

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER EASTERN KERN OZONE CONFORMITY BUDGET UPDATE

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider approval of the Eastern Kern Ozone Conformity Budget Update.

DATE: July 23, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Please see the Public Agenda which will be posted ten days before the July 23, 2020, Board Meeting for any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person, it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., July 23, 2020, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on July 24, 2020. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar, unless removed upon the request of a Board member or if someone requests to speak on this item at the Board Meeting. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before July 23, 2020, to determine when this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

Section 176(c) of the federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes transportation conformity requirements that are intended to ensure that transportation activities do not interfere with air quality progress. The Act requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects that obtain federal funds or approvals be consistent with, or conform to, applicable state implementation plans (SIP) before being approved by a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Conformity to the SIP means that proposed transportation activities must not:

- Cause or contribute to any new violation of any air quality standard,
- Increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of any air quality standard in any area, or
- Delay timely attainment of any standard of any required interim emission reductions or other milestones in any area.

The Act also establishes requirements for SIPs to include transportation conformity emissions budgets for nonattainment pollutants and precursors. In June 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) reclassified the Eastern Kern County as Moderate for the federal 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard. On July 27, 2017, the Governing Board of the Eastern Kern County Air Pollution Control District approved the *2017 Ozone Attainment Plan* (2017 Ozone Plan), which demonstrates

attainment of the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard in 2020. The 2017 Ozone Plan contains a transportation conformity budget for the attainment year of 2020 based on the California motor vehicle emissions model, EMFAC2014 for both reactive organic gases and oxides of nitrogen. The Board adopted the 2017 Ozone Plan on September 28, 2017, and submitted it to U.S. EPA.

U.S. EPA has requested updated transportation conformity budgets for the attainment year 2020 that increase the precision from whole numbers to one decimal point. Staff has prepared updated budgets as requested by U.S. EPA.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the updated transportation conformity budgets for the 2017 Ozone Plan and direct staff to submit those budgets to U.S. EPA for inclusion into the California SIP.

CARB staff has prepared a written report. Subject to the limitation below, copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, after June 19, 2020. The report may also be obtained from [CARB's website](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/eastern-kern-air) at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/eastern-kern-air>. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board's offices may have limited public access. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at [chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov](mailto:chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 445-9564 if you need physical copies of the documents.

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 July 20, 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 Nesamani Kalandiyur, Manager, Transportation Analysis Section, Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division via phone, (916) 324-0466, or email,

nesamani.kalandiyur@ar.ca.gov, or Earl Withycombe, Air Resources Engineer, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, via phone, (916) 322-8487, or email, earl.withycombe@arb.ca.gov.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: June 19, 2020

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