

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District News Release

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Public meeting scheduled to discuss proposed indirect source controls

A series of three public meetings to discuss the development of Rules 3180 (Indirect Source Mitigation Fee) and 9510 (Indirect Source Review) have been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on October 7, 8 and 9 at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District offices.

The meetings will be video tele-conferenced at 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.

The term "indirect sources" refers to buildings and structures that do not directly emit air pollution but attract or generate motor vehicle trips, which create emissions. An example is a housing development or shopping center. Under an indirect source rule, the Valley Air District may require developers to submit plans for review before construction can begin. This analysis would allow the District to determine the emissions caused by the project and require that the developer adopt measures to reduce air pollution during and after construction. The indirect source review program may also call for developers to pay fees to fund other air quality projects in order to offset emissions from developments.

Motor vehicles are major producers of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides (NOx), which contribute to ground level ozone formation. Vehicles also contribute to fine particulate matter pollution through NOx production, as well as raising dust from paved and unpaved roads and parking lots. Because the San Joaquin Valley does not meet the health-based standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency for ozone and particulate matter of ten microns or less, the District is committed to adopting all feasible control measures to reduce these pollutants. The indirect source review is one of the District's control measures to reach clean air standards.

Information and comments collected from these scoping meetings will help staff prepare draft rules. The draft rules would then be open for public comment at future workshops.

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