

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

April 10, 2002

Project Title: 2002 and 2005 Rate of Progress Plan

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:

In December 2001, the reclassification of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) to severe nonattainment for the One-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard became final. The reclassification resulted from the failure of the SJVAB to attain the Standard by November 15, 1999 as required for serious nonattainment areas. Under the severe classification, the District is required to prepare plans which demonstrate attainment of the standard by November 15, 2005 and rate of progress plans (ROP)s that demonstrate that ozone precursors are reduced at a rate of three percent per year, averaged over three year periods. This plan fulfills the ROP requirement for 2002 and 2005. This plan does not address the requirement that the District demonstrate attainment of the standard.

The FCAA requires that the District adopt reasonably available control measures (RACM) as expeditiously as practical. Therefore, in this ROP, the District commits to a rulemaking schedule through 2003 and addresses issues raised by EPA in its rulemaking on the San Joaquin Valley Attainment Status. The proposed measures are considered to be reasonably available control measures for the 2002-2003 period that the plan covers.

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Public Review Period: Begins April 13, 2002 Ends May 13, 2002 *

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider this action on May 16, 2002, 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 May 13, 2002