

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 85-4

January 24, 1985

Agenda Item No.: 85-1-2

WHEREAS, Section 39600 of the Health and Safety Code provides that the Air Resources Board (the "Board") shall do such acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to, and imposed upon, the Board;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 39003 of the Health and Safety Code, the Board is the state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards and to conduct research into the causes of and solution to air pollution;

WHEREAS, Section 39705 of the Health and Safety Code directs the Board to coordinate and collect research data on air pollution;

WHEREAS, in Section 39602 of the Health and Safety Code, the Board is designated as the state agency responsible for all purposes set forth in federal law and is directed to coordinate the activities of districts necessary to comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401, et seq.);

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 171 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 (42 U.S.C. Section 7501), the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin is designated a nonattainment area for the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone;

WHEREAS, Section 172 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 (42 U.S.C. Section 7502) requires that reasonably available control measures be implemented to attain the NAAQS for ozone;

WHEREAS, in Section 39001 of the Health and Safety Code, the Legislature declares that a regional approach to air pollution problems should be encouraged whenever possible;

WHEREAS, uncertainty exists with regard to the contribution of sources in different geographical areas within and around the San Joaquin Valley on ozone and particulate matter levels within the valley, including questions regarding the extent of the transport of these pollutants and their precursors between different urban areas, between urban and rural areas, from the San Francisco Bay Area to the valley, and from the valley to the Southeast Desert Air Basin;

WHEREAS, knowledge concerning the relationship between ozone and particulate matter concentrations and the unique meteorology and topography of the San Joaquin Valley is incomplete;

WHEREAS, attainment of the NAAQS for ozone and particulate matter is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare, agricultural productivity and the agricultural and industrial economies in the San Joaquin Valley area;

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Task Force created by Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 104 (Stats. 1982 (Reg. Sess.) res. ch. 160), in its final report issued in June 1984, found there to be a need for regional air pollution studies in the San Joaquin Valley, and the Task Force further recommended that the San Joaquin Valley Basinwide Control Council established pursuant to Section 40900 of the Health and Safety Code and the state set as high priorities the design, implementation and funding of such studies and that funding for this purpose be sought, in part, from the federal government;

WHEREAS, on August 23, 1984, the San Joaquin Valley Basinwide Control Council adopted a resolution requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency provide substantial funding for a regional study in the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that:

The ozone and particulate matter problems in the San Joaquin Valley are of national significance due to the region's economic importance;

The cost of a regional study of air quality problems in the San Joaquin Valley would exceed the available resources of the air pollution control districts within the valley and of the Board; and

Because of the significance of the ozone and particulate problems in the San Joaquin Valley, research should commence during 1985.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board supports the San Joaquin Valley Basinwide Control Council's request to the federal government to provide substantial funding of a regional air quality study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the Environmental Protection Agency to provide funding for a study to begin in 1985.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 85-4, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.


Harold Holmes, Board Secretary