

Chapter 1

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) periodically reviews and establishes health-based air quality standards (also referred to as National Ambient Air Quality Standards, or NAAQS) for ozone, particulates, and other pollutants. Although the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) experiences unique and significant difficulties in achieving these increasingly stringent standards, air quality in the Valley has improved considerably. Over the past couple of decades, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) has implemented several generations of emissions control measures for stationary and area sources under its jurisdiction. Similarly, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted regulations for mobile sources. Together, these efforts represent the nation's toughest air pollution emissions controls and have greatly contributed to reduced ozone and particulate matter (PM) concentrations in the Valley, with the Valley experiencing a record clean ozone summer season in 2015. The significant progress under these regulations has been greatly aided by the efforts of Valley businesses and residents.

The District is compiling this *2016 Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard (2016 Ozone Plan)* to satisfy federal Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements under EPA's 2008 8-hour ozone standard. This plan builds upon the District's 1-hour ozone, 8-hour ozone and particulate matter (PM) strategies. Under these combined efforts, the Valley's 8-hour ozone concentrations have significantly improved and will continue to improve as the existing control measure strategy is implemented in the coming years. Furthermore, as the District continues to develop new attainment plans to address the latest federal ozone and PM2.5 standards in the coming year, significant additional emissions reductions are expected, particularly with respect to mobile sources under ARB and EPA jurisdiction that make up over 85% of remaining Valley emissions.

This *2016 Ozone Plan* follows the below Governing Board Guiding Principles adopted at the February 2012 Governing Board public hearing.

1. With public health as our number one priority, meet the national ambient air quality standards as expeditiously as practicable.
2. Use sound science as the plan's foundation. This includes efforts to assess public health impacts, predict future air quality, determine the extent of emissions reductions needed, and evaluate the availability, effectiveness, and feasibility of emission control measures.
3. Consider the Valley's unique challenges and develop cost-effective strategies that provide adequate operational flexibility and minimize costs to Valley businesses.
4. Consider all opportunities for timely, innovative, and cost-effective emission reductions. Consider traditional regulations, but look beyond traditional regulations to incorporate monetary incentives, policy initiatives, guidance documents, and outreach, including working with cities and counties to incorporate attainment plan principles into their general plans.

5. Given that 80% of the Valley's NOx emissions originate from mobile sources, provide a balanced approach to reducing mobile and stationary source emissions.
6. Devise and implement reasonable strategies that involve the public in reducing emissions.
7. Prioritize strategies that contribute to the District's Health-Risk Reduction Strategy by achieving the greatest public health benefits.
8. Prioritize strategies that contribute to attainment of multiple air quality standards.
9. Recognize that there is no "silver bullet" for attainment. In this plan and upcoming attainment plans, every sector—from the public through all levels of government, businesses, and industry—must continue to reduce emissions.
10. Compel state and federal agencies to provide adequate resources and regulatory assistance to reduce emissions from sources under their jurisdiction.
11. Address air pollutant transport issues with air districts neighboring the Valley.
12. Provide ample opportunity for public participation and feedback in the design and implementation of these plans. Utilize the planning process to also inform participants of the Valley's air quality challenges and successes as well as actions that can be taken to improve Valley air quality.
13. Build off of the successes of the District's Technology Advancement Program by identifying further opportunities to continue fostering technology advancement, thus paving the way for new emissions control devices to be increasingly used in the San Joaquin Valley.

1.1 VALLEY'S UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN REDUCING OZONE

The Valley's geography and meteorology exacerbate the formation and retention of high levels of air pollution. Surrounding mountains and consistently stagnant weather patterns prevent the dispersion of pollutants that accumulate within the Valley. The Valley has significant naturally occurring biogenic emissions. The California landscape also allows for air pollutant transport within the Valley, as well as between the Valley and other air basins. The Valley's low precipitation levels, high temperatures, and light winds are conducive to elevated ozone levels. These natural factors will continue to impact the Valley's progress toward attainment of air quality standards.

