State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order R-14-018

Relating to the Amendments to California’s Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2014, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) conducted a public hearing to consider approval of proposed amendments to California’s existing Regulation for the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms, as set forth in Appendix A1, Appendix C, and Appendix E, to the Initial Statement of Reasons released to the public on July 29, 2014;

WHEREAS, the environmental analysis prepared under ARB’s regulatory program certified under Public Resources Code section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15251(d)) in the Staff Report concluded that the amendments are exempt from the requirements of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (“common sense” exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that implementation of MRR as modified by the proposed amendments, would result in any significant adverse environmental impacts;

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the board approved Resolution 14-31, in which the Board approved for adoption amendments to sections 95802, 95830, 95833, 95852, 95852.2, 95890, 95892, 95895, 95921, 95973, 95975, 95976, 95981, 95983, 95985, 95990, title 17, California Code of Regulations, and the incorporated Compliance Offset Protocols, as set forth in Attachment A and Attachment B to that resolution;

WHEREAS, Resolution 14-31 directed the Executive Officer to make additional modifications described in Attachment B to that resolution, and any additional conforming modifications deemed appropriate, available for public comment, with any additional supporting documents and information, for a period of at least 15 days. The Executive Officer was directed to consider written comments submitted during the public review period and make any additional appropriate conforming modifications available for public comment for at least 15 days, and to take final action to adopt the regulation after addressing all appropriate modifications or present the regulation to the Board for further consideration if warranted;

WHEREAS, modified regulatory language and supporting documentation were circulated for a 15-day public comment period, with the changes to the originally proposed text clearly indicated, according to provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 44 and Government Code section 11340.85, from October 2, 2014 until October 17, 2014;
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WHEREAS, a number of written comments were received during the initial 45-day comment period and supplemental 15-day comment period, and those comments were considered by the Executive Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the recitals and findings contained in Resolution 14-32 are incorporated herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the amendments to sections 95802, 95830, 95833, 95852, 95852.2, 95890, 95892, 95895, 95921, 95973, 95975, 95976, 95981, 95983, 95985, 95990, title 17, California Code of Regulations, which incorporate by reference the following incorporated Compliance Offset Protocols: Ozone Depleting Substances Projects, Livestock Projects, and U.S. Forest Projects, are adopted as set forth in Attachment 1, 2, 3 and 4 to this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adopted regulatory text may be further revised with non-substantive changes, which will be added to the rulemaking record and indicated as such.

Executed this 14th day of November, 2014, at Sacramento, California.

Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachments

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