

## **NOTICE OF CONTINUATION**

### **CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED STATE STRATEGY FOR CALIFORNIA'S STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) FOR THE FEDERAL 8-HOUR OZONE AND PM2.5 STANDARDS**

At its June 22, 2007 public meeting the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) received comments on the proposed State Strategy for California's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the federal 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 ambient air quality standards. The Board then continued its consideration to allow staff to investigate whether a postponement until September 2007 would result in potential adverse impacts on transportation planning activities in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. Staff has completed its investigation and determined that this delay will not adversely impact these activities. Therefore, the proposed State Strategy has been postponed until the Board's September 27, 2007 meeting, at which the proposed SIP for the South Coast Air Basin is also scheduled to be considered. The September 27, 2007 meeting will occur at the time and place noted below.

DATE: September 27, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Auditorium  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 27, 2007 and may continue at 8:30 a.m., September 28, 2007. This item may not be considered until September 28, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before September 27, 2007 to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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#### **THE CONTINUED MEETING**

At the June 22, 2007 hearing on the State Strategy, the Board expressed its preference not to act on the proposed State Strategy until it could be jointly considered with the South Coast SIP. However, the Board was concerned about the potential adverse

impacts on transportation conformity for the San Joaquin Valley if there were a delay, and directed ARB staff to determine whether it would need to consider the State Strategy at its July 26, 2007 hearing to avoid transportation planning problems in the Valley beginning August 2007.

ARB staff has consulted with staff from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Joaquin Valley Councils of Governments, and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District regarding the timing of new conformity determinations for the Valley. ARB staff has concluded that there is an existing mechanism already in place, outlined in the Federal Highway Administration's letter to California metropolitan planning organizations dated February 1, 2007, that allows the Valley transportation agencies to complete a Fall 2007 conformity determination utilizing existing budgets. It is ARB staff's understanding that the Valley transportation agencies intend to take advantage of this mechanism. Thus, no new budgets are necessary to amend transportation plans or programs in Fall 2007. This means that continuation of the Board's consideration of the proposed State Strategy to September 27, 2007 will not impact Valley transportation projects.

The continued meeting will be conducted as described in the original notice, except that written submissions must be addressed to and received by the Clerk of the Board as described below. All comments submitted for the June 22, 2007 meeting will remain part of the public record.

### **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

This notice and the proposed State Strategy are also available on the ARB website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm>, or from the Public Information Office, Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990.

### **SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS**

The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by email before the meeting. To allow for full consideration of comments received, the Board strongly encourages that all comments be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by September 26, 2007, but the Board will accept written submissions physically submitted at the September 27, 2007 hearing or received by other means by **no later than 12:00 noon, September 26, 2007**, 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>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

The Board requests, but does not require, that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that all written statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board Members have time to fully consider each comment. The board encourages members of the public to bring to the attention of staff in advance of the meeting any suggestions for the proposal.

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. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

Further inquiries regarding these items should be directed to Jeff Weir, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-0098 or Ravi Ramalingam, Manager, Transportation Strategies Section at (916) 322-2085.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

/s/

Tom Cackette  
Acting Executive Officer

Date: July 19, 2007