

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PM2.5 IMPLEMENTATION/MAINTENANCE PLAN AND REDESIGNATION REQUEST FOR THE SACRAMENTO PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT AREA

Date December 3, 2013

Time 9:00 A.M. or after

Location El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 330 Fair Lane, Bldg A,
Placerville, CA 95667

The Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (District) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the PM2.5 Implementation/Maintenance Plan and Re-designation Request for the Sacramento PM2.5 Nonattainment Area (Plan) and the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Nonattainment Area covers all of Sacramento County, and portions of El Dorado, Placer, Solano, and Yolo counties.

PM2.5 (fine particles) is a mixture of very small liquid droplets and solid particles that are suspended in the air and their size is less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter. Particles of this size can easily penetrate deep into lungs and cause serious health problems or aggravate existing problems.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officially determined that the Sacramento region had attained the PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) (Federal Register, Volume 78, No. 135, July 15, 2013, p.42018). The purpose of this Plan is to request that EPA re-designate the Sacramento Region to attainment and to fulfill the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for re-designation to attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS. The plan includes demonstrations that the Sacramento area:

- Attained the 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS
- Has a fully approved PM2.5 Implementation Plan for the area.
- Improvement in air quality is due to permanent and enforceable reductions: control measures have reduced overall emissions despite increasing population and VMT, and not due to temporary emission reductions or unusually favorable meteorology.

- Has a PM2.5 Maintenance Plan for the area, including motor vehicle emission budgets
- Met CAA Section 110 and Part D requirements

This Plan complies with the federal Clean Air Act requirements pertaining to PM2.5 nonattainment areas. This notice, the public hearing, and the Plan are intended to satisfy the requirements of Clean Air Act Subparts 1 and 4 including Sections 107, 109, 110, 172, 173, 175A, 176, 182, 189, 319 and associated regulations including Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50, 51, and 58. Upon adoption by the Board of Directors, the Plan will be forwarded to the California Air Resources Board for approval and submitted to EPA as a revision to the State Implementation Plan.

Additionally, CEQA requires government agencies in California to evaluate environmental impacts before approval of an action. It exempts an action by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment and an action by a lead agency that has no possibility of resulting in a significant adverse effect on the environment. District staff finds that this Plan satisfies these requirements and proposes a NOE under CEQA.

A copy of the Plan and Appendices are available at the following link:

<http://www.airquality.org/notices/pm25/20130923SacRegionPM25MaintPlan-PublicHearingNotice.shtml>

By this notice, all interested parties are requested to comment. Oral and written testimony may be directed to the District Board of Directors at the public hearing. Written comments may also be directed to the following address.

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You may also contact the District by calling 530-621-7501 or by e-mailing aqmd@edcgov.us to obtain a printed copy of the document.