

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND OVERVIEW OF PM2.5 SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approving the San Joaquin Valley 2012 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (2012 PM2.5 Plan) developed and adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (San Joaquin Valley or District). If approved by the Board, ARB will submit the 2012 PM2.5 Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). At the hearing, ARB staff will also provide an overview of the latest air quality science and on-going research which was used in developing the 2012 PM2.5 Plan.

DATE: January 24, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Kern County Board of Supervisors
Board Chambers, 1st Floor
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93301

This item will be considered at a one-day meeting of the Board in Bakersfield, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., January 24, 2013. Please consult the meeting agenda, which will be available at least ten (10) days before January 24, 2013, to determine the schedule on which this item will be considered.

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

In December 2006, U.S. EPA lowered the 24-hour standard for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Effective December 14, 2009, U.S. EPA designated the San Joaquin Valley as nonattainment for this more stringent 24-hour PM2.5 standard. The District must develop and implement a SIP that addresses Act planning requirements and establishes the strategy for attaining the standard as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than December 2019. The District prepared the 2012 PM2.5 Plan to address these requirements, and their Governing Board adopted the 2012 PM2.5 Plan on December 20, 2012.

The 2012 PM2.5 Plan demonstrates attainment by including new emission reductions, to occur each year between now and 2019, from implementing a combination of ARB and District programs. The District has committed to additional measures, including

further strengthening their wood burning curtailment program and additional requirements on commercial cooking operations, to bring the entire San Joaquin Valley into attainment by 2019. The 2012 PM2.5 Plan includes comprehensive emission inventories, reasonable further progress milestones, an assessment of reasonably available control measures and technologies, and identification of contingency measures if they fail to meet a milestone or attain the standard. The 2012 PM2.5 Plan also includes motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets developed using EMFAC2011 that reflect the latest planning assumptions.

ARB staff has reviewed the 2012 PM2.5 Plan and has concluded that it meets the applicable Act requirements. ARB staff is recommending that the Board approve the 2012 PM2.5 Plan as a revision to the California SIP.

A written ARB Staff Report will be available prior to the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sip.htm>

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may be submitted by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, January 23, 2013**, 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>

You can sign up online in advance to speak at the Board meeting when you submit an electronic board item comment. For more information go to:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/online-signup.htm>.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and verbal 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.

ARB requests that written and email statements on this item be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Sylvia Vanderspek, Manager, Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 324-7163 or Dr. Patricia Velasco, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 323-7560.

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- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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/s/

James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

Date: December 4, 2012

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