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March 4, 2013

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is submitting to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the 2012 PM2.5 Plan (Plan) for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District). The District adopted the Plan on December 20, 2012 and transmitted it to ARB on December 26, 2012. ARB approved the Plan on January 24, 2013 as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the San Joaquin Valley.

This package consists of two hard copies and one compact disk of the following materials:

- I. December 26, 2012 letter from Mr. Samir Sheikh, Director of Strategies and Incentives for the District, to Mr. James Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, including:
 - A. ARB SIP Completeness Checklist.
 - B. 2012 PM2.5 Plan with Appendices.
 - C. Evidence of Public Hearing.
 - D. Governing Board Resolution adopting the 2012 PM2.5 Plan.
 - E. Governing Board Memo.
 - F. CEQA Initial Study and Negative Declaration.
- II. Public notice evidence and transcript for ARB Public Meeting to consider approval of the San Joaquin Valley Plan.
- III. ARB Resolution 13-2 adopting the Plan as a revision to the SIP for the San Joaquin Valley.

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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- IV. ARB Staff Report, *Proposed Revision to the PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the San Joaquin Valley* with appendices.
- V. Written comments received by ARB on the Plan.

The Plan includes the corresponding transportation conformity budgets. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow replacement of these budgets upon an adequacy finding for budgets in future SIPs. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted today to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets.

ARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Ms. Karen Magliano, Chief, Air Quality Data Branch, at (916) 322-7137.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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