

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Advisory Council (CAC) Members

FROM: Ben Ellenberger

SUBJECT: Nonattainment-Transitional Designation for State Ozone Standard

DATE: January 25, 2017

MEETING: February 8, 2017

Monitored ozone concentrations in Santa Barbara County over the last two years (2015 and 2016) were very low, and rarely exceeded the state ozone standard. In fact, there were so few exceedances that we expect Santa Barbara County to be officially designated as “nonattainment-transitional” for the state ozone standard sometime in the spring of 2017. The possibility of this shift in designation was discussed in the 2016 Ozone Plan that was reviewed by the CAC and was approved by the District Board in October 2016.

This shift in designation has implications for the 2016 Ozone Plan’s adopted schedule for implementing stationary source control measures for ozone precursor pollutants, nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and reactive organic compounds (ROC). The implications affect future rule adoption activities that District staff, the CAC, and the District Board will consider. The attached report, titled “*Nonattainment-Transitional Analysis, February 2017 Report to the District Community Advisory Council*”, details those implications and suggests options for the CAC to consider, which address requirements of the California Clean Air Act.

At the February 8, 2017 CAC meeting, District staff will present the information in the attached report and provide an opportunity for CAC discussion of the options in the report, including a staff recommendation. At this meeting, we will ask that the CAC consider the information in the report and provide a recommendation for next steps to address the need to review and possibly revise the 2016 Ozone Plan stationary source control measure implementation schedule. After the CAC has deliberated the matter and provided recommendations, staff will prepare a report to present to the District Board.

If there are questions or concerns that you would like to discuss beforehand, please contact me at (805) 961-8879 [e-mail: ellenbergerc@sbcapcd.org] or Molly Pearson at (805) 961-8838 [e-mail: mmp@sbcapcd.org].

Attachments:

Nonattainment-Transitional Analysis, February 2017 Report to the District Community Advisory Council