



## GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

#### **Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Assessment Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project State Clearinghouse Number 2011101065**

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (the District) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the Keeler Dunes Dust Control Project (proposed project / proposed action). The Draft EIR/EA is available for a 45-day public review and comment period starting March 24, 2014 and ending May 8, 2014.

The proposed project / proposed action is being prepared by the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District (District), a California regional government agency that works to protect the people and the environment of Alpine, Mono, and Inyo Counties from the harmful effects of air pollution. California law requires all counties to have or belong to an Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties joined together in 1974 in a joint powers agreement to form the District, which covers the whole Great Basin Valleys Air Basin. The District was established to enforce Federal, State, and local air quality regulations and to ensure that the federal and state air quality standards are met within the Great Basin Valleys Air Basin.

The proposed project / proposed action is a dust control strategy intended to control particulate matter of 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) dust emissions from the Keeler Dunes in order to demonstrate attainment of the federal standard within the Owens Valley Planning Area as specified in the 2008 Owens Valley PM<sub>10</sub> Planning Area Demonstration of Attainment State Implementation Plan (2008 SIP). The proposed project / proposed action would implement dust control measures (native vegetation and straw bales) on 194 acres to stabilize the Keeler Dunes between the communities of Keeler and Swansea at the northeastern edge of the Owens Lake Bed in Inyo County, California.

The Bureau of Land Management, by approving the proposed project / proposed action, would provide the District with authorization to implement the proposed dust control strategy for the dunes, thereby meeting the federal PM<sub>10</sub> standard in the Owens Valley Planning Area and the California State PM<sub>10</sub> standard in the communities of Keeler and Swansea.

The purpose of this EIR/EA is to inform agency decision makers and the public regarding any anticipated significant environmental effects of the proposed project / proposed action, potential measures to mitigate these significant effects, and reasonable alternatives that could reduce the significant environmental impacts of the proposed project / proposed action to a less-than-significant level. The EIR/EA evaluates the potential impacts of approval of the proposed project / proposed action and other alternatives, including the No Project / No Action alternative.

The proposed project / proposed action would not have any significant unavoidable impacts and would not require mitigation measures; nor would the proposed project / proposed action have any impacts that would be cumulatively considerable.

Written comments must be received by **5:00 p.m., May 8, 2014** at the following address:

**Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
Attn: Ms. Tori DeHaven  
157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514  
Fax: (760) 872-6109**

Comments received after this date may not receive written responses in the Final EIR/EA.

Two public workshops have been scheduled at the following times and locations:

**Wednesday, April 2, 2014, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**  
**Lone Pine Film History Museum**  
**701 S Main St, Lone Pine, CA 93545**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**  
**Bishop City Hall Council Chambers**  
**377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514**

The Draft EIR/EA is available at the District Web site: [www.gbuapcd.org](http://www.gbuapcd.org). Hard copies of the Draft EIR/EA are available at reproduction cost. CD copies are free of charge. Copy requests can be made by calling Ms. Tori DeHaven at (760) 872-8211.

The Draft EIR/EA will be considered for adoption and certification, respectively, by the Governing Board of the District at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for July 8, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the District at (760) 872-8211.