

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED 2016 STATE STRATEGY FOR THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PREPARED FOR THE PROPOSED STATE SIP STRATEGY

This notice announces the availability for public review and comment on the Proposed 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (State SIP Strategy), May 2016, and the Draft Environmental Analysis (EA) prepared for the State SIP Strategy, as well as the Public Board meeting on the State SIP Strategy.

Public Meeting

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a Public Board meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the State SIP Strategy, released for public review on May 17, 2016. The Board will also consider the Final EA and staff's written responses to comments on the Draft EA received during the 45-day comment period.

DATE: September 22, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

DIRECTIONS: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>

This item may be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 22, 2016, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on September 23, 2016. This item may be heard on one or both days of the meeting, and the Board may take action on either the first or second day. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before September 22, 2016, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background on the Proposed State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan:

The State SIP Strategy describes ARB staff's proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) measures to achieve the reductions necessary from the mobile sector and consumer products to meet federal air quality standards. While the current control program provides a substantial down payment of emission reductions, the strategy is designed to provide a significant contribution to the emission reductions from mobile sources and consumer products needed to meet the 80 parts per billion (ppb) and 75 ppb 8-hour

ozone standards in 2023 and 2031, respectively, as well as fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards in the next decade, including the 12 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) annual and 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards.

Under the Clean Air Act, nonattainment area SIPs must identify both the magnitude of emission reductions needed and the actions necessary to achieve those reductions by the required attainment deadline. The State SIP Strategy, along with local attainment demonstrations that includes measures to control emissions from sources under local jurisdiction, such as stationary and area wide sources, is designed to achieve emission reductions from mobile sources, fuels, and consumer products.

The existing control program will provide the reductions needed to bring almost all areas of the State into attainment of the ozone and PM_{2.5} standards. The key remaining challenges are meeting ozone standards in the South Coast, and PM_{2.5} standards in the San Joaquin Valley. Further reductions in the South Coast will also be necessary to provide for attainment in the Coachella Valley and Mojave Desert regions downwind of the South Coast. Reaching these levels will require an approximate 70 percent reduction from today's levels by 2023, and an overall 80 percent reduction by 2031. The severity of the ozone levels in the South Coast and PM_{2.5} needs in the San Joaquin Valley drive the scope and timing of emission reductions required for attainment throughout the State.

Copies of the State SIP Strategy will be available on May 17, 2016, at ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814.

The State SIP Strategy will also be available on ARB's website:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/2016sip/2016sip.htm>

Environmental Analysis

ARB, as the lead agency for the State SIP Strategy, prepared a Draft EA in accordance with the requirements of its regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources. (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d).) The resource areas from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the direct and reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the recommended actions for each of the six source categories discussed in the State SIP Strategy. The Draft EA provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the recommended future actions. Collectively, across all categories, the Draft EA concluded implementation of these actions could result in the following short-term and long-term beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial long-term impacts to air quality, energy demand, and greenhouse gases; less-than-significant impacts to energy demand, hazards and hazardous materials, land use planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, and recreational services; and potentially

significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. The potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts are primarily related to short-term, construction-related activities. This explains why some resource areas are identified above as having both less-than-significant impacts and potentially significant impacts. For example, the Draft EA identifies some resource areas with potentially significant short-term impacts but less-than-significant long-term impacts. Please refer to the Draft EA for further details.

The Draft EA is included as **Appendix B** to the State SIP Strategy and can be obtained from ARB's website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/2016sip/2016sip.htm>

Copies of the State SIP Strategy and Draft EA may also be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814

Submittal of Comments:

ARB invites comments on the State SIP Strategy and Draft EA during the 45-day public comment period beginning **May 17, 2016**, and ending at 5:00 pm **July 1, 2016**. Comments should be submitted using the address or webpage listed below.

After the close of the 45-day public comment period, ARB staff will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA during the aforementioned comment period as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the State SIP Strategy and the Draft EA will be considered by ARB, only those comments relating to the Draft EA will be responded to in writing in the supplemental response document. The supplemental response document containing staff's written responses to comments received on the Draft EA will be posted on ARB's website before the public meeting scheduled on September 22, 2016 for the Board to consider before taking action on the State SIP Strategy. Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting.

To be responded to in writing and considered by the Board, written comments on the Draft EA must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2016**. Comments on the Draft EA and the State SIP Strategy must be submitted to one of the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, 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 verbal 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.

Further inquiries regarding this item should be directed to Carol Sutkus, Air Resources Supervisor, at (916) 322-1229 or (designated back-up contact) Kirsten Cayabyab, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-3531.

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

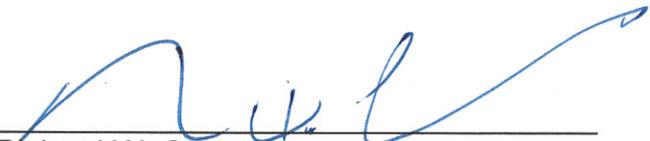
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Executive Officer

Date: May 17, 2016