

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER G-03-001

WHEREAS, on February 8, 1979, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated a primary national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS or standard) for ozone of 0.12 parts per million (ppm), averaged over one hour;

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 107(d)(1)(C) and 181(a)(1) of the federal Clean Air Act ("the Act" or CAA) as amended on November 15, 1990, the Santa Barbara County ozone nonattainment area (Santa Barbara County) was classified as a moderate ozone nonattainment area by operation of law;

WHEREAS, CAA section 182(c)(2) requires moderate nonattainment areas to submit a State Implementation Plan by November 15, 1994, that demonstrates attainment of the standard by November 15, 1996;

WHEREAS, on November 4, 1994 the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) Board adopted and submitted to ARB the 1994 Clean Air Plan for a moderate ozone nonattainment area;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1994, ARB submitted the 1994 Clean Air Plan to U.S. EPA as an amendment to the California State Implementation Plan (1994 SIP);

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County did not attain the one-hour ozone standard by the November 15, 1996 statutory deadline and U.S. EPA reclassified Santa Barbara County as a serious ozone nonattainment area on December 10, 1997;

WHEREAS, CAA section 182(a)(1) requires that serious ozone nonattainment areas demonstrate attainment of the standard by November 15, 1999;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1998, the District Board adopted and submitted to ARB the 1998 Clean Air Plan demonstrating that the one-hour ozone standard would be attained by the November 15, 1999 statutory deadline;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1999, ARB approved the 1998 Clean Air Plan and submitted it to U.S. EPA for approval as an amendment to the 1994 SIP, and U.S. EPA approved the 1998 Clean Air Plan as an amendment to the 1994 SIP on August 14, 2000;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County recorded one exceedance of the standard at the Las Flores monitoring site in 1997, recorded one exceedance of the standard at Las Flores and another at the Paradise monitoring site in 1998, and recorded one exceedance of the standard at the Las Flores monitoring site in 1999, thus completing three consecutive years of compliance with the standard and thereby attaining the NAAQS one-hour ozone by the November 15, 1999 attainment date;

WHEREAS, since 1999, Santa Barbara County has continued to attain the one-hour ozone standard, recording only one exceedance at the Las Flores monitoring station in 2000 and no exceedances of the standard in 2001;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's attainment of the standard is a significant public health accomplishment and a reflection of a successful cooperative effort to improve air quality;

WHEREAS, U.S. EPA determined on August 27, 2002, that air quality in Santa Barbara County met the federal one-hour standard by the November 15, 1999 statutory deadline, pursuant to CAA section 181(b)(2)(A);

WHEREAS, the determination of attainment did not redesignate Santa Barbara County to attainment or guarantee a future redesignation to attainment, as redesignation to attainment is a separate process;

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2001, the District Board adopted a 2001 Clean Air Plan for ozone that provides for maintenance of the standard for ten years after redesignation and contains specific enforceable contingency measures, consistent with CAA section 175A(a) and (d);

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2002, the District Board adopted amendments to the 2001 Clean Air Plan to reflect ARB's latest motor vehicle emission factor model (EMFAC 2002), which estimates the emissions from on-road mobile sources;

WHEREAS, the 2001 Clean Air Plan and the amendments to the 2001 Clean Air Plan were available for public review and comment as required by the Act and U.S. EPA regulations, and notices of public hearings were published in Santa Barbara County;

WHEREAS, the amendments to the 2001 Clean Air Plan have been incorporated into the 2001 Clean Air Plan to form the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan;

WHEREAS, the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan addresses the requirements of both the federal Clean Air Act and the California Clean Air Act;

WHEREAS, ARB finds that the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan meets the requirements of CAA sections 107(d)(3)(E) and 175(A);

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that no project which may have significant adverse environmental impacts may be adopted as originally proposed if feasible alternatives or mitigation measures are available to reduce or eliminate such impacts, unless specific overriding considerations are identified which outweigh the potential adverse consequences of any unmitigated impacts;

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared evaluating potential environmental impacts resulting from the 2001 Clean Air Plan, and the Supplemental EIR was available for a public review period as required by CEQA;

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2000, the District Board adopted the Supplemental EIR for the 2001 Clean Air Plan;

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA, an Addendum to the Supplemental EIR was prepared evaluating potential environmental impacts resulting from the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan, and the Addendum to the Supplemental EIR was available for a public review period as required by CEQA;

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2002, the District Board adopted the Addendum to the Supplemental EIR, which reflects the revisions made to the 2001 Plan to incorporate ARB's latest EMFAC2002 model;

WHEREAS, ARB has reviewed and considered the Supplemental EIR and the Addendum to the Supplemental EIR, and finds that the requirements of CEQA have been met; and

WHEREAS, sections 39515 and 39516 of the California Health and Safety Code delegate to the ARB Executive Officer the authority to act in this matter.

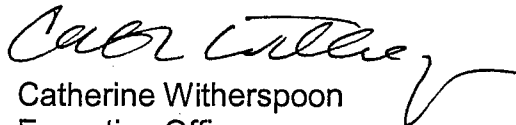
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the ARB hereby adopts and submits to U.S. EPA the Santa Barbara County Final 2001 Clean Air Plan for approval as a revision to the California SIP for ozone.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the ARB requests that U.S. EPA act to approve only those portions of the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan that pertain to federal CAA requirements; those portions of the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan that pertain only to the requirements of California law (specifically Chapter 11 of the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan - "State Mandated Triennial Progress Report and Triennial Plan Revision") are not being submitted as a SIP revision and are included for informational purposes only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the ARB requests the U.S. EPA to act expeditiously to redesignate the Santa Barbara County serious ozone nonattainment area to attainment for the ozone standard.

I certify, pursuant to 40 CFR 51.102, that the Final 2001 Clean Air Plan being submitted as a SIP revision was adopted after notice of public hearing as required by 40 CFR 51.102.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 21st day of February 2003.


Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer