Notice of Decision

Project Title: Zero Emission Powertrain Certification (SCH# 2017112046)

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: June 27, 2019; Agenda Item #19-6-1

Project Description: Zero-Emission Powertrain Certification Regulation establishes a new optional certification pathway for heavy-duty electric and fuel-cell vehicles and the zero-emission powertrains they use. It provides additional market transparency and helps ensure effective in-use support for such vehicles and powertrains.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, adopted the above regulatory action on June 27, 2019.

CARB prepared an environmental analysis (EA) in accordance with the requirements of its certified regulatory program under CEQA. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd, (d).) This EA was prepared for both the Zero-Emission Powertrain Certification Regulation and the Zero-Emission Airport Shuttle Bus Regulation (CARB Agenda Item #19-6-2). The EA, included as Appendix B to the Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons prepared for the proposed regulatory action, concluded implementation of the Zero-Emission Airport Shuttle Bus Regulation component may result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval. The Board made CEQA findings and adopted a statement of overriding considerations for this regulatory action.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the 45-day comment period that raised significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in the Responses to Comments on the Draft Environmental Analysis Prepared for the Zero-Emission Airport Shuttle Regulation and Zero-Emission Powertrain Certification Regulation. Before taking final action, the Board considered and approved written responses to these comments as required by CARB’s certified regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17. § 60007(a).)

The EA and other documents related to this rulemaking action are available for public inspection on the CARB rulemaking webpage at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2019/zepcert2019.