NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MODIFIED TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY BUDGETS CONTAINED IN THE 2007 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATTAINING THE FEDERAL 8-HOUR OZONE AND PM2.5 STANDARDS IN THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of modifications to the transportation conformity budgets contained in the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan for attaining the federal 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 ambient air quality standards in the South Coast Air Basin, and the federal 8-hour ozone standard in the Coachella Valley, as approved by the California Air Resources Board on September 27, 2007. If adopted, ARB will submit these modified elements to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan.

DATE: November 15, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Byron Sher Auditorium, Second Floor
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. November 15, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before November 15, 2007, to determine the order in which the items will be considered.

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At a public meeting held September 27, 2007, the Board approved the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for Attaining the Federal 8-hour Ozone and PM2.5 Standards in the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley, adopted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, for submittal as a revision to the State Implementation Plan. The AQMP includes transportation conformity budgets. At the same meeting, the Board approved a State Strategy for California's 2007 State Implementation Plan. Differences between the approved State Strategy and the state...
measures assumed in the 2007 AQMP require minor changes to the transportation conformity budgets. The transportation conformity budgets that will be considered at the November 15, 2007 hearing reflect these changes.

ARB staff will make an oral presentation at the meeting. Copies of the proposed conformity budgets may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 “I” Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, by November 5, 2007. The proposed conformity budgets may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm.

Interested members of the public may also 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 comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received no later than 12:00 noon, November 14, 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

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The Board requests, but does not require 30 copies of any written submission. Also, the ARB requests that written and e-mail 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. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed Dennis Wade, Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 327-2963.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Tom Cackette
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Date: October 16, 2007