#### CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE SOUTH COAST 8-HOUR OZONE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider adopting the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) *CAA Section 182(e)(5) Contingency Measure Plan - Planning for Attainment of the 1997 80 ppb 8-Hour Ozone Standard in the South Coast Air Basin* (2019 Update). If adopted, CARB will submit the 2019 Update to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE:

December 12, 2019

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

California Environmental Protection Agency

California Air Resources Board

Byron Sher Auditorium

1001 | Street

Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., December 12, 2019, and may continue at 8:30 a.m. on December 13, 2019. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before December 12, 2019, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

# Background

In 2007, CARB submitted the District 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (2007 AQMP) that demonstrated attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard (standard) by 2023. The attainment demonstration of the standard in 2023 utilized a provision of the Clean Air Act (CAA), section 182(e)(5), that allows nonattainment areas classified as Extreme to include measures that anticipate reductions from new technologies. Section 182(e)(5)(B) of the CAA requires SIPs utilizing new technologies for attainment to include an enforceable commitment to submit contingency measures to U.S. EPA three years before those reductions from the new technology measures must be implemented to demonstrate attainment. The 2007 AQMP included such a commitment.

In the 2016 AQMP, the District revised its attainment demonstration to achieve the 1997 standard in 2023. While the revised attainment demonstration still relied on the CAA section 182(e)(5)'s new technology provision, the reductions needed from this provision were reduced from 241 tons per day (tpd) of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the 2007 AQMP to 108 tpd of NOx in the 2016 AQMP. The 2016 AQMP also included a commitment to

submit CAA section 182(e)(5)(B) contingency measures three years prior to the attainment date of 2023.

The 2019 Update demonstrates that the majority of the reductions that relied on the CAA section 182(e)(5) provision in the 2007 AQMP 2023 ozone attainment demonstration have been achieved by approved CARB and District rules. It provides CAA section 182(e)(5)(B) contingency measures, and, for those reductions that have not been achieved, a control strategy capable of achieving the remaining emission reductions needed for attainment. The 2019 Update includes newly identified emission reduction strategies and innovative new measures, identifies additional incentive funding to transition to the cleanest available technologies, and describes federal action or funding to achieve the required reductions from sources under federal jurisdiction.

## **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the 2019 SIP Update and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff will present a written staff report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, November 8, 2019. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <a href="https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm">https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm</a>.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received <u>no later than December 9, 2019</u>, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board

1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php">http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php</a>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Scott King, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 322-2832 or Carol Sutkus, Manager of the South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 322-1229.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

CARB, as the responsible agency under CEQA for approval of the 2019 SIP Update, has prepared findings under its certified regulatory program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 60000- 60008) to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA Guidelines dictate the responsible agency's role when reviewing a project that has been approved by a lead agency. Specifically, CARB must consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the District's CEQA environmental document prior to reaching a decision on the project. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096.)

Under the CEQA Guidelines, if CARB finds that there are aspects of the District's CEQA environmental document that do not adequately analyze the components of the 2019 SIP Update that are within its authority to carry out, like the CARB measures, then CARB "shall not approve the project as proposed if the agency finds any feasible alternative or feasible mitigation measures within its powers that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect the project would have on the environment." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096.) CARB considered the District's CEQA environmental document and found that it adequately analyzed the environmental impacts associated with the 2019 SIP Update's CARB implementation measures, adopted adequate mitigation measures to mitigate for impacts associated with CARB's implementation measures and adopted adequate findings to support its statement of overriding considerations for the 2019 SIP Update's unavoidable adverse environmental effects. Findings to support CARB's compliance with the CEQA Guidelines will be included in its resolution for this item.

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- · Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;

- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey Executive Officer

Date: November 8, 2019

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website at <a href="https://www.arb.ca.gov">www.arb.ca.gov</a>.