To further exacerbate current air quality challenges, the Valley is one of the fastest growing regions in the state. Based on the revised 2015 to 2030 data from the California Department of Finance, the Valley's population is expected to increase by 25.3% (Table 1-1). In contrast, the total population for the State of California is projected to increase by only 13.3% over the same time period. Increasing population generally means increases in air pollutant emissions as a result of increased consumer product use and more automobile and truck vehicle miles traveled (VMT). In addition to

increased VMT resulting from increased Valley population, the Valley will see increased vehicular traffic along the State's major goods and people movement arteries, both of which run the length of the Valley.

Table 1-1 Estimated Valley Population by County, 2015-2030¹

| County | Projected 2015 | Projected 2020 | Projected 2025 | Projected 2030 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fresno | 981,681 | 1,055,106 | 1,130,406 | 1,200,666 |
| Kern* | 894,492 | 989,815 | 1,088,711 | 1,189,004 |
| Kings | 155,122 | 167,465 | 180,355 | 192,562 |
| Madera | 157,722 | 173,146 | 189,267 | 204,993 |
| Merced | 269,572 | 288,991 | 313,082 | 337,798 |
| San Joaquin | 723,506 | 766,644 | 822,755 | 893,354 |
| Stanislaus | 538,689 | 573,794 | 611,376 | 648,076 |
| Tulare | 467,170 | 498,559 | 537,015 | 578,858 |
| Total | 4,187,954 | 4,513,520 | 4,872,967 | 5,245,311 |

* This reflects the population for all of Kern County, not just the portion monitored by the District.

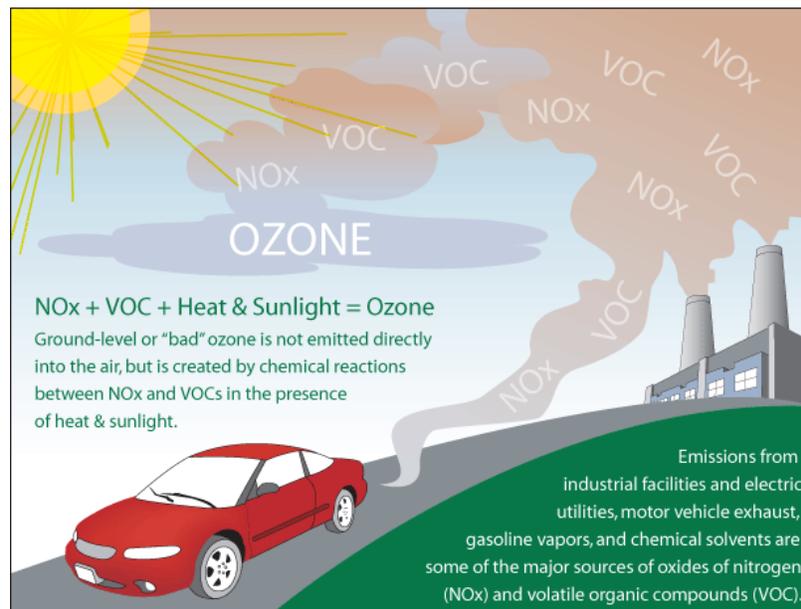
Although reducing mobile source emissions is critical to the Valley's attainment of air quality standards, the District does not have direct regulatory authority to reduce motor vehicle tailpipe emissions. These emissions are regulated by the EPA and ARB. The District collaborates with its interagency partners and uses innovative and non-regulatory approaches to reduce mobile source emissions, or a combination of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches such as District Rule 9610 (State Implementation Plan Credit for Emission Reductions Generated through Incentive Programs).

1.2 OZONE AND ASSOCIATED HEALTH AND OTHER IMPACTS

Ozone is a gas of three oxygen atoms (O₃). Ground-level ozone is the main component of smog. It is not directly emitted into the atmosphere, but produced by a photochemical reaction between oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the presence of sunlight (see Figure 1-1). The Valley generally experiences its highest ozone concentrations on hot, sunny summer days with prolonged periods of stagnation.

