# California Air Resources Board

# Notice of Public Comment Period on the Proposed 2023 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is proposing to consider the approval of the 2023 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide.

Written comments on the proposed 2023 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide **must be received by March 11, 2024**, in order to be considered by the Board.

A public hearing is not currently scheduled; however, interested members of the public may request a public hearing on this item. If a request for a public hearing is received by March 11, 2024, CARB will conduct a public meeting on the item at a meeting of the Board on May 23, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the California Environmental Protection Agency, Byron Sher Auditorium, at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814. If no request for a public hearing is received by March 11, 2024, the hearing for this item will be cancelled. CARB will announce the cancellation of the public hearing for this item electronically by posting on the *CARB's Website* by May 13, 2024. To find out if the hearing has been cancelled, please visit https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2023-carbon-monoxide-SIP-revision or contact Bradley Bechtold at bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266.

# **Background**

The proposed 2023 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Carbon Monoxide (CO) (2023 CO SIP Revision) is updating the maintenance plan, the 2004 CO SIP Revision, to remove the contingency measures and monitoring requirement for three of the maintenance areas: Chico Urbanized Area, Modesto Urbanized Area, and Stockton Urbanized Area. These three areas have been in attainment/maintenance for the 8-hour CO standard since 1995. By 2022, these three maintenance areas were monitoring CO levels 81% to 86% below the federal 8-hour CO standard of 9 parts per million. These levels, together with declining emissions due to an ever-cleaner vehicle fleet and local air district rules for stationary sources, provide assurance that the three maintenance areas will continue to attain the federal 8-hour CO standard. The 2023 CO SIP Revision complies with the Clean Air Act section 110(I) by demonstrating that the removal of the contingency measures, and the monitoring requirements, will not interfere with maintenance of the federal 8-hour CO standard or any other Clean Air Act requirements related to this standard. This update demonstrates that ambient monitoring in the three maintenance areas is no longer needed. Upon approval of this report, it would be sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to be approved as part of

the State Implementation Plan, and as a monitoring discontinuation request for the CO monitors in the three maintenance areas.

#### **Environmental Analysis**

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the proposed 2023 CO SIP Revision and concluded that it is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in the 'Environmental Analysis and Justice' section of the staff report.

#### **Agency Contact Persons**

Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed 2023 CO SIP Revision may be directed to the agency representative Ayla Moretti, Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Analysis Section, at (279) 208-7849 or (designated back-up contact) Jin Xu, Air Resources Supervisor I, Air Quality Analysis Section, at (279) 208-7663.

## **Availability of Documents**

CARB staff has prepared a staff report entitled: 2023 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide. Copies of the staff report may be obtained from *CARB's website* on February 9, 2024. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents. Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (b), upon request to the aforementioned Regulations Coordinator, physical copies would be obtained from the Public Information Office, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, First Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814.

#### **Written Comment Period and Submittal of Comments**

Interested members of the public may present comments in writing by postal mail or by electronic submittal. A public hearing is currently not scheduled. The public comment period for the staff report will begin on February 9, 2024. To be considered by CARB, written comments **must be submitted by March 11, 2024**. Comments submitted must be addressed to one of the following:

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

*Electronic submittal*: http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Any interested person may request a public hearing before the close of the written comment period. A public hearing will be held if any interested person, or their duly authorized representative, requests such a hearing in writing **by March 11, 2024.** The request for a hearing may be submitted in the same manner as written comments.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 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.

Additionally, the Executive Officer requests but does not require that persons who submit written comments to the Executive Officer reference the title of the proposal in their comments to facilitate review

## **Special Accommodation Request**

Consistent with California Government Code section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerks' Office at *cotb@arb.ca.gov* or (916) 322-5594 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled EO hearing, if one is requested. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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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.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al *cotb@arb.ca.gov* o (916) 322-5594 lo m?s pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 d'as de trabajo antes del d'a programado para la audiencia del Consejo, si lo solicitan. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D. Executive Officer

Date: February 9, 2024

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