

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Ozone Attainment Plan for Western Nevada County

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider adoption of the Ozone Attainment Plan for Western Nevada County: State Implementation Plan for the 2015 70 parts per billion (ppb) Ozone Standard (2023 Plan). If adopted, CARB will submit the 2023 Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Date: March 23, 2023

Time: 9:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 8:30 a.m., on March 24, 2023. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the March 23, 2023, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

The federal Clean Air Act (Act) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based national ambient air quality standards. States with areas that exceed the standards must develop and implement a SIP meeting the requirements of the Act that demonstrates attainment of the standard by a specified date.

In 2015, U.S. EPA strengthened the 8-hour ozone standard from 75 ppb to a more health protective level of 70 ppb (70 ppb ozone standard). Effective August 3, 2018, U.S. EPA classified Western Nevada County as a Moderate nonattainment area for the 70 ppb ozone standard. Per a request from the State, U.S. EPA reclassified Western Nevada County as a Serious nonattainment area effective November 29, 2021 for the 70 ppb ozone standard. Accordingly, under the Act and applicable guidance, the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) must develop a SIP that addresses relevant Act planning requirements and demonstrates attainment of the 70 ppb ozone standard by August 3, 2027.

The District and CARB developed the 2023 Plan to address requirements of the Act for the Western Nevada County ozone nonattainment area for the 70 ppb ozone standard including emission inventories, attainment demonstrations, reasonable further progress

demonstrations and associated motor vehicle emissions budgets, reasonably available control measures, and contingency measures. Additional requirements as applicable under the 70 ppb ozone standard have already been addressed through separate submittals. The District will consider approval of the 2023 Plan on February 27, 2023. The 2023 Plan demonstrates attainment of the 70 ppb ozone standard in Western Nevada County by the end of 2026, the last full ozone season prior to the attainment deadline.

CARB staff has reviewed the 2023 Plan which the District will consider on February 27, 2023. CARB staff concluded that, if the District approves the 2023 Plan as reviewed, it will meet the applicable Act requirements. Therefore, CARB staff recommends the Board adopt the 2023 Plan. Details of this recommendation are described in the CARB Staff Report.

Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends the Board adopt the 2023 Plan and direct staff to submit it to the U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff will present the written Staff Report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/northern-sierra-1>, on February 10, 2023. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during 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 submitted during the meeting, must be received **no later than March 13, 2023**, 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.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Leah Mathews, Air Pollution Specialist, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, at (279) 208-7830 or Alicia Adams, Manager, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, at (279) 208-7154.

Environmental Analysis

CARB has determined that its subsequent approval of the 2023 Plan is a "ministerial" approval for purposes of CEQA (California Code of Regulations, title 14, §15268) because CARB's review is limited to determining if the Plan meets the requirements of the Act, and CARB lacks authority to modify or not approve the Plan in response to environmental concerns, as described in Section VII of the CARB Staff Report.

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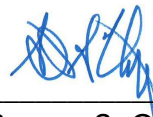
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- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Date: February 10, 2023

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