¹ California Department of Finance. Retrieved on 2015, June 29) from: <http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/reports/projections/view.php>

Figure 1-1 Ozone Formation



Source: AirNow, <http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=jump.jump_ozone>

1.2.1 Health Impacts

Breathing ozone can trigger a variety of health problems, including chest pain, coughing, throat irritation, and congestion. It can reduce lung function and inflame the linings of the lungs. Repeated exposure may permanently scar lung tissue. Other negative symptoms triggered by ozone include wheezing, coughing, and breathing difficulties or pain during exercise or outdoor activities. Children are at a greater risk of experiencing negative health impacts because their lungs are still developing and they are more likely to be active outdoors when ozone levels are high, thus increasing their exposure. Studies have linked rising hospital admissions and emergency room visits to higher ozone levels.

The District has several strategies for reducing public health impacts associated with ozone, including the following:

- **District Air Quality Plans and Related District Regulations.** The District's air quality plans outline comprehensive strategies for emissions reductions to attain increasingly stringent federal air quality standards.
- **Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN).** The District launched RAAN in 2010 to provide the most accurate and timely information about local air quality. RAAN combines real-time, local air quality information with specific health recommendations to help schools, parents, and others make informed decisions about when outdoor activities should be limited and for whom.

- **Air Quality Index (AQI) and Daily Air Quality Forecasting.** An AQI is a color-coded designation for the day that projects the forecasted air quality and recommends corresponding activity modifications based on pollution levels.
- **Health-Risk Reduction Strategy (HRRS).** The District Governing Board adopted the HRRS to maximize public health improvements resulting from the District's attainment strategies and related initiatives. The HRRS works in parallel with the District's other strategies to minimize cumulative population exposure to air pollution and the corresponding regional health risk.
- **Air Alerts.** An Air Alert notifies the Valley of ongoing conditions that may lead to a federal ozone standard exceedance. When the District calls an Air Alert, Valley residents and businesses are advised to reduce vehicle use to proactively reduce emissions and protect public health.

1.2.2 Additional Effects of Ozone

In addition to public health, ozone affects Valley ecosystems and crops. Ozone damages plant cells and deteriorates leaf tissue, which reduces the plants' ability to photosynthesize and produce their own food. Plants respond by growing more leaves, which depletes carbohydrates stored in roots and stems. This weakens plants and makes them susceptible to disease, pests, cold, and drought. Ozone also reduces agricultural yields for many economically important crops, such as grapes, soybeans and cotton, and damages the leaves of trees and other plants, marring the appearance of cities, national parks, forests, and recreational areas.²

Furthermore, ozone can cause substantial damage to a variety of materials such as rubber, plastics, fabrics, paint, and metals. Over time, ozone exposure progressively damages both the functional and aesthetic qualities of these types of materials and products. The resulting increases in maintenance, upkeep, and replacement of materials can accumulate to significant economic losses.

1.3 NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

1.3.1 EPA's Standard Setting Process

Clean Air Act (CAA) Sections (§) 108 and 109 require EPA to set health-based standards for six criteria pollutants. EPA periodically reviews existing standards to consider the most recent health studies. These reviews are to be conducted every five years, though in the past, some standard revisions did not meet the 5-year deadline.

The review process for health-based standards starts as the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) analyzes available science. CASAC then suggests to EPA a range of revised standards that would protect public health from the adverse effects of air pollution. CASAC consists of non-EPA experts in the fields of science, engineering, or the social sciences who are appointed by the EPA administrator. The

² Journal of Experimental Botany. (October 2011). *How is Ozone Pollution Reducing Our Food Supply?* Retrieved from: <http://jxb.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2011/10/17/jxb.err317.full.pdf+html>

objective of the committee is to provide impartial, independent advice to EPA on the technical basis for the standard. Thousands of peer-reviewed scientific studies are considered as EPA formulates its proposed standard. EPA then proposes a standard and makes it available for public review and comments before promulgating the standard.

