

# CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SAN DIEGO 8-HOUR OZONE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUBMITTAL

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the approval of the Proposed San Diego 8-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan Submittal (Plan).

DATE: November 19, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Please see the public agenda which will be posted ten days before the November 19, 2020, 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., November 19, 2020, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on November 20, 2020. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before November 19, 2020, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

### **Background**

The federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes planning requirements for areas that exceed the health-based national ambient air quality standards (standards). These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that demonstrates how they will attain the standard by specified dates.

In 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) strengthened the 8-hour ozone standard to 75 parts per billion (ppb). Effective June 3, 2016, U.S. EPA designated San Diego County a Moderate nonattainment area for the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard with an attainment date of July 18, 2018. Despite substantial air quality progress, the region did not attain the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard by the attainment deadline, and as a result, effective on September 23, 2019, U.S. EPA reclassified San Diego County as a Serious nonattainment area for that standard with a new attainment date of July 20, 2027. In 2015, U.S. EPA further strengthened the 8-hour

ozone standard to 70 ppb. Effective August 3, 2018, U.S. EPA designated San Diego County a Moderate nonattainment area for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard with an attainment date of August 3, 2024. However, air quality modeling demonstrated that the most expeditious attainment deadline for both standards corresponded to a Severe classification. Thus, the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) is requesting a reclassification to Severe for both the 75 ppb and the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standards.

The District prepared a SIP to address the Act requirements for both the 75 ppb and 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standards. For a Severe classification, the District must develop and implement a SIP that addresses the Severe planning requirements for 8-hour ozone standards and demonstrates attainment of the 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard by July 20, 2027, and the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard by August 3, 2033.

The District prepared the 2020 Plan for Attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone in San Diego County (Plan) to address the requirements for both 8-hour ozone standards. On October 14, 2020, the District Board adopted the Plan. The Plan includes comprehensive emission inventories, attainment demonstrations, reasonable further progress demonstrations, assessments of reasonably available control measures and technologies, and identification of contingency measures if San Diego County fails to meet reasonable further progress milestones or attain the standard. The Plan also includes motor vehicle transportation conformity budgets developed using the EMFAC2017 emissions model that reflects the latest planning assumptions. Lastly, the plan also includes CARB's emission reduction commitment of four tons per day of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from the Low-NOx standard, the Advanced Clean Trucks regulation, and the Heavy Duty Inspection and Maintenance program.

CARB staff has reviewed the Plan and has concluded that it meets the applicable requirements in the Act. CARB staff recommends that the Board approve the Proposed 2020 Plan for Attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone in San Diego County and direct staff to submit the Plan to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

## **Proposed Action**

CARB staff has prepared a written report reviewing the District Plan. Copies of the report may be obtained from [CARB's website](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/san-diego-county) at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/nonattainment-area-plans/san-diego-county>. The report may also be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, beginning October 16, 2020. However, because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, CARB's office may have limited public access. If you need physical copies of the report, please contact Stephanie Parent, Air Pollution Specialist, at [stephanie.parent@arb.ca.gov](mailto:stephanie.parent@arb.ca.gov), or (916) 324-0551.

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 at the meeting must be received no later than November 16, 2020, 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 (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 Stephanie Parent, Air Pollution Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Planning Section, at (916) 324-0551 or Sylvia Vanderspek, Chief, Air Quality Planning Branch, at (916) 324-7163.

## **Environmental Analysis**

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the proposed plan and concluded that this is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in Chapter VI of the Staff Report.

## **Special Accommodation Request**

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: October 16, 2020

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