

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PORTOLA PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approval of the Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) State Implementation Plan (SIP) that was developed by the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District). If approved by the Board, ARB will submit this SIP to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval as a revision to the California SIP.

DATE: February 16, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., February 16, 2017. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar. All agenda items on the Consent Calendar, unless removed upon the request of a Board member or if someone in the audience submits a request to speak card on that item, will be voted on by the Board immediately after the start of the public meeting.

BACKGROUND

In December 2012, U.S. EPA lowered the annual national ambient air quality standard for PM2.5 (Standard) from 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Effective April 15, 2016, U.S. EPA designated the City of Portola and surrounding areas of Plumas County as a federal Moderate nonattainment area for the 12 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Standard. The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based standards. Under the CAA, the District must develop and implement a plan to attain the Standard as expeditiously as practicable, with an attainment date no later than December 2021. On December 19, 2016, District staff made the *Portola Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Attainment Plan* (Attainment Plan) available for public comment. On January 23, 2017, the District is scheduled to act on the proposed Attainment Plan.

The Attainment Plan is a comprehensive document that identifies the emission sources of PM2.5 and describes how specific emission reduction strategies will lead to

attainment of the Standard by December 2021. The predominant source of PM2.5 pollution in Portola is residential wood combustion for space heating. As a result of its topography and climate, Portola and the surrounding areas experience elevated concentrations during winter when residents burn wood to heat their homes. The Attainment Plan strategy relies primarily on a program to change-out uncertified woodstoves with cleaner burning, higher efficiency, U.S. EPA certified stoves. The District received approximately \$2.5 million for this project from the U.S. EPA 2015 Targeted Air Shed Grant. This money will provide for the change-out of approximately 600 stoves by the end of 2020.

PROPOSED ACTION

ARB staff has reviewed the Attainment Plan as proposed by District staff on December 19, 2017 and determined that the plan addresses CAA planning requirements and provides for attainment of the PM2.5 annual Standard by December 2021. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the Attainment Plan as a revision to the California SIP contingent on ARB staff's determination that the Attainment Plan adopted by the District board does not differ significantly from that reviewed by ARB staff.

A written ARB Staff Report will be available prior to the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm>.

Interested members of the public may present comments verbally or in writing at the meeting and may submit written comments before the meeting by postal mail or by electronic submittal. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m., February 13, 2017**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, 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 verbal comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

ARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment, but written statements will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 13. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Webster Tasat, Manager of the

Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-4950 (or designated back-up) Ms. Kasia Turkiewicz, Air Resources Engineer, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 445-6497.

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
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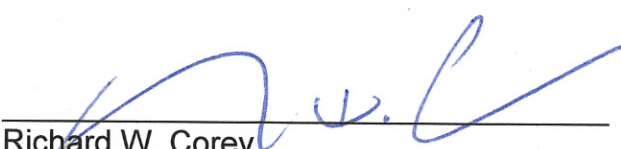
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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: January 13, 2017

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