

**State of California  
Air Resources Board  
Board Item Summary**

**Item # 23-1-2: Public Meeting to Consider the Ventura County  
2022 Air Quality Management Plan for the  
70 parts per billion 8-hour Ozone Standard**

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Adopt the State commitment to achieve aggregate emissions reductions in Ventura County by 2026;
- Adopt the Ventura County 2022 Air Quality Management Plan for the 70 ppb 8-hour Ozone Standard (2022 Plan) developed by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (District) including the emission inventories, attainment demonstration, reasonable available control measures demonstration, reasonable further progress demonstration and associated motor vehicle emissions budgets, and discussion of contingency measures;
- Adopt the planning emissions inventory as included in the CARB Staff Report; and
- Direct the Executive Officer to submit the 2022 Plan and above elements of the CARB Staff Report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

**Discussion:**

In 2015, U.S. EPA strengthened the 8-hour ozone standard from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to a more health-protective level of 70 ppb (70 ppb ozone standard). On August 3, 2018, U.S. EPA designated and classified Ventura County as a Serious nonattainment area for the 70 ppb ozone standard. Under the Clean Air Act and applicable guidance, the District must develop a SIP that addresses the Serious area planning requirements and demonstrates attainment of the standard by 2026. The District prepared the 2022 Plan to address these requirements and the District Board adopted it on December 13, 2022.

To support attainment of the 70 ppb ozone standard in Ventura County and across the State, CARB staff developed the 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (2022 State SIP Strategy), which was approved by the Board on September 22, 2022. The 2022 Plan incorporates emissions reductions from the measures in the 2022 State SIP Strategy in order to demonstrate attainment of the 70 ppb ozone standard in Ventura County in 2026. As such, in the CARB Staff Report, CARB staff is proposing to commit to the aggregate emissions reductions in 2026 from measures in the 2022 State SIP Strategy that will achieve the necessary reductions for attainment. Also, the District inadvertently did not include the reasonable further progress milestone years in their 2022 Plan. Therefore, the CARB Staff Report also includes reasonable further progress milestone planning emissions inventories for Ventura County.

## **Summary and Impacts:**

In totality, together with the CARB Staff Report, the 2022 Plan addresses requirements for Ventura County for the 70 ppb ozone standard including emissions inventories, attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress demonstration and associated motor vehicle emissions budgets, and discussion of contingency measures. Additional requirements as applicable under the 70 ppb ozone standard have already been addressed through separate submittals.

As detailed in the CARB Staff Report, CARB staff has reviewed the 2022 Plan and has concluded that, along with the aggregate emissions reduction commitment and planning emissions inventories contained in the CARB Staff Report, it meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act for the 70 ppb ozone standard. If adopted, the 2022 Plan along with the CARB Staff Report will be submitted to the U.S. EPA for inclusion in the California SIP.