State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Final Statement of Reasons for Rulemaking, Including Summary of Comments and Agency Responses

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Public Hearing Date: November 18, 1999

Agenda Item No.: 99-9-4

I. GENERAL

The Staff Report (Initial Statement of Reasons for Proposed Rulemaking) entitled, "Proposed Amendment to the Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards and Proposed Maps of the Area Designations for the State and National Ambient Air Quality Standards," released on October 1, 1999, is incorporated by reference herein.

Following a public hearing on November 18, 1999, the Air Resources Board (Board), by Resolution 99-38, adopted an amendment to the designation of areas in California as nonattainment, attainment, or unclassified for State ambient air quality standards (State standards). The amended regulation is contained in section 60201 of Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR).

The amendment to the regulation that was adopted by the Board is identical to that initially proposed by the staff and made available in the Staff Report released on October 1, 1999.

The Board has determined that this regulatory action will not result in a mandate to any local agency or school district the costs of which are reimbursable by the State pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with section 17500), Division 4, Title 2 of the Government Code.

The Board has determined that this regulatory action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on business.

In addition, the Board has determined that there will be no, or an insignificant, potential cost impact, as defined in Government Code section 11346.53(e), on private persons or businesses directly affected resulting from this regulatory action.

The Board has further determined that no alternative considered by the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulatory action was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the action taken by the Board.

II. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES

No comments were received on the proposed regulatory action either during the 45-day comment period beginning on October 1, 1999, or at the public hearing on November 18, 1999.