

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider the Proposed South Coast PM10 Maintenance Plan State Implementation Plan Revision

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider approval of the Proposed South Coast PM10 Maintenance Plan State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision.

Date: June 24, 2021

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Please see the public agenda which will be posted ten days before the June 24, 2021, Board Meeting for any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person, it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., June 24, 2021, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on June 25, 2021. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before June 24, 2021, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background

In 1987, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) adopted the 24-hour PM10 standard of 150 micrograms per cubic meter (PM10 standard), and the South Coast Air Basin (South Coast) was designated nonattainment for the PM10 standard in 1990. After the South Coast met the PM10 standard, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) developed and adopted a PM10 Maintenance Plan. CARB submitted it to U.S. EPA along with a request for the South Coast to be designated as attainment of the PM10 standard. On July 26, 2013, U.S. EPA approved the PM10 Maintenance Plan and designated the South Coast as in attainment for the PM10 standard. The maintenance demonstration showed the area would continue to attain the PM10 standard for at least ten years, until 2023.

Section 175a(b) of the Clean Air Act (Act) requires that areas re-designated to maintenance must, after eight years from designation to maintenance, submit an additional revision demonstrating the area will remain in attainment ten more years after the initial ten-year maintenance period, in this case until 2033. This second maintenance demonstration is due to U.S. EPA by July 26, 2021.

On June 4, 2021, the District will consider approval of the second maintenance plan for the 24-hour PM10 standard, the *2021 PM10 Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin* (2021 PM10 Plan). The 2021 PM10 Plan demonstrates that emissions responsible for PM10 pollution will continue to remain below the levels of emissions in the 2018 base year. The year 2018 was chosen as the base year for the 2021 PM10 Plan because it is part of the most recent three-year design value in which maintenance of the PM10 Standard was monitored. The 2021 PM10 Plan covers a 12-year period until 2035 beginning at the end of the period covered by the first maintenance plan. The 2021 PM10 Plan includes a maintenance demonstration, a commitment to future monitoring network, a verification of continued attainment, a contingency plan, and provisions for contingency plan implementation. The CARB report also includes transportation conformity emission budgets for PM10, oxides of nitrogen, and reactive organic gases for the years 2023, 2031 and 2035 for the 2021 PM10 Plan.

CARB staff has reviewed the 2021 PM10 Plan that the District will consider on June 4, 2021, along with transportation conformity emission budgets, and has concluded that it meets the applicable requirements in the Act.

Proposed Action

Assuming that the District adopts the Plan as considered, CARB staff recommends that the Board approve the 2021 PM10 Plan and the transportation conformity emission budgets for the South Coast and direct staff to submit it to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/south-coast-air>, May 14, 2021. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-9564 if you need physical copies of the documents.

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 submitted during the meeting must be received **no later than June 14, 2021**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, 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 (Gov. Code, § 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

Scott King, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at scott.king@arb.ca.gov or Ariel Fideldy, Manager, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section at ariel.fideldy@arb.ca.gov.

Environmental Analysis

CARB has determined that the proposed Plan is a ministerial activity by CARB for purposes of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268). A “ministerial” decision is one that involves fixed standards or objective measurements, and the agency has no discretion to shape the activity in response to environmental concerns (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15369; *San Diego Navy Broadway Complex Coalition v. City of San Diego* (2010) 185 Cal.App.4th 924, 934). Because CARB lacks authority to modify a SIP submittal that fully complies with all federal Clean Air Act requirements, its action here is ministerial.

Special Accommodation Request

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

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- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: May 14, 2021

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