

REPORT:

California Air Resources Board

SYNOPSIS:

The California Air Resources Board met on October 22, 2015, in Diamond Bar, CA. The following is a summary of this meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File.

Judy Mitchell, SCAQMD Board Member

The Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) September meeting was held on October 22, 2015 in Diamond Bar at the South Coast Air Quality Management District Auditorium. Key items presented are summarized below.

Discussion Items

1. Public Meeting to Consider a Modification to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program

The Board approved an update to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program. The original plan was approved in June 2015 pending appropriation of funds in the 2015-16 State Budget. The Board-approved plan was predicated on a \$350 million Low Carbon Transportation appropriation. In September 2015, the Legislature approved a partial appropriation of \$90 million. The staff proposal allocates \$90 million toward three ongoing projects and delays implementation of the remaining projects in the Funding Plan. The Board approved the modified Funding Plan and directed staff to continue to work with the air districts to be prepared to act when the remainder of the expected funds are appropriated by the State Legislature.

2. Informational Presentation of the Discussion Draft of the Mobile Source Strategy

Staff presented an informational item on the draft mobile source strategy and proposed measure concepts. The presentation discussed how the integrated strategy outlines the mobile source actions needed to meet air quality standards, greenhouse gas and petroleum reduction targets, and reduce near-source risk. Based on public comment and Board direction provided in response to the presentation, staff will continue to work with public stakeholders and air

districts to develop the measure concepts into control measures for subsequent consideration by each air district for inclusion in their State Implementation Plan submittals that are due in 2016 for meeting federal air quality standards. Elements of the mobile source strategy will also be incorporated into other planning efforts including ARB's Scoping Plan update, California's Sustainable Freight Action Plan, and ARB's Short Lived Climate Pollutant Plan.

3. Update to the Board on the Advanced Clean Cars Program Mid-Term Review

Staff presented to the Board an update on on-going work related to the Advanced Clean Cars mid-term review, including updates on work with Federal agencies, current zero emission vehicle sales, and research related to consumer preferences. The Board directed staff to look more closely at the credit system and markets involved in the program as the Mid-Term Review progresses towards its final presentation to the Board in late 2016.

4. Update to the Board on Zero Emission Vehicle Market Enabling Actions

Staff, along with invited representatives from other state governments and non-governmental organizations, updated the Board on efforts to enable zero emission vehicle markets. The update covered fueling infrastructure, fleet purchases, multi-state and national partnerships and other relevant topics. Based on the staff presentation and public testimony, the Board discussed a need for more public outreach and consumer education on low and zero emission vehicles, particularly at the dealership and vendor level.

5. Update to the Board on Advanced Clean Cars Particulate Matter Measurement Feasibility

Staff presented an assessment of the feasibility of measuring Particulate Matter (PM) emissions, at and below 1 mg/mi. This informational item was in response to industry concerns about low-level PM emissions measurement. The staff presentation included the progress made, in cooperation with various stakeholders, in gravimetric PM emission determination at and below 1 mg/mi with the conclusion that current methods are adequate and should remain the approved test method. In addition to presenting these findings, staff also provided an evaluation of other approaches to PM emission measurement.

Consent Items

1. Public Meeting to Consider the Greenhouse Gas Quantification Determination for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

The Board accepted the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's determination that its 2015 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, if implemented, would achieve the region's per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 set by the Air Resources Board.

2. Public Meeting to Consider the Greenhouse Gas Quantification Determination for the Tulare County Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

The Board accepted the Tulare County Association of Governments' determination that its 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, if implemented, would achieve the region's per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 set by the Air Resources Board.

3. Public Meeting to Consider the Greenhouse Gas Quantification Determination for the Kings County Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The Board accepted the Kings County Association of Governments' determination that its 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, if implemented, would achieve the region's per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 set by the Air Resources Board.

4. Public Meeting to Consider Updated Transportation Conformity Budgets for the San Joaquin Valley Ozone, PM2.5, and PM10 State Implementation Plans

The Board approved updates to transportation conformity budgets for three State Implementation Plans in the San Joaquin Valley.