed to providing oversight and ensuring adequate remedies for the damage caused.

➔ Ending the Valley's air pollution problem has been based on giving money to the largest polluters: Big Ag, developers, and Big Oil. We cannot keep giving money to bad actors, we need behavior changes and strong enforcement.

➔ California Air Resources Board and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District keep pointing to paper assumptions and modeling to say everything is okay. Those models and assumptions do not show the lived reality by community members.

◆ Several Valley Counties have some of the highest asthma death rates among residents of all ages in the State.

◆ In the American Lung Association State of the Air report, Valley counties continue to rank among the most polluted places to live.

➔ The San Joaquin Valley continues to be the most polluted place to live, with many Valley communities being in the top 10 most polluted places in the nation with dangerous particle pollution.

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