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Public meetings scheduled to discuss indirect source rules

(Fresno, CA) -- A series of four public meetings to discuss and receive comments on the development of Rules 3180 (Indirect Source Mitigation Fee) and 9510 (Indirect Source Mitigation Program) are scheduled for March 11, 15, 24 and 31, 2004 at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District offices. The first three meetings each will have a specific focus. The fourth meeting will be a general overview of the previous three meetings.

“Indirect sources” are buildings and structures, such as housing developments or shopping centers, that attract or generate motor vehicle trips, which create emissions. The rule may also include emissions from area-wide sources such as space and water heaters and landscape maintenance equipment.

The meetings will be video teleconferenced to the Air District’s regional offices in Fresno at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.; in Modesto at 4230 Kiernan Ave., Suite 130; and in Bakersfield at 2700 M St., Suite 275. The public may attend and provide comment at any of the three locations.

On-site Mitigation Measures will be presented in-person at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 at the District’s Modesto office and teleconferenced to the District offices in Fresno and Bakersfield. This meeting will describe the impacts of new and existing indirect sources and discuss the issues associated with each type of land use.

Administrative Procedures will be presented in-person at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15 at the District’s Fresno office and teleconferenced to the District offices in Modesto and Bakersfield. This workshop will describe and discuss the procedures and review process involved with Rule 9510.

Off-site Mitigation Measures will be presented in-person at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24 at the District’s Bakersfield office and teleconferenced to the District offices in Fresno and Modesto. This workshop will describe how funds will be collected and spent from indirect source mitigation fees, and will include discussion on what should be included in the policy.

A General Overview of the indirect source rules will be presented in-person at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 at the District’s Fresno office and teleconferenced to the District offices in Modesto and Bakersfield. There will be opportunity for comment on all topics contained in the focused workshops.

Under the draft indirect source rule, developers will be required to reduce emissions caused by their projects. The draft rule is structured to encourage actions that reduce emissions at the project site through design and location decisions. The District will review development plans to estimate project emissions and calculate the benefit of actions proposed by the developer to reduce emissions. Projects that reduce emissions below a certain level with these on-site measures meet rule requirements. Projects that do not reduce emissions to that level must pay a mitigation fee based on the remaining emissions. The amount of reduction required will be determined during the rule development process based on input from all stakeholders.

Mitigation fees will be used to fund air quality projects that offset emissions down to the target level. Sample projects include replacing old school buses with new low-emission buses and purchasing low-emission street sweepers that reduce exhaust and dust emissions.

Information and comments collected from these workshops will help staff develop and refine the rules. Future workshops on Rules 9510 and 3180 will be announced for further public discussion before the rules are finalized.

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