

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 95-50

December 14, 1995

Agenda Item No.: 95-13-5

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code sections 39600 and 39605 authorize the Air Resources Board (Board) to act as necessary to execute the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Board and to assist the local air pollution control and air quality management districts (districts); and

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Code's Second Uncodified Provision, created by AB 2751 (Honeycutt, 1994), requires the Board to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before December 31, 1995, which accomplishes the following:

1. Identifies the requirements in state and federal law for the preparation and submittal of local air district plans to achieve state and federal ambient air quality standards;
2. Identifies any inconsistencies in state and federal deadlines for the preparation and submittal of plans;
3. Identifies any duplication or overlap in the state and federal planning processes and related data collection and inventory requirements;
4. Recommends changes in state law to harmonize the two planning processes and to reduce duplication and paperwork for air districts, while ensuring the timely preparation and submittal of plans to achieve and maintain California's air quality standards by the earliest practicable date; and
5. Does not diminish or weaken California's efforts to achieve state ambient air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that:

1. The Proposed Report to the Governor and Legislature on State and Federal Air Quality Planning Processes, as Required by AB 2751 (Statutes of 1994, Chapter 189), identifies the requirements in state and federal law for the preparation and submittal of local air district plans to achieve state and federal ambient air quality standards;

2. The Proposed Report identifies that there are no longer any inconsistencies in state and federal deadlines for the preparation and submittal of plans, such inconsistencies having been addressed by previous legislation in 1992 (AB 2783, Sher);
3. The Proposed Report identifies that the primary areas of duplication or overlap in the state and federal planning processes and related data collection and inventory requirements were addressed administratively during the 1994 State Implementation Plan planning process;
4. The Proposed Report recommends one minor change in state law to better harmonize the two planning processes and to reduce duplication and paperwork for air districts, while ensuring the timely preparation and submittal of plans to achieve and maintain California's air quality standards by the earliest practicable date. The recommended change to state law is to align the state and federal Clean Air Acts' emissions inventory base years in order to allow for a single base year emissions inventory, namely 1990; and
5. The Proposed Report and recommended change to state law do not diminish or weaken California's efforts to achieve state ambient air quality standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Proposed Report to the Governor and the Legislature on State and Federal Air Quality Planning Processes, as Required by AB 2751 (Statutes of 1994, Chapter 189).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Officer is directed to forward the approved Report to the Governor and the California Legislature.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 95-50, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.



Pat Hutchens, Board Secretary