

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT INCENTIVE MEASURE

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the adoption of the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure (Valley Incentive Measure). If adopted, CARB will submit the Valley Incentive Measure to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) required by the federal Clean Air Act because it is intended to reduce emissions of air pollutants in order to attain and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards promulgated by U.S. EPA under the Clean Air Act.

DATE: December 12, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I 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

The Valley Incentive Measure is part of, and fulfills a commitment in, a series of plans by the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) to reduce air pollutant emissions to attain federal ozone and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards.

In March 2017, CARB adopted its comprehensive 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (2016 State SIP Strategy) to meet multiple federal air quality standards across the state.¹ In October 2018, the Board adopted CARB staff's proposal describing additional measures to reduce emissions of oxides of nitrogen and directly emitted PM_{2.5} specifically in the San Joaquin Valley: the San Joaquin Valley Supplement to the 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (Valley State SIP Strategy). A few months later, in January 2019, CARB adopted the District's 2018 Plan for the 1997, 2006, and 2012 PM_{2.5} Standards (2018 PM_{2.5} Plan) that included emission reduction commitments from CARB's Valley State SIP Strategy. The 2018

¹ CARB (2017) 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/2016sip/2016sip.htm>.

PM2.5 Plan provides the technical foundation for the overall control strategy, local measures for stationary sources, and complementary efforts to reduce emissions from mobile sources that are collectively needed to meet PM2.5 standards in the Valley.

While regulations form the basis of the attainment strategy, and are critical to driving technology development and deployment of the cleanest technologies, focused incentives are needed to expand deployment of these cleaner technologies in time to meet the attainment deadlines. As part of the Valley State SIP Strategy, CARB committed to developing and proposing for Board action a series of defined new emission reduction measures and to achieve aggregate emission reductions by certain dates.

One of the key measures in the Valley State SIP Strategy is an incentive measure for permanently replacing older, more polluting diesel agricultural equipment engines with less polluting engines. This will be done using incentive funds available from the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program), the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and from the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program (FARMER). The Valley Incentive Measure establishes procedures for ensuring the emissions reductions achieved meet U.S. EPA guidelines for voluntary programs that require voluntary measures to demonstrate that the emission reductions it achieves are surplus, quantifiable, permanent, and enforceable, along with other requirements. The Valley Incentive Measure will ensure that the emissions reductions achieved can be credited towards meeting the 2024 and 2025 commitments in the Valley State SIP Strategy.

Staff has prepared a written report describing the Valley Incentive Measure and how it meets the State's commitments to reduce emissions. Beginning November 8, 2019, copies of the Valley Incentive Measure report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, or from CARB's website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/imp2016sip/imp2016sip.htm>. Supporting technical information will also be available at this website.

Proposed Action

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

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 **no later than December 9, 2019**, and addressed to:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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

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 Austin Hicks, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-8279, or Carol Sutkus, Manager of the South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-1229.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the proposed San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure and concluded that it is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and thus is not subject to CEQA. The proposed Incentive Measure is a governmental fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific projects that may result in potentially significant impacts on the environment. An explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in the Environmental Impacts section of the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure report.

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
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Executive Officer

Date: *November 8, 2019*

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