



## PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

August 8, 2011

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

## PROJECT TITLE, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Draft Amendments Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking)

**Project Location:** This project is an amendment to existing District Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking), which applies to all transactions involving the storage, transfer, or use of emission reduction credits of affected pollutants within the boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

**Description of Project:** This rulemaking project consists of adopting amendments to District Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking) to allow voluntary banking of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions. The draft amendments would provide a regulatory mechanism for sources to preserve voluntarily GHG emission reductions; provide a regulatory mechanism for the surrender of said GHG emission reductions to offset or mitigate proposed GHG emission increases; and would establish eligibility standards and administrative practices to assure that banked reductions are surplus of required reductions and are voluntary. The draft amendments neither impose conditions requiring installation of pollution control equipment nor require facilities to bank GHG emission reductions. The draft amendments do not define eligible uses of GHG reductions that are banked under this rule.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT: The Proposed Draft Environmental Impact Report is based upon a finding that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment or human health. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study (IS) for the proposed project was circulated for public comment from February 24, 2010 to March 26, 2010 (SCH # 2010022066). The IS demonstrates that the project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. In response to the NOP/IS, the District received no comments regarding its determination of environmental significance or the proposed scope of the EIR. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report 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: <a href="http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public notices idx.htm">http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public notices idx.htm</a>

## COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:

Public Review Period: Begins: August 12, 2011 Ends: September 26, 2011

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. 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 **September 26, 2011.** 

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