In evaluating and setting new air quality standards, federal law prohibits EPA from taking into account economic feasibility. However, economic feasibility issues may be considered as EPA promulgates its implementation rules.

Once a standard is set, EPA designates an area as *attainment* or *nonattainment* based on the most recent three years of air quality data available. For ozone, EPA classifies nonattainment areas as *marginal*, *moderate*, *serious*, *severe*, or *extreme*. The classification sets the attainment deadline and other planning requirements. The classification is to be based on certain air quality parameters, though areas can request reclassification with adequate documentation. On May 21, 2012, EPA designated the Valley as an Extreme nonattainment area for the federal 2008 8-hour ozone standard, effective July 20, 2012.³

EPA also adopts implementation rules to guide states and local air districts as they prepare state implementation plans (SIPs) to bring areas into attainment with the standard. While EPA cannot consider costs or difficulty in setting the standards, costs and difficulty are inescapable for local air districts as they determine the best way to bring areas into attainment. That being said, local air districts must meet planning and attainment requirements to avoid federal sanctions and to improve public health.

There are a number of serious penalties and risks associated with any failure to submit approvable attainment strategies for meeting federal standards. Upon development of an attainment strategy, an area submits the plan to EPA for approval. If EPA finds that an area fails to submit an approvable plan on time or fails to implement plan commitments after the plan has been approved, then the following sanctions may be applied:

- Two-to-one offset requirement for major sources, leading to a de facto ban on new and expanding business
- Loss of federal highway funds
- A federal implementation plan (FIP), which would result in a loss of local control

Once EPA approves a SIP, that plan becomes federally enforceable. The plan can then be enforced by the public or EPA through lawsuits. In addition, failure to reach attainment by the deadline would result in the assessment of CAA §185 penalty fees.

³Air Quality Designations for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 77 Fed. Reg. 98, pp. 30088-30160. (2012, May 21). (to be codified 40 CFR Parts 50, 51, and 81) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-21/pdf/2012-11618.pdf>

1.3.2 Federal Ozone Standards and Implementation

Table 1-2 summarizes EPA's ozone standards and the timing of attainment plans under those standards consistent with CAA requirements.

Table 1-2 Federal Air Quality Standards and Valley Status for Ozone

| Federal Standard | Ozone Standards and Timelines | | | |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | 1979 1-hour | 1997 8-hour | 2008 8-hour | 2015 8-hour |
| | 124 ppb (1-hour average) | 84 ppb (8-hour average) | 75 ppb (8-hour average) | 70 ppb (8-hour average) |
| 1979–2003 | EPA sets standard (1979) | EPA sets standard (1997) | | |
| 2004 | SJV attainment plan | EPA finalizes attainment designations and classifications | | |
| 2005 | EPA revokes standard | EPA implementation rule | | |
| 2006 | | | | |
| 2007 | <i>Litigation reinstates portions of implementation requirements under the revoked standard</i> | Attainment plan due (SJV's 2007 Ozone Plan) | | |
| 2008 | | | EPA sets standard | |
| 2009 | | | | |
| 2010 | EPA approves SJV 2004 plan | Midcourse review | EPA proposes to revise standard: down to 60 or 70 ppb | |
| 2011 | Ninth Circuit remands plan approval to EPA; EPA finds SJV failed to attain | | EPA announces that it won't revise the standard | |
| 2012 | EPA finalizes withdrawal of approval of 2004 1-hour ozone plan. SJV plan withdrawn | EPA approves SJV's 2007 Ozone Plan | EPA attainment designation (SJV: extreme nonattainment) | |
| 2013 | SJV submits new 1-hour ozone plan | | EPA proposes implementation rule | EPA to propose standard |
| 2014 | SJV submits attainment demonstration request based on 2011 – 2013 data | District/ARB to revisit 2007 plan | RACT demonstration & Emission Inventory submitted to EPA | EPA proposed standard at 65-70ppm |
| 2015 | SJV submits second attainment demonstration request based on 2012 – 2014 data | EPA revokes standard | EPA finalizes implementation rule | <i>EPA sets standard at 70ppm</i> |
| 2016 | EPA proposes to approve 2013 1-hr Plan | | SJV to submit 8-hour ozone plan | <i>attainment plan timing to be determined</i> |
| 2017 | | | | |
| 2018 | | | | |
| 2019 | | Identify specific "Long-Term Control Measures" | | |

