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Hon. Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Submittal of Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Dear Dr. Cliff,

South Coast AQMD is submitting the Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (Coachella Valley Ozone Plan or Plan) to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for its approval and submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Coachella Valley Ozone Plan, adopted on October 4, 2024, demonstrates attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (standard) in the Coachella Valley by 2031.

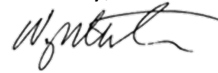
The Coachella Valley was originally classified as "severe-15" nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard with an attainment date of July 20, 2027. The 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) included a strategy to attain the standard and was submitted to U.S. EPA in 2017. In November 2022, South Coast AQMD via CARB submitted a request to U.S. EPA to reclassify the Coachella Valley to "extreme" nonattainment with a new attainment date of July 20, 2032 to resolve a transportation conformity lockdown impacting billions of dollars' worth of transportation projects. U.S. EPA approved the request and established a deadline of October 7, 2024 for South Coast AQMD to submit a new plan to demonstrate attainment by the new attainment date and comply with other planning requirements.¹

The Coachella Valley Ozone Plan includes an updated emissions inventory and modeling analysis, an evaluation of control strategies and emission reductions needed for attainment, and a demonstration of compliance with other Clean Air Act planning requirements. Based on the updated inventory and modeling analysis in this Plan, the Coachella Valley is expected to attain the 2008 8-hour ozone standard by 2031 based on the continued implementation of rules and regulations adopted by South Coast AQMD and CARB. Implementation of the control measures committed in the 2022 AQMP will provide additional reductions and assurance that the 2008 8-hour ozone standard will be met by 2031, if not earlier, although these reductions are not necessary for attainment. Therefore, no new control measures are proposed in this Plan.

¹ Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reclassification to Extreme, 88 Fed. Reg. 14291 (March 8, 2023).

A transcript of the Governing Board meeting adopting the Plan is attached. There was no public comment relevant to the Plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at (909) 396-3131 or Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer of Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation at (909) 396-2856.

Sincerely,



Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

Attachments:

- A. Signed Board Letter
- B. Approved Resolution
- C. Final Coachella Valley Attainment Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard (including Appendices)
- D. Notice of Public Hearing Proof of Publication
- E. Transcript of the Public Hearing
- F. Notice of Exemption from CEQA

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