



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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SUBJECT: Adoption of 2017 Ozone Attainment Plan for 2008 Federal 75 ppb 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Honorable Board:

In 2008, EPA adopted a more stringent 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 0.075 parts per million (ppm). Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) attained the previous (1997) 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, and Indian Wells Valley met the new (2008) standard; however, mainly because of ozone transport, a portion of the District failed to meet the new (2008) standard by the applicable attainment date and was classified "Moderate" nonattainment. According to photochemical modeling, completed by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), along with supplemental analyses, it was determined the District would not meet the Moderate deadline, but could attain the 2008 Ozone NAAQS by 2020, the attainment date for "Serious" nonattainment. The District's current rules are based on "Serious" nonattainment status because of the Kern County APCD previous status; therefore, only some minor rule changes will be required. The District, pursuant to Section 181(b)(3) of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA), is voluntarily requesting a reclassification from "Moderate" to "Serious" nonattainment with a revised attainment date of December 31, 2020.

As a result, District is required to prepare and adopt an attainment plan pursuant to applicable provisions of the CAA, with respect to the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. Resolution 07-001-2017 will adopt District's 2017 Ozone Attainment Plan for 2008 Federal 75 ppb 8-Hour Ozone Standard.

A Notice of Public Hearing was published more than 30 days prior to this hearing on the District's website and in adjudicated newspapers; Mojave Desert News, Daily Independent, Tehachapi News, and Bakersfield Californian. According to the notice, all written comments to the draft 2017 Ozone Attainment Plan should be submitted by July 26, 2017. A copy of the 338-page 2017 Ozone Attainment Plan was e-mailed to you, and is available on our website at: <http://www.kernair.org/>.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board Open Hearing; Receive Public Comment; Close Hearing; Adopt the 2017 Ozone Attainment Plan for 2008 Federal 75 ppb 8-Hour Ozone Standard, and Resolution No. 2017-001-07.

Sincerely,

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