

## ***Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting & Public Comment Announcement***

You are invited to participate in a public stakeholder workgroup meeting and to provide input into the implementation of California's \$423 million allocation of the Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust (Trust). The Trust provides funding opportunities for the project categories listed below:

Project Category	Project Administrator	Funding Available
Zero-Emission Transit, School, and Shuttle Buses	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	\$130M
Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight and Port Drayage Trucks	South Coast Air Quality Management District	\$90M
Combustion Freight and Marine Projects		\$60M
Zero-Emission Freight and Marine Projects	Bay Area Air Quality Management District	\$70M
Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure		\$10M

Public stakeholder workgroup meetings will be held at six locations throughout California between April 11, 2019, and May 6, 2019. During the public workgroup meetings, staff will discuss:

- funding available for each project category,
- types of eligible project equipment,
- maximum funding limits,
- solicitation process and timeline,
- grantee reporting and operational requirements, and
- other implementation details.

The same information will be presented at each workgroup meeting and a copy of the presentation and agenda will be posted on the program website the morning of the Sacramento meeting on April 11, 2019 at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust-california>

The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

**SACRAMENTO**

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: CalEPA Headquarters  
*Room 550*  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Teleconference available at:  
Call in: (888) 233-9482  
Passcode: 2446189

**CENTRAL VALLEY**

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution  
Control District  
*Fresno Office VTC Room*  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93704

**Video Telecast available at:**

*Modesto Office VTC Room*  
4800 Enterprise Way  
Modesto, CA 95356

*Bakersfield Office VTC Room*  
34946 Flyover Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

**SOUTH COAST**

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: South Coast Air Quality Management  
District  
*Auditorium*  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Webcast available at:  
[http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-  
events/webcast](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/webcast)

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: Hilton Garden Inn  
*Wintu Room*  
5050 Bechelli Lane  
Redding, CA 96002

**BAY AREA**

Date: May 6, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: Bay Area Air Quality Management  
District  
*Yerba Buena Room*  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**SAN DIEGO**

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: San Diego Community College District  
*Educational Cultural Complex Theatre*  
4343 Ocean View Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92113

For questions regarding the Sacramento or Central Valley meetings, please call (559) 230-6000; for the South Coast or San Diego meetings, please call (833) 894-7267; for the Northern California and Bay Area meetings, please call (415) 749-8660.

Public comments may be submitted during the workgroup meetings or after until May 12, 2019. Following the public comment period, solicitations will be developed for each of the project categories and are anticipated to open later this year.

## Background

The Trust is a component of partial settlements with VW resulting from its use of illegal defeat devices—software designed to cheat on emissions tests—in certain 2009 to 2016 model year diesel cars that were sold in California. The Trust provides funding opportunities for specified eligible actions to mitigate the excess nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions caused by the subject VW vehicles. The Trust is enumerated in the first of two Partial Consent Decrees as Appendix D.

In addition to the requirements outlined in the Consent Decree, Senate Bill 92 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2017) was passed in June 2017, which further directs how California’s Mitigation Trust funds in Appendix D are to be spent. The legislation directs the designated Lead Agency for the Mitigation Trust to strive to ensure that 35 percent of California’s allocation benefit low-income or disadvantaged communities that are disproportionately impacted by air pollution. It also requires the Lead Agency (CARB) to strive to ensure that the expenditures align with the state’s priorities and provide for public transparency before approval.

In March 2017, the Court appointed Wilmington Trust, N.A., as Trustee to administer the Trust for all eligible beneficiaries (states and tribes). The Trust became effective in October 2017.

In May 2018 CARB approved the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (Plan) that describes California’s plan for spending the State’s allocation, including the overall goals for the use of the funds, the eligible mitigation action categories to be funded with a priority on providing benefits to disadvantaged or low-income communities, the allocations for each proposed category, and the estimated emission reductions. The Plan includes information about:

- Eligible mitigation action categories to be funded.
- Funding allocations for each proposed category.
- Emission reduction quantification and estimates.
- Administrative process for implementation.

A copy of the plan is available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/californias-beneficiary-mitigation-plan>

## Public Comments

We welcome and encourage your participation and will be accepting public comments on the program during the meetings. You may also submit comments electronically for each project category at:

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Public Comment Link</b>
Zero-Emission Transit, School, and Shuttle Buses	<a href="http://www.tfaforms.com/4731018">www.tfaforms.com/4731018</a>
Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight and Port Drayage Trucks	<a href="http://www.tfaforms.com/4731018">www.tfaforms.com/4731018</a>
Combustion Freight and Marine Projects	<a href="http://www.tfaforms.com/4731032">www.tfaforms.com/4731032</a>
Zero-Emission Freight and Marine Projects	<a href="http://www.tfaforms.com/4731031">www.tfaforms.com/4731031</a>
Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure	<a href="http://www.tfaforms.com/4731034">www.tfaforms.com/4731034</a>