| Federal Standard | Ozone Standards and Timelines | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| | 1979 1-hour | 1997 8-hour | 2008 8-hour | 2015 8-hour |
| | 124 ppb (1-hour average) | 84 ppb (8-hour average) | 75 ppb (8-hour average) | 70 ppb (8-hour average) |
| 2020 | | Contingency measures needed if advanced technologies don't achieve planned emissions reductions | | |
| 2021–2040 | | Final attainment deadline: 2024 (2021–2023 data) | Final attainment deadline: 2031 | Estimated final attainment deadline: 2037 |

EPA established the first ozone standard in 1979, setting this standard at 0.12 parts per million (ppm) over a 1-hour exposure, when accounting for the adopted rounding conventions, or 124 parts per billion (ppb). An area meets the 1-hour ozone standard when, for each monitoring station, the 1-hour ozone levels do not exceed 124 ppb more than one day per year over any three-year period.⁴ The CAA Amendments of 1990 established attainment planning requirements and attainment deadlines for the 1979 1-hour ozone standard, and the District subsequently adopted various 1-hour ozone plans and plan amendments. EPA revoked the 1-hour standard effective June 15, 2005,⁵ maintaining that the 84 ppb 8-hour ozone standard adopted in 1997 was more health protective. In response, the District and other agencies nationwide shifted their ozone efforts to 8-hour ozone.

The District's *2007 Ozone Plan* demonstrates attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard no later than the 2024 attainment deadline. EPA revoked the 1997 ozone standard for all purposes effective April 5, 2015.⁶ However, because the District was designated nonattainment for the 1997 ozone standard at the time of revocation, the District is subject to an array of anti-backsliding requirements. As such, the District remains obligated to continue to implement the emissions controls as adopted in the *2007 Ozone Plan* in order to ensure that air quality does not get worse once the NAAQS is revoked.

In 2008, EPA revised its 8-hour ozone standard, lowering the standard to 75 ppb. EPA considered lowering the standard once again in 2010, but ultimately retained the 75 ppb standard. EPA designated the Valley as Extreme nonattainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard in 2012. This *2016 Ozone Plan*, for the 2008 standard is due on July 20, 2016, and the attainment date is December 31, 2031 using data from calendar years 2029, 2030, and 2031.

⁴ National 1-Hour Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone, 40 C.F.R. §50.9 (2012)

⁵ Air Quality Designations and Classifications for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Early Action Compact Areas with Deferred Effective Dates, 69 Fed. Reg. 84, pp. 23858–23951. (2004, April 30). (to be codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 81)

⁶ Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements; Final Rule. 80 Fed. Reg. 44. pp. 12264-12319. (2015, March 6), (to be codified at 40 CFR Parts 50, 51, 52, et al.) (see p. 12287) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-06/pdf/2015-04012.pdf>

In 2015, EPA revised the 8-hour ozone standard again, lowering it from 75 ppb to 70 ppb. The estimated attainment deadline year is 2037 using data from calendar years 2035, 2036, and 2037.

Building on the District's *2007 Ozone Plan*, *2008 PM2.5 Plan*, *2012 PM2.5 Plan*, *2013 Plan for the Revoked 1-Hour Ozone Standard*, and *2015 PM2.5 Plan*, the District will continue to coordinate emission reduction strategies whenever possible to address multiple standards, to maximize efficiency for staff and stakeholders, and to maximize health benefits. Despite the complexity of overlapping standards and plans, efforts to reduce ozone precursors under one standard and plan will also help to meet ever-tightening ozone and particulate standards.

