March 10, 2021

Deldi Reyes
Director, Office of Community Air Protection
California Air Resources Board
Office of Community Air Protection
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Final Submittal from South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD): Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERP) for Assembly Bill (AB) 617 2019-designated communities

Dear Ms. Reyes:

South Coast AQMD staff has prepared this electronic submittal package of the Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERP) to fulfill the requirements in accordance with the California Resources Board’s (CARB’s) Community Air Protection Blueprint. South Coast AQMD developed a CERP for both of the Year 2 (2019-designated) AB 617 communities: Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) and Southeast Los Angeles (SELA). Each CERP was closely developed with the corresponding Community Steering Committee (CSC) and addressed numerous comments received during this development process. The CERPs were adopted at the South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board Meeting on December 4, 2020. The Governing Board Meeting is a public hearing and allows for public comment. Members of the public in attendance participated remotely via a virtual platform and provided testimony. Spanish language interpretation was provided at this public hearing.

Enclosed in the electronic submittal package for the CERPs for the two South Coast AQMD AB 617 communities designated in 2019, which include the CERP materials as requested by CARB. Each CERP submittal package includes the following materials for its respective community:

- Electronic copy of the final CERP as approved by the South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board for a given community and associated appendices.
- South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board’s resolution letters adopting the CERPs along with the minutes and agenda from the December 4, 2020 Governing Board meeting.
- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents.
A checklist mapping document cross-referencing where elements outlined in CARB’s Community Air Protection Blueprint are located in the respective CERP.

- Base year and forecasted emission inventories at the Emission Inventory Code level.

The documents listed above may be accessed via the following Dropbox link:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/obcgf65itrv2xuz/AAA9hRILtc57My91oCHgFAVy?dl=0

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board directed staff to provide additional details on the ECV CERP monitoring objectives, collaborations with other entities, and incentive strategies developed by the CSC. South Coast AQMD staff is working with the ECV CSC to add these details to the ECV CERP that will be presented to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board no later than June 30, 2021.

South Coast AQMD staff looks forward to implementation of the CERP and the ongoing collaborations with your staff to address the air pollution priorities in the ECV and SELA communities. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this submittal package, please feel free to contact me at 909-396-2582 or jghosh@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,

Jo Kay Ghosh, PhD
Director of Community Air Programs

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