

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY 2008 PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OZONE

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of the proposed San Joaquin Valley 2008 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (2008 PM2.5 Plan) to attain the federal standards for fine particulate matter (PM2.5). If approved, ARB will submit these elements to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for its approval as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). In this item, the Board will also hear a short update on the San Joaquin Valley's Ozone SIP.

DATE: May 22, 2008

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

Or Via Videoconference (2 Locations)

District Northern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, California 95356

District Southern Region Office
2700 M Street, Suite 275
Bakersfield, California 93301

This item will be considered at an one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 8:30 a.m., May 22, 2008. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten (10) days before May 22, 2008, to determine the schedule on which this item will be considered.

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BACKGROUND

The federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes planning requirements for those areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates.

In July 1997, U.S. EPA promulgated new PM2.5 NAAQS, both an annual and a 24-hour standard. On April 5, 2005, the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District or Valley) was designated nonattainment for the federal PM2.5 standards based on violations of both the annual and 24-hour standards. The Valley is required to submit a SIP demonstrating attainment will occur as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than April 2015. The Act also requires that the SIP include reasonable further progress, reasonably available control measures and technologies, contingency measures, comprehensive emissions inventories, and transportation conformity budgets. The District prepared the 2008 PM2.5 Plan to address these requirements and to attain the PM2.5 standard as expeditiously as practicable. The District Governing Board adopted the 2008 PM2.5 Plan on April 30, 2008.

The 2008 PM2.5 Plan relies on both District and ARB measures to demonstrate attainment. The ARB measures were adopted at the September 2007 Board hearing and include commitments to reduce nitrogen oxides and direct PM2.5 by 76 tons per day and 5 tons per day, respectively, in 2014. In addition, the 2008 PM2.5 Plan establishes county-level on-road motor vehicle emission transportation conformity budgets for each milestone year, as well as for the attainment year. The emissions budgets in the 2008 PM2.5 Plan reflect the latest planning assumptions and were developed with EMFAC2007.

Regarding the ozone update, at the November 15, 2007 ARB meeting, the Board directed staff to provide an update to the Board, by June 2008 at a meeting held in the Valley, on recent activities that may accelerate attainment of the federal ozone standard in the San Joaquin Valley. ARB staff will provide an update as an element of staff's presentation to the Board on this item.

PROPOSED ACTION

ARB staff has reviewed the District's 2008 PM2.5 Plan and concluded that it meets applicable federal requirements. ARB staff has also concluded that the implementation of the 2008 PM2.5 Plan would reduce PM2.5 levels throughout the San Joaquin Valley and result in attainment of the 1997 PM2.5 standards by April 2015. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the 2008 PM2.5 Plan, as well as the transportation conformity budgets, emission inventory, reasonable further progress, reasonably available control measures and technologies demonstration, contingency measures, and attainment demonstration as a revision to the California SIP, and to direct staff forward the 2008 PM2.5 Plan to U.S. EPA.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

ARB staff has prepared a written Staff Report. Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990. This notice, the Staff Report, and the District's 2008 PM2.5 Plan may also be obtained from ARB's internet site <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sjvpm25/sjvpm25.htm>.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

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 comment submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, May 21, 2008**, 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 written and e-mail statements be filed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment.

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 this matter should be directed to Ms. Sylvia Zulawnick, Manager of the Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support Division, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or by e-mail at szulawni@arb.ca.gov, or Dr. Patricia Velasco, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 323-7560, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or by e-mail at pvelasco@arb.ca.gov.

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Executive Officer

Date: 4/25/08