The control measures adopted by the District and ARB in previous attainment plans are achieving significant reductions of ozone precursors. These measures and strategies will continue to achieve intended emissions reductions as they are implemented. These reductions have decreased both 1-hour ozone and 8-hour ozone concentrations.

As a result, in 2015 the District experienced another record-setting cleaner summer for ozone, with the lowest number of exceedances of the 8-hr ozone standard of 75 ppb, lowest 8-hr ozone design value, and the third consecutive year with no violations of the 1-hr ozone standard. The District submitted an updated clean-data demonstration to EPA and requested a finding that the Valley had attained the 1-hour ozone standard, based on ambient air quality data from 2012 through 2014. Additionally, current ARB modeling is demonstrating that the Valley will attain the 84 ppb standard before 2024 and the 75 ppb 8-hour standard on or before 2032, without any further control measures other than what has already been committed to in previous plans.

Furthermore, as the District continues to develop new attainment plans to address the latest federal ozone and PM2.5 standards in the coming year, significant additional emissions reductions are expected, particularly with respect to mobile sources under ARB and EPA jurisdiction that make up over 85% of remaining Valley emissions.

1.3.2.1 *Implementation of the 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard*

Once the federal government sets a standard, nonattainment areas are required to develop and adopt air quality attainment plans with commitments to reduce emissions and bring the area into attainment of the standard pursuant to CAA and EPA guidance documents. To develop a plan, these areas evaluate air quality data, emissions inventory data, and computer modeling results to determine the control measures (in the form of rules and non-regulatory programs) that are needed to meet the federal standards by the deadlines specified in the CAA. Control measures commitments in the plan are then implemented over a specified time to reduce emissions and improve public health.

During the plan development process, ARB conducts and funds air quality research; develops air quality models, emissions inventories, and statewide emission control measures and provides other plan development assistance to local air districts. Once

nonattainment areas adopt their plans, ARB is responsible for preparing and submitting the California SIP to EPA. Following adoption, periodic plan revisions may be necessary to ensure reasonable further progress and to reflect the latest science and technology advancements. After an area's ambient air quality data meets the federal standard for three consecutive years, the area will request a finding of attainment.

This *2016 Ozone Plan*, due to EPA by July 20, 2016, will demonstrate that the Valley will attain the standard as expeditiously as practicable, no later than 2031. The demonstration must be submitted by July 20, 2032, using the three year average data from calendar years 2029, 2030, and 2031.

1.4 PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2008 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD

The following table summarizes CAA requirements applicable to this *2016 Ozone Plan* and locations within this plan where the requirements are demonstrated to be satisfied. A more detailed summary of federal requirements that must be demonstrated within this plan according to the 2015 EPA Implementation Rule⁷ and in concurrence with the federal CAA can be found in Chapter 3 – NAAQS and Requirements.

Table 1-3 2016 Ozone Plan for Federal 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard

| Requirement | Federal CAA Section (§) | Location in 2016 Ozone Plan |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| General requirements | 110 & 172(c) | TBD |
| Attainment demonstration | 172(c)(9) & 182(c)(2)(A) | TBD |
| Reasonably Available Control Measures | 172(c)(1) | TBD |
| Contingency Measures | 172(c)(9) & 182(c)(9) | TBD |
| Major stationary source | 182(e) | TBD |
| Reasonable Further Progress | 172(c)2 & 182(c)(2) | TBD |
| Offset requirement | 182(e)(1) | TBD |
| Modifications | 182(e)(2) | TBD |
| Traffic control measures during heavy traffic | 182(e)(4) | TBD |
| Vehicle miles traveled offset demonstration | 182(d)(1)(A) | TBD |
| New technologies | 182(e)(5) | TBD |
| Nonattainment fee | 185 | TBD |

⁷ Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements; Final Rule. 80 Fed. Reg. 44. pp 12264-12319 (2015, March 6) (to be codified at 40 CFR Parts 50, 51, 52, et.al) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-06/pdf/2015-04012.pdf>

1.5 CALIFORNIA STATE STANDARDS

California sets ambient air quality standards for several pollutants, including ozone. The California ambient air quality standards are considerably more stringent than the federal standards and are more protective of human health. California's 1-hour ozone standard is 90 ppb, and its 8-hour ozone standard has been established at 70 ppb since 2005.

