

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE CHICO PM2.5 MAINTENANCE PLAN

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider adoption of the Chico, CA/Butte County PM2.5 Nonattainment Area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan (Maintenance Plan) developed by the Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) for the 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  24-Hour PM2.5 standard. If adopted, CARB will submit the Maintenance Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: November 16, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency  
California Air Resources Board  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., November 16, 2017, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., November 17, 2017. This item is scheduled to be heard on the Board's Consent Calendar. All agenda items on the Consent Calendar – unless removed upon the request of a Board member or if someone in the audience submits a request-to-speak card on that item – will be voted on by the Board at the beginning of the public meeting.

#### **Background**

In December 2006, U.S. EPA lowered the 24-hour national ambient air quality standard (24-hour PM2.5 standard) for 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 Chico, CA/Butte County Area (Chico Area) as nonattainment for the more stringent 24-hour PM2.5 standard. The federal Clean Air Act establishes planning requirements for those areas that exceed the health-based standards. These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates.

Based on quality-assured monitoring data for 2008-2010, the Chico Area demonstrated attainment of the 24-hour PM2.5 standard and continues to attain based on the most recent air quality data. Under the U.S. EPA's *Clean Data Policy for the Fine Particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standards* (Clean Data Policy), nonattainment areas that attain the standard are eligible for reduced regulatory requirements. On June 2, 2011,

CARB requested a “clean data” finding for the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard for this area. Effective October 10, 2013, U.S. EPA determined that the Chico Area had attained the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. Based on this determination, U.S. EPA also suspended the majority of the planning elements under the Clean Air Act, including the attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress demonstration, reasonably available control measures, and contingency elements of a SIP. The remaining requirement, an emission inventory, was approved by U.S. EPA on March 14, 2014.

In order to be redesignated as attainment, the District will consider the Maintenance Plan at a public meeting on October 26, 2017. The Maintenance Plan officially requests that this area be redesignated to attainment for the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard and follows the U.S. EPA guidance for demonstrating maintenance for the next ten years.

CARB staff has reviewed the District’s planned submittal and has concluded that it meets the applicable Clean Air Act requirements.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends that the Board adopt the Maintenance Plan, contingent on ARB staff’s determination that the Maintenance Plan approved by the District Board does not differ significantly from that reviewed by ARB staff, and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP, with a request to redesignate the Chico Area as attainment of the 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

CARB staff has prepared a written report. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB’s Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, on October 13, 2017. The report may also be obtained from CARB’s website at

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/buttesip.htm>

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments 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 5:00 p.m., November 13, 2017**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

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.



CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Theresa Najita, Air Pollution Specialist, Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 322-7297 or Webster Tasat, Manager of the Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section at (916) 323-4950.

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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: 10/13/17

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