

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community Advisory Council (CAC) Members

**FROM:** Aeron Arlin Genet

**SUBJECT:** Community Advisory Council Update

**DATE:** August 30, 2017

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The CAC last met on February 8, 2017 to discuss and provide input regarding the District's Nonattainment-Transitional designation for the state ozone standard and the additional California Clean Air Act requirements that the designation triggered. Because the CAC has not met since then, this memo provides an update on District activities as well as when we expect to return to the CAC with additional planning or rulemaking matters to consider.

Revised Rule Implementation schedule for the 2016 Ozone Plan:

- In March, the District Board heard an update on our pending designation as Nonattainment-Transitional and the potential courses of action that were discussed at the CAC meeting.
- On April 17, 2017, the state Office of Administrative Law finalized the District's change in designation from Nonattainment to Nonattainment-Transitional.
- At the August 17, 2017 Board meeting, the Board approved the staff and CAC recommendation to proceed with the revised rule development schedule.
- With the Board's approval in place, we have begun developing the three amended rules to reduce nitrogen oxides emissions from boilers, water heaters, process heaters, and steam generators. We expect to bring the first of these rules, Rule 360 (Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Large Water Heaters and Small Boilers) to public workshop in early November, the CAC on December 13, 2017, and for Board consideration in March 2018.
- The next two NOx rules will be workshopped in the spring of 2018, and brought to the CAC in the summer timeframe.

In addition to our work on criteria pollutant attainment planning and rulemaking, the District has been engaging with planning agencies to consider measures that could be used by lead agencies to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emission increases in the county. As part of our role in supporting

lead agencies, the District will conduct workshops in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, on September 20 and 21 respectively, to discuss potential local mitigation strategies. Workshop notices will be sent to CAC members ahead of time so you may attend and provide input as a member of the public if you wish. For this effort, the ultimate decision-making body is not the District Board, but rather the board or council that takes the lead agency action to approve or deny specific projects.

The CAC's charter is to consider issues related to air pollution planning and rulemaking for which the District has jurisdiction, and to render advice to the District Board and the APCO. The CAC serves an important function by providing expertise and representation of community interests during planning and rulemaking. The CAC's advice has helped the District Board adopt plans and rules, which have contributed to improving our air quality in the county, and District staff appreciate the care and consideration you show in carrying out your service. In an effort to maintain continuity with the CAC during this coming year when we expect that there may not be many planning or rulemaking matters to discuss, I will provide quarterly updates to CAC members via email. These updates will also be posted to our website.