Despite the more stringent California standards, California Health and Safety Code §39602 states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, the state implementation plan shall only include those provisions necessary to meet the requirements of the [federal] CAA." Therefore, this *2016 Ozone Plan* focuses on demonstrating attainment with the federal NAAQS. While the federal standards provide the framework for SIPs, including this ozone plan, progress toward federal standards also brings areas closer to attainment of the lower, California standards.

1.6 PUBLIC PROCESS OF PLAN DEVELOPMENT

1.6.1 Public Advisory Workgroup

The District places a great value on full public participation in the development and adoption of air quality management strategies. Towards that end, the District's Governing Board approved a public engagement initiative that outlines an extensive public process for the development of the *2016 Ozone Plan* at the 2015 Governing Board Study Session. The public engagement initiative was designed in adherence with the following guiding principles:

1. Utilize effective means to get input from all affected stakeholders and subject matter experts in the design of the plan.
2. Provide for public engagement before each plan preparation milestone.
3. Provide routine updates to the public at large about the plan as it is developed.
4. Ensure efficiency and effectiveness by using existing infrastructure for public engagement.
5. Ensure process does not impede the District's ability to meet legally mandated deadlines and timeliness.

To ensure broad participation, the Public Advisory Workgroup (PAW) was formed by the Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) with representatives from regulated entities (industry, farms, dairy families and municipalities), community advocates, the federal EPA, and the state ARB. District staff facilitated and chaired the meetings which were open to the public. The APCO appointed three members from each Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) interest group and three Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) members to the workgroup.

The District hosted each of the meetings in the three regional District offices which were also open to the public to attend. Feedback and information gained from the committee

members and presenters at these committee meetings helped guide the development of the *2016 Ozone Plan*.

1.6.2 Workshops and Other Public Meetings

The District, ARB, and EPA worked collaboratively on the required 8-hour ozone plan components and ensured that the public had the opportunity for meaningful involvement in reviewing and commenting on the plan. The District initiated the public process for the *2016 Ozone Plan* in mid-2014. This public process included providing updates at District Governing Board meetings, CAC meetings, and EJAG meetings, PAW meetings, and hosting a public workshop in May 2014 and two additional workshops in March 2016 (see Table 1-4). Information discussed in these workshops included background on the formation of ozone in the Valley, the various federal 8-hour ozone standards; the District's planning process and timelines, and opportunities for public involvement. The District continued providing regular updates to the District's Governing Board, CAC, and EJAG at their regularly scheduled public meetings with opportunities for additional public comments before taking this *2016 Ozone Plan* to the District's Governing Board for a public hearing and adoption in the summer of 2016.

Table 1-4 2016 Ozone Plan Meetings

| Date | Meeting Summary |
|-----------|---|
| 5/23/2014 | Public workshop to present and receive comments on the development of the upcoming plan for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard and public commenting |
| 8/25/2015 | PAW: Kick-off meeting – Discussed potential topics to be covered at PAW meetings throughout the plan development process, potential future meeting dates, expectations from both the District and the committee members moving forward. |
| 9/30/2015 | PAW: Emission Inventory Development in California – Discussed the emissions inventory development process, forecasting methodology, and spatial allocation including emissions gridding and model inventory development. |
| 2/11/2015 | PAW: Ozone SIP Modeling in the San Joaquin Valley – Discussed ozone SIP modeling process and the current San Joaquin Valley 8-hour ozone SIP. |
| 3/22/2016 | Public workshops to present and receive comments on draft documents for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard and public commenting |