



REGION 9

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

September 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Summary of Meeting Between EPA Region IX and Santa Rosa Rancheria Regarding Air Quality on Tribal Land in the San Joaquin Valley and California's Request for an Attainment Date Extension for the 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS

FROM: Ashley Graham, Geographic Strategies and Modeling Section, Air and Radiation Division, Region IX

TO: Docket # EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0250

On July 8, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to grant a one-year extension of the applicable attainment date from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024, for the 1997 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) San Joaquin Valley, California "Serious" nonattainment area. The EPA's proposal was based on its evaluation of air quality monitoring data and the extension request submitted by the State of California on May 23, 2024.

Following publication of the proposed rulemaking, the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe requested an informal meeting with EPA Region IX to discuss air quality monitoring data collected by the Tribe as it relates to the EPA's proposal, as well as broader environmental challenges the Tribe is facing. On September 4, 2024, EPA Region IX met with representatives from the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe. Topics discussed include PM_{2.5} monitoring data collected by the Tribe, ongoing restoration and air and water quality improvement efforts by the Tribe, challenges that tribes are facing related to securing funding for environmental projects and mitigation efforts, and Tribal concerns about enforcement of state and district air quality rules.