



GOVERNING BOARD

Amy Shuklian, Chair
Supervisor, Tulare County

Bobby Macaulay, Vice Chair
Supervisor, Madera County

Vito Chiesa
Supervisor, Stanislaus County

David Couch
Supervisor, Kern County

Rosa Escutia-Braaton
Councilmember, City of Modesto

Deborah Lewis
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Los Banos

Buddy Mendes
Supervisor, Fresno County

Tania Pacheco-Werner, PhD.
Appointed by Governor

Lloyd Pareira
Supervisor, Merced County

Gilberto Reyna
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Wasco

Robert Rickman
Supervisor, San Joaquin County

Rusty Robinson
Supervisor, Kings County

Jose Rodriguez
Councilmember, City of Madera

Alexander C. Sherriffs, M.D.
Appointed by Governor

Liz Wynn
Vice Mayor, City of Visalia

Samir Sheikh
Executive Director
Air Pollution Control Officer

Northern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356-8718
(209) 557-6400 • FAX (209) 557-6475

Central Region Office
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726-0244
(559) 230-6000 • FAX (559) 230-6061

Southern Region Office
34946 Flyover Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308-9725
(661) 392-5500 • FAX (661) 392-5585

DATE: August 20, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO
Project Coordinator: Tim Franquist

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 12: VERBAL REPORT ON
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the status and next steps for District attainment planning efforts to address federal ambient air quality standards.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to periodically review and establish health-based national ambient air quality standards for ozone, particulate matter, and other criteria air pollutants in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). The District has adopted numerous air quality attainment plans that identify emission control measures for stationary and area sources needed in the Valley to attain the increasingly stringent federal standards. Similarly, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has adopted regulations for mobile sources. Together, these efforts represent the nation's most robust and impactful air pollution emissions controls. In addition to having the most stringent air quality regulations in the nation, the District also operates the most effective and efficient incentive grants program, investing over \$7.8 billion in public/private funding towards clean air projects to date that have replaced thousands of vehicles and equipment with the cleanest technologies and achieved over 297,000 tons of emissions reductions.

Due to the significant investments made by Valley businesses and residents, the Valley's ozone and PM2.5 precursor emissions are at historically low levels, and air quality has improved significantly, providing Valley residents with associated health benefits. Meeting

the latest federal ambient air quality standards will continue to require significant additional emissions reductions from sources under local, state, and federal jurisdiction, particularly with respect to mobile sources that make up the majority of emissions and air toxics impacts in the San Joaquin Valley.

The purpose of this item is to provide an informational update regarding the status of planning and implementation efforts to attain the federal PM_{2.5} and ozone standards. Key areas of discussion include the ongoing EPA review of District/CARB plan submissions, ozone contingency measures, maintenance plans, transportation conformity, and the need for increased state and federal investments in support of transitions to clean air vehicles, equipment, and practices in the San Joaquin Valley to meet air quality goals.