



# PLACER COUNTY APCD DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



**FEBRUARY 9, 2023**





## TODAY'S TOPICS

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- General APCO Update
- 3-Year Strategic Plan Update
- NAAQS Proposal
- Section 185 Fee Rule Notice
- DC Advocacy
- Fiscal Update



# GENERAL APCO UPDATE

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- Association appointments for 2023
  - CAPCOA President
  - NACAA Board Member
- New CARB Board member appointed for Sacramento Region
  - Eric Guerra from City of Sacramento
    - No other candidates were considered
  - Replaces Supervisor Phil Serna (Sacramento)
  - Working to set a meeting to discuss District priorities



# 3-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

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- Contracted with ICS for Plan development
  - Primary lead is Bill Mueller
- Multi-input effort via interviews
  - Staff, Board, jurisdictions, key facilities
- Identifying SWOTs
- Collating data to share with Board
- Planning extended Board meeting in April
- Proposed finalization in June



# NAAQS PROPOSAL

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- On January 6, 2023, U.S. EPA proposed lowering the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard
  - Current standard is 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Proposed standard 9-10 ug/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Many areas of CA would be newly nonattainment
- Impacts to Placer County uncertain yet
  - District meets current standard
  - Depending on exceptional event exclusions (ie, removing wildfire smoke days) may meet 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup>



# NAAQS PROPOSAL

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- Potential impacts on use of prescribed fire by land managers
- Unclear how potential non-attainment areas will be defined
  - Will we be lumped with Sacramento County?
- Coordinating with other districts/associations and CARB on formal comments
  - 60-day comment period now open
- Staff will provide more detailed briefing to your Board in April



# SECTION 185 FEE RULE NOTICE

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- U.S. EPA filed notice of failure to adopt a Section 185 fee rule for the 2008 ozone standard
  - Effective date of Notice: February 16, 2023
- Section 185 requires major stationary sources of emissions in non-attainment areas to pay a fee for their emissions over a certain level if an area doesn't attain the standard by the legal attainment date
  - Required under 1990 Federal CAAA
  - Deadline for an adopted a rule was August 16, 2022



# SECTION 185 FEE RULE NOTICE

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- Notice starts a “Sanctions Clock” on potential federal actions
  - District has a specific timeline to adopt a rule or face the following:
    - 18 months or sources can no longer use ERCs
    - 24 months or lose federal highway funds
    - 24 months or EPA will adopt a FIP
- Most other Districts in region have adopted or are adopting rule
- 4 potential Placer sources impacted
  - Roseville Electric, WPWMA, SPI and Rio Bravo
- Staff will provide more in-depth briefing to your Board in April, and begin working with affected sources in order to meet EPA deadlines for rule adoption





# DC ADVOCACY TRIPS

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- Completed trip with CAPCOA
  - USFS/USDA, FRA, EPA, CEQ, Congressional delegation
  - Issues included funding, NAAQS, federal controls on mobile sources
- Preparing for Cap-to-Cap 2023
  - Co-lead for air quality
  - 2 main issues: Mobile Sources & Wildfire
  - Close coordination with PCWA



# FISCAL UPDATE

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- District remains on budget
  - Actual expenditures and current obligations are within approved budget.
  - As of month 8, revenues are currently at 60% of the approved budget.