

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2020

AGENDA NO. 25

PROPOSAL: Determine That Proposed Amendments to Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices, Are Exempt from CEQA and Amend Rule 445

Staff is recommending that the public hearing on this item be continued to the June 5, 2020 Board Meeting, due to an inadvertent error in public noticing.

SYNOPSIS: Proposed amendments to Rule 445 will satisfy U.S. EPA contingency measure requirements and Control Measure BCM-09 from the 2016 AQMP. The threshold for no-burn days would be incrementally lowered automatically for each subsequent final determination by the U.S. EPA of a failure to meet an applicable Clean Air Act milestone. The proposed amendments would also reduce ambient PM_{2.5} by expanding the criteria for Basin-wide wood-burning curtailments. Other minor amendments include additional definitions for terms used in the rule, and revisions to improve rule implementation and clarify existing requirements. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the proposed amendments to Rule 445 – Wood Burning Devices, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, March 20, 2020)