

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

June 10, 2003

Project Title: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule 4351 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters – Phase 1), Rule 4305 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters – Phase 2), and Rule 4306 (Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters – Phase 3)

Project Location: All land within the boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, including the entire counties and all the cities of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and the San Joaquin Valley portion of Kern County

Description of Project:

The project is to amend Rules 4305 and 4351 and develop Rule 4306. The proposed amendments to Rules 4305 and 4351 would correct most of the rule deficiencies identified on February 28, 2002, by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The rule deficiencies that are not corrected in Rules 4305 and 4351 would be addressed in Rule 4306. Unless the rule deficiencies are corrected and the rules are fully approved for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) by October 1, 2003, EPA will impose sanctions in the San Joaquin Valley consisting of increased offset requirements for major sources and revocation of federal funding for highways. New Rule 4306 is intended to implement Reasonably Available Control Measures as required by the federal Clean Air Act. Further, the California Clean Air Act, as well as the District's 2002 and 2005 Rate of Progress Plan, require the implementation of all feasible control measures to reduce the emissions of VOC and NOx in order to achieve attainment of the federal and state health-based ozone standards. This rulemaking project, to amend Rules 4305 and 4351 and to develop Rule 4306, is intended to reduce the emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and carbon monoxide (CO) pursuant to the District's ozone and particulate matter attainment strategies.

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Public Review Period: Begins: June 10, 2003 and Ends: July 10, 2003

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider this action on August 21, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the District Headquarters Office.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response on or before 5:00 P.M., July 10, 2003.