

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM – COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR SOUTH CENTRAL FRESNO

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the South Central Fresno Community Emissions Reduction Program.

DATE: February 13, 2020

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Shafter Veterans Hall
309 California Avenue
Shafter, California 93263

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 4:00 p.m., February 13, 2020.

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) was signed into law in July 2017. CARB established the Community Air Protection Program (Program) to implement AB 617, which requires new community-focused action to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants. On September 27, 2018, the Board selected ten communities for the first year of this program to implement community emissions reduction programs, community air monitoring, or both. At the same meeting, the Board also approved the "Community Air Protection Blueprint" (Blueprint), which contains detailed requirements for community emissions reduction programs, community air monitoring plans, and other elements of the Program.

Once CARB selects a community to develop a community emissions reduction program, the applicable air district must develop and adopt the community emissions reduction program within one year of selection based on input from a community steering committee. The air district must then submit the community emissions reduction program to CARB for consideration.

CARB selected South Central Fresno for a community emissions reduction program as one of the first ten communities in 2018. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), in consultation with a community steering committee, developed the community emissions reduction program to reduce exposure to air pollution South

Central Fresno. The SJVAPCD Governing Board approved the community emissions reduction program on September 19, 2019.

CARB staff have reviewed the community emissions reduction program to determine whether it: complies with the minimum criteria the legislation and the Blueprint established for community emissions reduction programs; reflects community priorities; and sets a foundation to deliver emissions and exposure reductions in South Central Fresno. CARB staff also held a community meeting in South Central Fresno on November 13, 2019, to hear directly from community members and other stakeholders about their perspectives on the community emissions reduction program. CARB staff have released the South Central Fresno Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report, which contains a summary of the review and staff recommendations to the Board.

Environmental Analysis

CARB's regulatory program that involves the adoption, approval, amendment, or repeal of standards, rules, regulations, or plans has been certified by the Secretary for Natural Resources under Public Resources Code section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15251 (d)), and CARB conducts its CEQA review according to this certified program (Title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 60000-60008);

Staff has determined that the Proposed Project is exempt from CEQA under the following exemptions: (1) Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061 ("Common Sense Exemption") as it can be seen with certainty and supported by the record evidence that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; (2) Title 14 California Code of Regulations, section 15308 ("Class 8" exemption: Actions Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) because the record evidence shows that the Proposed Project will enhance the environment by better protecting the public from health impacts associated with exposure to air pollution within the project area, the Proposed Project includes procedures for protection of the environment and the Proposed Project does not relax any applicable standards; (3) Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15306 ("Class 6" exemption: Information Collection) because the record evidence shows that many of the Proposed Project's implementing measures involve outreach and data collection from various parties to better hone particular efforts from implementing agencies in reducing localized pollution levels which may lead to actions by those agencies; and (4) Title 14 California Code of Regulations, section 15321 ("Class 21" exemption: Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) because the record evidence shows that the Proposed Project incorporates actions by implementing agencies to enforce permits from the districts or other entitlements for use issued, adopted or prescribed by applicable regulatory agencies or enforcement of laws, general rules, standards, objectives administered or adopted by regulatory agencies identified as implementing agencies in the Proposed Project. While the public may comment on CARB's CEQA determination, CARB may, but is not required, to respond to public comments before the Board approves the determination.

Proposed Action

The Board will hear about the contents of the community emissions reduction program and consider CARB staff's recommendations for Board action contained in the South Central Fresno Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report.

Copies of the South Central Fresno Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, on January 24, 2020. The Staff Report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program>.

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 February 10, 2020**, and addressed to the following:

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 Brian Moore, Air Pollution Specialist, Community Planning Section, at (916) 322-8280 or Skott Wall, Air Pollution Specialist, Community Planning Section, at (916) 323-0787.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and

- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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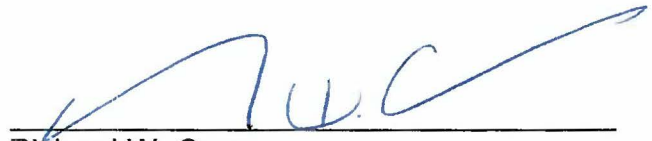
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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: *January 24, 2020*

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