

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON STAFF'S AREA DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REVISED FEDERAL 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) staff will present recommended area designations for the revised federal 8-hour ozone standard of 0.075 parts per million (ppm).

ARB will submit these recommendations to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) by March 12, 2009.

DATE: February 26, 2009

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 two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., February 26, and will continue at 8:30 a.m., February 27, 2009. This item is expected to be considered on February 26, 2009. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before February 26, 2009, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or by Fax at (916) 322-3928 as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled board hearing. TTY/TDD Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

BACKGROUND

The federal Clean Air Act requires U.S. EPA to set health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. On March 12, 2008, the U.S. EPA lowered the 8-hour ozone standard from 0.08 parts per million (ppm) to 0.075 ppm. Under the Clean Air Act, ARB is required to submit recommendations for area designations and appropriate boundaries to U.S. EPA by March 12, 2009. ARB's recommendations are based on 2006 through 2008 ozone monitoring data.

U.S. EPA plans to finalize the area designations by March 12, 2010. ARB anticipates that U.S. EPA will base the final designations on the most recent data, which will most likely be data collected during 2007 through 2009. State implementation plans are due

three years after the effective date of the final designations, with attainment dates ranging from 2013 to 2030, depending on the severity of the problem.

PROPOSED ACTION

Because the revised ozone standard of 0.075 ppm is more stringent than the previous standard of 0.08 ppm, more areas fall into the nonattainment category. ARB staff will recommend that U.S. EPA designate six new or expanded areas as nonattainment for the revised ozone standard:

- Northeast San Bernardino County
- Southern Inyo County
- Pinnacles National Monument (San Benito County portion)
- San Luis Obispo County
- Tuscan Buttes (Tuscan Buttes area above 1800 feet in Tehama County)
- Eastern Kern County (expand to include Indian Wells Valley area)

Apart from these new areas, ARB will not recommend any change to the existing federal 8-hour nonattainment areas (all areas that violated the old standard continue to violate the lower, revised standard). A table summarizing both the new and the existing nonattainment areas is included as an attachment to this notice. Also included for completeness are tables summarizing attainment and unclassifiable areas.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

ARB staff will prepare a written Staff Report prior to the meeting. Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990. This notice and Staff Report are also accessible on ARB's internet site at: www.arb.ca.gov/desig/desig.htm.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comment submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received no later than 12:00 noon, February 25, 2009, 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

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.

The Board requests, but does not require that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that written and e-mail statements be filed prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Gayle Sweigert, Manager of the Air Quality Analysis Section, at (916) 322-6923 or by e-mail at gsweiger@arb.ca.gov, or Marcella Nystrom, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-8543 or by e-mail at mnystrom@arb.ca.gov.

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/s/

James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

Date: February 10, 2009

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs see our Web site at www.arb.ca.gov

ATTACHMENT

Recommended California Nonattainment Areas for the Federal 8-Hour Ozone Standard Based on 2006-2008 Ozone Air Quality Data

	<i>Nonattainment Area</i>	<i>Area Included</i>
New Areas	Northeast San Bernardino County	Remainder of the Mojave Desert portion of San Bernardino County outside the Western Mojave ozone nonattainment area
	Southern Inyo County	Inyo County portions of federal hydrologic units 16060015, 18090202, 18090203, 18090204, and 18090205
	Pinnacles National Monument	San Benito County portion of Pinnacles National Monument
	San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo County
	Tuscan Buttes	Tuscan Buttes in Tehama County above 1800'
Expanded Area	Eastern Kern County	Mojave Desert Air Basin portion of Kern County, including Indian Wells Valley
Existing Areas	South Coast Air Basin	Western Los Angeles (including Catalina and San Clemente Islands), Orange, southwestern San Bernardino, and western Riverside counties
	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and western Kern counties
	Sacramento Metro Area	Sacramento, Yolo, eastern Solano, southern Sutter, and western portions of El Dorado and Placer counties
	San Francisco Bay Area	Marin, southern Sonoma, Napa, western Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties
	Ventura County	Continental portion of Ventura County (excludes Anacapa and San Nicolas islands)
	Western Mojave Desert	Central San Bernardino County
	Antelope Valley	Northeastern Los Angeles County
	Coachella Valley	Central Riverside County
	San Diego County	San Diego County
	Imperial County	Imperial County
	Sutter Buttes	Sutter Buttes in Sutter County above 2000'
	Central Mountain Counties	Amador and Calaveras counties
	Southern Mountain Counties	Tuolumne and Mariposa counties
	Western Nevada County	Portion of Nevada County west of the crest of the Sierra Nevada
Butte County	Butte County	

**Recommended California Attainment Areas
for the Federal 8-Hour Ozone Standard
Based on 2006-2008 Ozone Air Quality Data**

<i>Attainment Area</i>	<i>Area Included</i>
North Coast Air Basin	Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity counties and the North Coast Air Basin portion of Sonoma County
Shasta County	Shasta County
Tehama County	Portion of Tehama County outside Tuscan Buttes area
Glenn County	Glenn County
Colusa County	Colusa County
Sutter and Yuba Counties	Yuba County and portion of Sutter County outside Sacramento Metro Area and Sutter Buttes area
Lake County	Lake County
Lake Tahoe Air Basin	Lake Tahoe Air Basin portions of El Dorado and Placer counties
North Central Coast Air Basin	Monterey County, Santa Cruz County, San Benito County outside Pinnacles National Monument boundary
Santa Barbara County	Continental portion of Santa Barbara County (excludes San Miguel, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa islands)
Eastern Riverside County	Portion of Riverside County in Mojave Desert Air Basin

**Recommended California Unclassifiable Areas
for the Federal 8-Hour Ozone Standard**

<i>Unclassifiable Area</i>	<i>Area Included</i>
Great Basin Valleys Air Basin	Alpine County, Mono County, portion of Inyo County outside Southern Inyo County nonattainment area
Northern Mountain Counties	Plumas and Sierra counties
Northern Channel Islands	The islands located in the South Central Coast Air Basin, including Anacapa, San Miguel, San Nicolas, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa
Eastern Nevada County	Portion of Nevada County east of the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains
Northeast Plateau Air Basin	Lassen, Modoc, and Siskiyou counties