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March 23, 2010

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is transmitting to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the Request for PM10 Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Coachella Valley (Coachella Valley PM10 Plan) developed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District).

On January 8, 2010, the District adopted the Coachella Valley PM10 Plan as part of a packet that also includes the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin (South Coast PM10 Plan). The District transmitted the combined packet to ARB on January 15, 2010. ARB approved the Coachella Valley PM10 Plan on February 24, 2010, as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan. Due to changes in the transportation conformity budgets, the South Coast PM10 Plan will be heard at the March Board hearing and transmitted separately. Therefore, this transmittal pertains solely to the Coachella Valley PM10 Plan.

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

- I. January 15, 2010, plan transmittal letter from Dr. Elaine Chang, Deputy Executive Officer for the District, to Mr. James Goldstene, Executive Officer, from which we are including the following attachments:
 - A. Approved Board Letter (Attachment 1) providing:
 - Certification of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption and
 - Certification of Public Hearing;
 - B. Coachella Valley Association of Governments Letter of Support (Attachment 2);

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- C. Governing Board Resolution 10-1 (Attachment 3):
 - Approving the PM10 Maintenance Plans for the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley Portion of Salton Sea and
 - Certifying that the PM10 Redesignation Requests and PM10 Maintenance Plans are Exempt from CEQA requirements;
 - D. PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Coachella Valley Portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin (Attachment 5);
 - E. Evidence of Compliance with California's Procedural Requirements:
 - Notice of Exemption from CEQA (Attachment 6) and
 - 45-Day Notice of Public Hearings (Attachment 7);
 - F. Evidence of Public Notice (Attachment 8); and
 - G. Transcripts from five Regional Public Hearings (Attachment 9).
- II. Public notice evidence and transcript for the ARB Public Meeting to Consider Approval of the Coachella Valley PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan.
 - III. ARB Resolution 10-20 adopting the Coachella Valley PM10 Plan as a revision to the SIP.
 - IV. ARB Staff Report, *Analysis of the Coachella Valley PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan*.
 - V. Written comment received by ARB on the Coachella Valley PM10 Plan.

ARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information you may need. 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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Executive Officer

Enclosures

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