

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE 2018 UPDATES TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider adopting the 2018 Updates to the California State Implementation Plan (2018 SIP Update) for certain specified nonattainment areas within the State. The 2018 SIP Update includes changes necessary to comply with recent court decisions regarding State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittals. This 2018 SIP Update simultaneously addresses updated mobile emissions data that is now available as a result of ongoing CARB staff work. If adopted, CARB will submit the 2018 SIP Update to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California SIP.

DATE: October 25, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency  
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., October 25, 2018, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on October 26, 2018. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before October 25, 2018, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

The federal Clean Air Act (Act; 42 U.S.C. § 7401, et seq.) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed health-based national ambient air quality standards for pollutants including ozone and particulate matter. Each of these nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how it will attain the standard by a specified date and that includes elements required under the Act such as an emission inventory, demonstration of reasonable further progress, transportation conformity budgets, and contingency measures.

In 2008 U.S. EPA lowered the 8-hour ozone standard from 80 to 75 parts per billion (ppb), and in 2012 lowered the annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) standard from 15 to 12 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). Sixteen areas in California under State jurisdiction are designated as nonattainment for the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard. Four areas in the state are designated as nonattainment for the 12  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

annual PM2.5 standard. Following promulgation of these standards, CARB staff worked with local air quality management and air pollution control districts (districts) to prepare SIP revisions addressing the SIP planning requirements for the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone and 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup> standards as required. Districts approved these plans according to the U.S. EPA-published requirements and guidance available at the time, and submitted them to CARB for its consideration, adoption, and subsequent submittal to U.S. EPA.

Recent court decisions related to ozone RFP baseline inventory years and contingency measures require California to submit SIP revisions addressing these issues for certain nonattainment areas to facilitate U.S. EPA's approval of the submitted plans. The 2018 SIP Update contains updates to relevant SIP elements for the following California nonattainment areas:

- Coachella Valley
- Eastern Kern County
- Imperial County
- Sacramento Metropolitan Area
- San Diego County
- San Joaquin Valley
- South Coast
- Ventura County
- Western Mojave Desert
- Western Nevada County

For contingency measures, the 2018 SIP Update includes enhanced enforcement activities CARB will undertake in any of the ten areas listed above that fail to meet reasonable further progress milestones or attain the air quality standard. U.S. EPA has informed CARB that each local district should adopt a complementary contingency measure or commit to develop a contingency measure in order for U.S. EPA to approve or conditionally approve the contingency measure SIP element for the area. Once the districts submit such district measures or commitments to CARB, CARB will submit the measures or commitment letters to U.S. EPA expeditiously.

In addition, CARB staff developed a new version of its on-road mobile source emission factor model to update the previous version titled EMFAC 2014. This new version, titled EMFAC2017, reflects updated information related to emission and deterioration factors, motor vehicle population, and compliance with on-road heavy-duty vehicle regulations that is now available as a result of ongoing CARB staff work. Since EMFAC2017 motor vehicle emission estimates are higher than the EMFAC2014 estimates used in the SIPs, CARB staff will be updating transportation conformity budgets to include a safety margin that will accommodate the potential increase in motor vehicle emissions.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the 2018 SIP Update for Coachella Valley, Eastern Kern County, Imperial County, Sacramento Metropolitan Area,

San Diego County, San Joaquin Valley, South Coast, Ventura County, Western Mojave Desert, and Western Nevada County nonattainment areas. CARB staff also recommends the Board direct staff to submit the 2018 SIP Update to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff has prepared a written report. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, beginning September 21, 2018. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm>.

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 5:00 p.m., October 22, 2018**, 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 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 Ariel Fidely, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 324-8622 or Carol Sutkus, Manager of the South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 322-1229.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

CARB, as the lead agency for the proposed 2018 SIP Update, has concluded that this action is exempt from CEQA, as described in CEQA Guidelines §15061, because the action includes both an Enforcement Action Taken by Regulatory Agencies (as described in CEQA Guidelines §15321 for "class 21" exemptions); and it is also exempt as described in CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter XI of the 2018 SIP Update.

## **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 meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey  
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Date: *September 21, 2018*

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