

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
INITIAL STUDY AND DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

March 12, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) proposes to issue a Draft Negative Declaration for the following project:

PROJECT TITLE, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Proposed 2008 PM2.5 Plan

Project Location: All counties within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB), including: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

Description of Project: The *2008 PM2.5 Plan* (Plan) presents the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (District) strategy for achieving the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5).

After approval by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), the Plan will be sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review. Following receipt of the Plan, the EPA must find the Plan complete within six months of its receipt. As required by the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 110k, the EPA must act on the Plan within one year of finding the Plan complete. EPA approval of the Plan places it in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and the EPA's *Clean Air Fine Particle Implementation Rule, Final Rule* (72 FR 20586-20667).

In addition to meeting the requirements of the CAA and containing measures needed to attain the NAAQS as expeditiously as practicable, this SIP includes the latest technical information, including emissions inventory, monitoring data, and computer modeling results. The Plan is divided into several chapters, with supporting documents provided as appendices.

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY AND DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

The Draft Negative Declaration is based upon a finding that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment or human health. The reasons to support such a finding are documented in the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration prepared by the District. Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at the following location:

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District:

San Joaquin Valley APCD
Central Region Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

On the web at: http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm

COMMENTS ON INITIAL STUDY AND DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

Public Review Period: Begins: March 13, 2008 **Ends:** April 14, 2008

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration. Written comments will be reviewed by the District in considering the adoption of a Final Negative Declaration for the project. To be considered, comments must be received by **5:00 pm on April 14, 2008**.