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Mr. Wayne Nastri  
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Dear Mr. Nastri:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) hereby submits to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) a request to reclassify three California areas designated nonattainment for the 8-hour ozone standard. We request that the U.S. EPA reclassify the Sacramento Metro Nonattainment Area from "serious" to "severe-15," the Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area from "moderate" to "severe-17" and the Ventura County Nonattainment Area from "moderate" to "serious."

The request for reclassification of the Sacramento Metro Nonattainment Area is made on behalf of the five air districts in the area. Each of the air districts -- Sacramento Metropolitan, Feather River, El Dorado County, Yolo-Solano, and Placer County -- have passed board resolutions requesting this reclassification.

The request for reclassification of the Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area is made on behalf of the Antelope Valley and the Mojave Desert air districts. On January 28, 2008, the Mojave Desert air district board approved a resolution requesting reclassification. The Antelope Valley air district board will consider a formal resolution requesting a reclassification at its meeting on February 19, 2008. In the interim, the Air Pollution Control Officer of the Antelope Valley air district has asked ARB to request a reclassification on the district's behalf.

The request for reclassification of the Ventura County Nonattainment Area is made on behalf of the Ventura County air district. The Ventura County Air Pollution Control Officer asked ARB to make this request in a letter dated January 23, 2008.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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This package contains copies of the documents listed below:

- I) January 23, 2008 letter from Mr. Michael Villegas, Air Pollution Control Officer of Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, requesting reclassification.
- II) February 1, 2008 letter from Mr. Eldon Heaston, Air Pollution Control Officer of Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, requesting reclassification.
- III) February 1, 2008 letter from Mr. Eldon Heaston, Air Pollution Control Officer of Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, requesting reclassification. Attached are minutes from the January 28, 2008 meeting of the district's governing board showing board approval for the request.
- IV) February 4, 2008 letter from Mr. Larry Green, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer of Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting a board resolution adopted January 24, 2008.
- V) February 6, 2008 letter from Ms. Marcella McTaggart, Air Pollution Control Officer of El Dorado County Air Quality Management District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting a board resolution adopted February 5, 2008.
- VI) February 6, 2008 letter from Mr. Dave Valler, Air Pollution Control Officer of Feather River Air Quality Management District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting a board resolution adopted February 4, 2008.
- VII) February 7, 2008 letter from Mr. Mat Earhardt, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer of Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting a board resolution adopted February 13, 2008.
- VIII) February 7, 2008 letter from Mr. Tom Christofk, Air Pollution Control Officer of Placer County Air Pollution Control District, to Mr. James N. Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting a board resolution adopted February 14, 2008.

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ARB is working closely with the air districts to complete Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) and attainment plans. ARB commits to submit RFP plans for all three regions and attainment plans for Ventura County and Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Areas to U.S. EPA by April 30, 2008. ARB will submit the attainment plan for the Sacramento Metro Nonattainment Area once the air districts adopt their local element of the plan this summer. For all of these areas, the attainment strategy is primarily the existing control program plus the new reductions from the 2007 State Strategy submitted to U.S. EPA last November. So as a practical matter, the most critical SIP element for these areas has already been completed and submitted to U.S. EPA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (916) 445-4383, or Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739.

Sincerely,

/s/

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