## California Air Resources Board

# Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Transport State Implementation Plan

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider adoption of the proposed 2024 Transport State Implementation Plan (also referred to as the 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan) submission for the 0.070 parts per million (ppm) 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan.

Date: July 25, 2024

Time: 10:00 A.M.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom:

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on July 26, 2024. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the July 25, 2024, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

#### **Background**

CARB is required to submit an infrastructure state implementation plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency three years after a new national ambient air quality standard is established. CARB submitted California's Infrastructure State Implementation Plan revision for the 2015 0.070 ppm 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard on October 1, 2018. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved California's 2018 Infrastructure State Implementation Plan on March 30, 2021, except for the Good Neighbor or Interstate Transport portion which addresses a state's emissions that will significantly contribute to air quality issues in downwind states.

On May 24, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed to disapprove the Good Neighbor portion of California's 2018 Infrastructure State Implementation Plan and finalized the disapproval on February 2, 2023. On April 6, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed a nationwide Interstate Transport Federal Implementation Plan, that included California, and finalized it on June 5, 2023. The Interstate Transport Federal Implementation Plan focused on large stationary sources. A federal implementation plan is developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address Clean Air Act obligations

that the state has not adequately addressed and is usually required 24 months after a state implementation plan disapproval.

The 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan has been prepared to resolve the state implementation plan disapproval and replace the Interstate Transport Federal Implementation Plan for California. This 2024 Good Neighbor SIP submission will address the issues outlined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in their disapproval and ensure that the emission reduction targets outlined in the Interstate Transport Federal Implementation Plan are addressed adequately. Further, since mobile sources are the largest contributor of oxides of nitrogen emissions (which drive ozone formation in California), the 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan mitigates emissions transport to our downwind neighbors by including approximately 65 tons per day of oxides of nitrogen emission reductions in the year 2026 statewide associated with CARB's recently adopted Clean Truck Check Program. These reductions significantly exceed the almost 10 tons per day of oxides of nitrogen reductions in the Interstate Transport Federal Implementation Plan. The 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan is critical for addressing the interstate transport of ozone-forming pollutants such as oxides of nitrogen. If adopted, CARB will submit the 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the California State Implementation Plan to resolve both the disapproval and the Interstate Transport Federal Implementation Plan.

#### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff recommends the Board adopt the 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan and direct CARB staff to submit it to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan. CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/statewide-efforts/california-infrastructure">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-state-implementation-plans/statewide-efforts/california-infrastructure</a>, on June 14, 2024. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not submitted during the meeting must be received **no later than July 15, 2024**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

*Electronic submittal*: http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Paul Andrews, Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Analysis Section, at (279) 208-7338 or (designated back-up contact) Jin Xu, Air Resources Supervisor I, Air Quality Analysis Section, at (279) 208-7663.

#### **Environmental Analysis**

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the proposed 2024 Good Neighbor State Implementation Plan and concluded that it is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, §15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in the 'Environmental Analysis' portion of the Staff Report.

### **Special Accommodation Request**

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- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D. Executive Officer

Date: June 14, 2024

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