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**Greenhouse Gas CEQA Significance
Threshold Stakeholder Working Group
Meeting #15**

September 28, 2010

SCAQMD

Diamond Bar, California

Agenda Item #2 – Review of Significance Threshold Approach

- ✓ **Tier 1: Applicable CEQA Exemptions**

- (e.g., SB 97, categorical & statutory exemptions)

- ✓ **Tier 2: Consistent with GHG reduction plan** (§§15064(h)(3), 15125(d), or 15152(a))

Agenda Item #2 - Proposed Tier 3: Screening Values

- **Industrial Projects**

- ✓ AQMD lead agency projects: 10,000 MT/year CO₂e
- Propose to expand to other lead agency industrial projects

- **Residential / Commercial Projects**

- Propose 3,000 MT/year CO₂e for all land use types
- Threshold value by land use type acceptable if used consistently

Residential: 3500 MT/year CO₂e

Commercial: 1400 MT/year CO₂e

Mixed use: 3000 MT/year CO₂e

- Both options based on review of the OPR database (711 CEQA projects) using the 90% capture rate approach

Agenda Item #2 – Proposed Tier 4: Performance Standards

- **Option #1: Percent Emission Reduction Target**
 - No recommendation at this time
 - ❖ Provide reference to SJVAPCD approach and summarize key challenges for this approach
- **Option #2: Early Implementation of Applicable AB32 Scoping Plan Measures**
 - Incorporated in Option #3

Agenda Item #2 – Proposed Tier 4: Performance Standards *(Continued)*

- **Option #3: SCAQMD Efficiency Target**

- **2020 Targets**

- ❖ 4.8 MT/year CO₂e per SP* for project level threshold (land use employment only)
- ❖ 6.6 MT/year CO₂e per SP for plan level threshold
- ❖ Similar approach as BAAQMD

- **2035 Targets**

- ❖ 3.0 MT/year CO₂e per SP* for project level threshold
- ❖ 4.1 MT/year CO₂e per SP* for plan level threshold
- ❖ Incorporate SB 375 regional targets

Agenda Item #2 – Tier 5: Mitigation Offsets

- ✓ Offsets alone or in combination with above tiers to achieve target significance threshold.
- ✓ 30-year project life
- ✓ Real, Quantifiable, Verifiable, and Surplus
 - Project design feature/onsite reduction measures
 - Offsite within neighborhood
 - Offsite within district
 - Offsite within state
 - Offsite out of state
 - Substitution allowed via enforceable commitment

Agenda Items #3, #4, & #5

- Other topics?
- Next steps
 - Potential board consideration by December 2010
- Other business
- Next working group meeting scheduled for 10/27/10, 10:00 a.m.