



Climate & Air Quality Committee

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Information

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Final Federal 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Non-Attainment Designations

Issue: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued its final designations for the 24-Hour Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) standard established in 2006. Most of the SACOG region has been designated as a “non-attainment” area for this standard.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Discussion: On October 8, 2009, EPA issued its final designations for the 24-Hour Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) standard which was established in 2006. This designation becomes effective 30 days after being issued (likely November 7). The final non-attainment designation includes all of Sacramento County and parts of Yolo, Solano, El Dorado, and Placer counties. All of Sutter County and most of Yuba County are in a separate PM_{2.5} non-attainment area. Transportation conformity requirements will go into effect one year after the date of designation (November 2010). This means that any conformity determinations from that point on will require modeling and analysis for PM_{2.5} emissions. SACOG will now need to work with the region’s air districts to develop a PM_{2.5} state implementation plan (SIP) for air quality, including numeric transportation conformity budgets, by November 2012.

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