



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

August 5, 2004

Project Title: *Extreme Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan*

Project Location: All land within the boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, 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 San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) does not currently meet federal 1-hour ambient air quality standards for the pollutant ozone, which is a primary component of smog. At levels above the federal standards of 0.12 ppm, ozone adversely affects public health, diminishes the production and quality of many agricultural crops, reduces visibility, degrades man-made materials, and damages native and ornamental vegetation.

Effective May 17, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified the SJVAB as extreme nonattainment for the federal 1-hour ozone standard, which requires attainment of the federal 1-hour ozone standard by November 15, 2010. In reclassifying the SJVAB to extreme nonattainment, EPA required submittal of a plan to them by November 15, 2004 that demonstrates attainment of the federal 1-hour ozone air quality standard by the November 15, 2010 deadline. To continue the public review process for meeting this planning requirement, the District released the *Draft Extreme Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan* (OADP) on July 30, 2004 for review and comment. The District prepared the *Draft Extreme OADP* in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the eight regional Transportation Planning Agencies (TPAs) in the Valley.

The *Draft Extreme OADP* describes the factors contributing to the SJVAB's persistent 1-hour ozone air quality problems, quantifies air pollutant emissions that cause ozone to form in the SJVAB, identifies control measures (past, present and future) needed to reduce these emissions, and projects future air quality based on implementation of these controls. In addition, the *Draft Extreme OADP* fulfills state requirements for the California Clean Air Act Plan Triennial Progress Report and Plan Revision, and fulfills federal requirements for demonstrating rate of progress in meeting emissions reductions targets. The Notice of Preparation/Initial Study for this Draft EIR evaluated potential environmental impacts for all impact areas given in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, and identified three impact areas as being possibly significant, therefore warranting evaluation in the Draft EIR: air quality, utilities/service systems, and water. The Draft EIR evaluated each of these, and found the potential impacts from the Draft Extreme OADP to be not significant in these areas.

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Or on the Internet at www.valleyair.org at Public Notices

Public Review Period: Begins **August 6, 2004** and ends **September 7, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.** This is a State Clearinghouse approved 30-day review period pursuant to section 15105(d) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Where to Send Comments: Please provide your comments at the earliest possible date, but not later than **September 7, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.** Please address your comments to Ms. Debbie Bright Stevens at:

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Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider certifying a Final Environmental Impact Report for this project on October 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Headquarters Office.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to provide written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report on or before September 7, 2004.