

# CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SOUTH COAST PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISION

The California Air Resources Board (or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider adoption of the Proposed South Coast PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision. If adopted, CARB will submit the Proposed South Coast PM2.5 SIP Revision Update to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California SIP.

DATE: December 10, 2020

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

Please see the public agenda which will be posted ten days before the December 10, 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 12:00 p.m., December 10, 2020, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on December 11, 2020. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before December 10, 2020, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

### Background

The South Coast Air Basin (South Coast) is in nonattainment for the 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  24-hour fine particulate matter (PM2.5) national ambient air quality standard (standard). As a Serious PM2.5 nonattainment area for this standard, the South Coast was required to attain the standard by December 31, 2019. Unfortunately, they did not attain the standard by the attainment date. As a consequence of failing to meet the attainment deadline, California is required to submit a new State Implementation Plan (SIP) by December 31, 2020, demonstrating that the South Coast will attain the 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  24-hour PM2.5 standard as soon as practicable. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) is scheduled to consider the draft Attainment Plan for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standard for the South Coast Air Basin (Plan) on December 4, 2020. The Plan demonstrates that the South Coast will attain the standard by December 31, 2023, and includes other Clean Air Act requirements necessary for areas classified as Serious PM2.5 areas that fail to attain the standard by their

attainment deadline including a demonstration that the South Coast will achieve a five percent annual reduction in the emissions of direct PM2.5, or a PM2.5 precursor pollutant.

## Proposed Action

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the proposed Plan and direct staff to submit it to United States Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, November 6, 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/south-coast-air) at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/south-coast-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 submitted during the meeting, must be received **no later than December 7, 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): <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 Scott King, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-2832 or Sylvia Vanderspek, Chief, Air Quality Planning Branch at (916) 324-7163.

## Environmental Analysis

CARB has determined that the proposed Plan is a ministerial activity by CARB for purposes of CEQA (14 CCR § 15268). A "ministerial" decision is one that involves fixed standards or objective measurements, and the agency has no discretion to shape the activity in response to environmental concerns (14 CCR § 15369; *San Diego Navy Broadway Complex Coalition v. City of San Diego* (2010) 185 Cal.App.4th 924, 934). Because CARB lacks authority to modify

a SIP submittal that fully complies with all federal Clean Air Act requirements, its action here is ministerial. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in section K of the Plan.

## Special Accommodation Request

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- 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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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: November 6, 2020

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