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Subject: RE: California air issue.
Attachments: EPA Meeting Information Form.docx

Thank you, Brad. Please have someone from your team complete the attachment.

Ashley Brown
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Director of Scheduling – Office of Administrator

From: Brad Poiriez <bradp@mdaqmd.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:38 PM
To: Davis, Rodney <rdavis@USChamber.com>; Brown, Ashley <Brown.Ashley@epa.gov>
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Thanks Rodney for the introduction, appreciate it. Nice to meet you all Mr. Amidon, Mr. McIntosh, and Ms. Brown. So true Rodney and I go way back.

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I am the Executive Director for Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District – MDAQMD located in California specifically covering portions of San Bernardino County (hence the reference to my Board member and retired congressman Col. Paul Cook) and Riverside County. I also am Vice – Chair of my State Association – California Air Pollution Control District Association (made up of all 35 air districts in California) and also local government committee co-chair for the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA) nationally. I have worked in air quality for 30+ years.

My district has been dealing with a serious rule disapproval issue with the prior EPA administration for over 3 years to the point where the previous Administrator on his last day in office on Dec. 30th finalized a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) that has sanctions associated with it. We have unsuccessfully tried to work with EPA, both Region 9 and headquarters to come to a resolution on the matter, in fact we were able to mediate agreeable language on 5 of 6 rules in question (which we acted on revising and EPA still has not acted – so this is a backlog issue) So the issue really boils down to one provision of one rule that we can not agree upon which is the basis of the disapproval even though the exact language EPA objects to now they had previously approved of roughly 30 years ago and has been successfully implemented for the last 30 years, mind you there has been no change in the Clean Air Act or legal rulings that would warrant a deviation from the previously approved language now in question. With the finalization of the FIP, there are two sanction clocks – the first already hit at the end of February 2025 which institutes a 2 to 1 offset ratio on stationary sources; the second and many feel more problematic will hit at end of July 2025 and that is the withholding of federal highway funds – what this means to us in July is the potential of \$2.3B in awarded funds for transportation projects at risk.

I know this is a lot to cram into a brief email and sorry for the length but my request is to have a face to face meeting with the EPA Administrator and his top staff to further brief the Administration of why my scenario is a serious

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overreach by the previous EPA administration. No cooperative federalism here, and our small local agency is being punished by our own oversight agency due to an apparent new interpretation. Again sorry for the lengthy email, and I truly appreciate your time to read and hopefully help set up and connect me with a face to face in DC with EPA leadership to share our situation in more detail. I have included my DC firm contact – Dave Ramey, Kadesh and Associates, to help facilitate in putting together a meeting that would work for you all in DC.

Thanks again Rodney, and appreciate any/all assistance from you all, and I really look forward to meeting you in person soon in DC. I know you all are busy and there are a lot of balls in the air and you get a lot of meeting requests but I seriously thank you for any help you can give me in facilitating a meeting on this vital issue to my area. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

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From: Davis, Rodney <rdavis@USChamber.com>
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Eric, Ashley, and Chad,

Connecting you with Brad Poiriez. He can be of assistance in identifying issues that can be helpful to understand local issues that are impacted by Federal decisions. Brad is a long time friend from my hometown in IL and now has to put up with former Congressman Paul Cook as a member of his Board of Commissioners!

I hope you all can coordinate a good time to meet in DC.

Thanks for your help. Happy to join you all when a good time is agreed upon.

Rodney Davis

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Thank you both so much. Will connect you with Brad.

Thanks again,

Rodney

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Hello Congressman,

I will be on the look out for an email from Brad's team to help set this up. Thank you.

Ashley Brown
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Director of Scheduling – Office of Administrator

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Congressman – Absolutely. Looping in Ashley to help set this up.

Eric Amidon
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From: Davis, Rodney <rdavis@USChamber.com>
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Eric,

Lee gave me your contact info. Wanted to see if I could help facilitate a meeting with my friend Brad Poiriez, who is ED of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Board in CA. They had the previous admin disapprove their NSR on 12/30/24. This is in contradiction to previous court cases in Appellate Court. Brad would love to be able to explain to Admin Zeldin the overreach and their history in pushing against attempt in previous admin and at state level.

Let me know if this is something that could work in DC or anywhere that is convenient for your team. I can connect your team to Brad for facilitation if interested.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Rodney Davis

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