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Topic: Approval of Negative Declaration for the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry Source Category

Action Requested: Adopt a Resolution, thereby approving a Negative Declaration for the Control Technique Guideline (CTG) for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry source category; and approving submittal of the Negative Declaration as a revision to the State Implementation Plan.

Discussion: Mariposa County has been designated as non-attainment for the 2008 and 2015 national eight-hour ozone ambient air quality standard, as well as non-attainment for the California ozone standard. As such, the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District (District) is required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to periodically demonstrate that the District's State Implementation Plan (SIP) rules fulfill Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) requirements for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides, under Sections 182(b)(2) and 182(f) of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. RACT requires that District rules cover both: (1) source categories for which the U.S. EPA has developed CTG documents and for which there are affected sources that operate in the District's jurisdiction and meet the CTG emission thresholds, and (2) major sources of VOC or NO_x in the District.

On October 27, 2016, (81 FR 74798), U.S. EPA released a CTG for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry (EPA-453/B-16-001). The District has reviewed its permit files and emission inventory and has determined that there are no stationary sources or emitting facilities in the within the District's jurisdiction, and the District does not anticipate these sources in the future, that fall under the CTG for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry source category. Thus, the District is proposing a Negative Declaration that there are no such sources in the District subject to the CTG for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry, and that the requirement to adopt a rule for those sources is not applicable.

Public notification for the proposed Board action of a Negative Declaration was prepared and released in a local newspaper of general circulation on Feb 6, 2020 and supporting documents have been made available on the District website.

Fiscal Impact: This Negative Declaration has no fiscal impact on the District.

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of a Resolution approving the Negative Declaration, which declares that there are no sources in the District subject to the CTG for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry.