# 2010 Legislative Review

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# 2010 Legislative Overview

• 8 Special Sessions

• About 280 air quality bills

• 13 Special hearings

## 13 Special Hearings

- AB 32 Implementation/Climate Change
- Carpool lanes
- Energy
- Electric Vehicles



## **Legislative Concerns**

Economy

• Business climate and job creation

Regulatory cost

## Legislative Challenges

- Numerous bills were introduced to roll back programs or add additional procedural steps
- Challenging bills included:
  - Suspension of AB 32
  - Delay of on- and off-road diesel regulations
  - Additional economic analysis and peer review of air quality regulations
  - Revising Board membership and administration

## AB 2289 (Eng) Smog Check

• Faster, lower cost smog checks

• Significant reduction of harmful emissions

• Improved smog check station performance

## Sierra Research Study

Pre-1996 vehicles:

• 25% of the California fleet

• 75% of passenger vehicle emissions

## Sierra Research Study

• 19% of those vehicles that initially passed tailpipe inspection failed a roadside test shortly thereafter

• 49% of vehicles failed a roadside test after initially failing a smog test, being repaired, and passing a smog re-test

# AB 2289 (Eng) Smog Check

- 1. Identify high performing stations
- 2. Direct vehicles most likely to need repairs to the highest performing stations
- 3. Utilize on-board diagnostics (OBD II)
  - Improves consumer convenience
  - Reduces time and cost
  - Used in 22 other states

# AB 2289 (Eng) Summary

- Faster, lower cost smog checks
- 70 tons per day emission reductions
- Equivalent to removing 800,000 vehicles from the road

## **AB 787 (Hill)**

## Vehicle Repair or Retirement Assistance

- 1. Increases low-income threshold for vehicle owners to qualify for state repair assistance (family of four earning almost \$50,000)
- 2. Sets retirement assistance at \$1,500 for low-income owners, \$1,000 for all others
- 3. Removes higher income individuals from repair assistance eligibility

## **Carpool Lane Access**

Current law allows access to HOV lanes regardless of number of occupants for:

• WHITE LABEL: Zero emissions vehicle or qualifying federal inherently low emissions vehicle

• YELLOW STICKER: Gasoline-hybrid vehicles like the Prius

Both labels expire January 1, 2011

## AB 1500 (Lieu) & SB 535 (Yee)

#### **AB 1500**

• Extends white label HOV lane access to January 1, 2015

#### **SB 535**

- Extends white label access to January 1, 2015
- Extends yellow label access to July 1, 2011
- Authorizes new class of enhanced technology vehicles, up to 40,000, for access between January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2015

# SB 535 HOV Lane Eligible

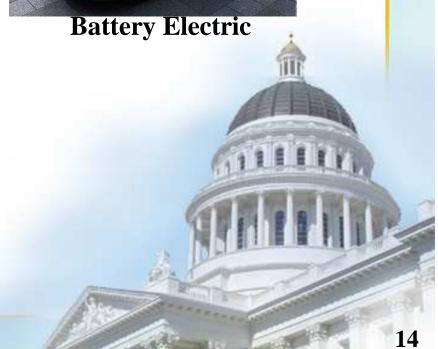


Plug-in Hybrids (using zero-emissions fuel)



**Fuel Cell** 





# **SB 1402 (Dutton)**

## Requires ARB to:

- Provide written information on how penalties are determined
- Adopt written penalty policy by March 2011
- Prepare annual report to Governor and Legislature

# Budget Trailer Bill (SB 855)

- Fixes inconsistency with AB 1085 (Mendoza, 2009)
- Removes ambiguous language
- Clarifies information to be made available to the public
- Reduces potential for litigation

# Budget Trailer Bill (SB 855)

• AB 32 zero-based budget fiscal year 2011-12

• Applies to all AB 32 implementing agencies

• Due to Legislature by April 1, 2011



## AB 1405 (De Leon) Vetoed

- Creates California Climate Change Community Benefits Fund
- Funded by 10% of cap and trade proceeds
- Cal/EPA charged with administering
- Supports EJ Community projects
- Basis of veto:
  - ARB still designing program

## **AB 1507 (Lieu)**

• Carl Moyer projects can receive State and federal funds for GHG benefits

 Criteria pollutant benefits of project must not be reduced as a result of GHG co-benefits

## **AB 1507**

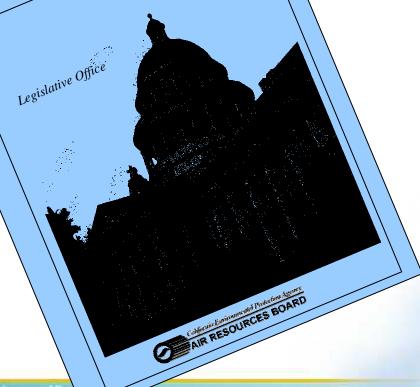
### **Examples of Qualifying Projects:**

- Electric trucks
- Plug-in hybrid trucks
- Alternative fuel hybrid trucks or cars
- Fuel cell hybrid trucks or buses
- Next generation bio-based diesel hybrids
- Hybrid tugboats



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## Thank you!



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