



# Air Resources Board



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Ms. Alexis Strauss  
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Dear Ms. Strauss:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the *2016 75 ppb Ozone Attainment Plan for the Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area* (Ozone Plan). The Ozone Plan includes local attainment plans prepared by the Mojave Desert District and the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, as well as the CARB Staff Report. The Mojave Desert District adopted the Mojave Desert portion of the Ozone Plan on February 27, 2017, and the Antelope Valley District adopted the Antelope Valley portion of the Ozone Plan on March 21, 2017. CARB approved the Ozone Plan at its public Board hearing on May 25, 2017 as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). No comments were received at the hearing.

This package consists of one hard copy, and one compact disc with an exact duplicate of the hard copy, of the below materials:

- I. April 3, 2017 letter from Mr. Alan J. De Salvio, Deputy Director of Mojave Desert Operations for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, to Mr. Richard Corey, CARB Executive Officer, including:
  - a. District Ozone Plan with Appendices;
  - b. District Board Resolution 17-05 Adopting the Ozone Plan;
  - c. District Board Hearing Minutes; and
  - d. District Ozone Plan Staff Report with Evidence of District Public Hearing.
- II. April 18, 2017 letter from Mr. Alan J. De Salvio, Deputy Director of Mojave Desert Operations for the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, to Mr. Richard Corey, CARB Executive Officer, including:

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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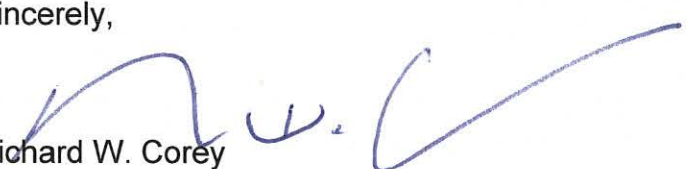
- a. District Ozone Plan with Appendices;
  - b. District Board Resolution 17-01 Adopting the Ozone Plan;
  - c. District Board Hearing Minutes; and
  - d. District Ozone Plan Staff Report with Evidence of District Public Hearing.
- III. Public notice evidence for CARB public meeting to consider the approval of the Ozone Plan.
- IV. CARB Staff Report, *CARB Review of the 2016 Ozone Plan for the Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area*.
- V. CARB Resolution 17-18 adopting the Ozone Plan as a revision to the California SIP.
- VI. CARB SIP Completeness Checklist.

The Ozone Plan includes on-road motor vehicle emission budgets. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow budgets to be replaced upon a finding of adequacy. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted to last until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets.

Without the ability to replace the applicable emissions budgets with submitted budgets found adequate using the budget adequacy process, the benefits of using the updated data may not be realized for a year or more after the SIPs are submitted, due to the SIP approval process. We appreciate U.S. EPA's willingness to work with us in our efforts to utilize motor vehicle emission budgets based on the most up-to-date, accurate data as soon as possible upon availability.

CARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Ms. Karen Magliano, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 322-5350.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Enclosures

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