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Dear Mr. Busterud:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the *2020 Plan for Attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone in San Diego County (2020 Plan)* as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The 2020 Plan includes requests by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (District) and CARB to classify San Diego County as a Severe nonattainment area for the 75 and 70 parts per billion (ppb) 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (standards). *The requests change San Diego County's classification from Serious to Severe for the 75 ppb and Moderate to Severe for the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standards.*

The 2020 Plan submittal addresses Clean Air Act requirements for both standards including CARB and District emission reduction commitments from mobile and stationary sources to meet the 70 ppb 8-hour ozone standard by 2032. The District adopted the 2020 Plan on October 14, 2020 and CARB adopted the 2020 Plan, including CARB's emission reduction commitment for San Diego County, on November 19, 2020 as outlined in CARB Resolution 20-29. CARB did not receive any public comments prior to or during the Board hearing related to the 2020 Plan.

The CARB submittal for the 2020 Plan consists of the following items:

1. The District Submittal Package, including:
  - a. October 20, 2020 letter from Robert C. Reider, Interim Air Pollution Control Officer, to Richard W. Corey, CARB Executive Officer;
  - b. Governing Board Resolution 20-166 adopting the 2020 Plan;
  - c. 2020 Plan for Attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone in San Diego County dated October 2020;<sup>1</sup> and
  - d. Response to Comments.
2. Public Notice evidence for the CARB November 19, 2020 public meeting to consider approval of the 2020 Plan and CARB commitment;
3. CARB Resolution 20-29 adopting the 2020 Plan as a revision to the California SIP for San Diego County;

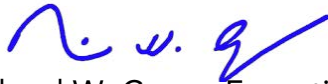
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<sup>1</sup> Note that the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan Demonstration will be submitted to U.S. EPA under separate cover.

4. CARB Staff Report, *CARB Review of the 2020 Plan for Attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone in San Diego County*; and
5. SIP Completeness Checklist.

CARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 445-4383 or have your staff contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Corey, Executive Officer

Enclosures (5)

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