

Project Title: Low Carbon Fuel Standard Amendments SCH# 2023020330

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: *November 8, 2024; Agenda Item 24-6-2*

Project Description: The Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) program supports California's zero-emission vehicle regulations and accelerates private investment to produce cleaner fuels like electricity, hydrogen, and other low carbon-intensity fuels that are needed to displace fossil fuels and reduce transportation sector emissions. Since the beginning of the program, California has tripled the quantity of low-carbon fuels used in transportation, and the program is poised to deliver more benefits in the coming decades. The amendments will reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from transportation fuels by reducing the carbon intensity of those fuels by at least 30% in 2030 and 90% in 2045 as compared to the 2010 baseline. Additionally, the proposed amendments will reduce criteria pollutants such as oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from the transportation sector in California.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, adopted the above project on November 8, 2024.

CARB prepared an environmental impact analysis (EIA) in accordance with the requirements of its certified regulatory program under CEQA. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd. (d)). The Draft Environmental Impact Analysis for the proposed Low Carbon Fuel Standard Regulation (Draft EIA), concluded implementation of the project may result in significant adverse environmental impacts. After the end of the Draft EIA public review period, CARB identified revisions to certain aspects of the project that merited recirculation of the Draft EIA. Those revisions included updates to the project description and the analyses of the air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) sections of the Draft EIA. The Recirculated EIA, which included only the updated project description, air quality and GHG analyses, was released for an additional 45-day comment period. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval for the EIA. The Board made CEQA findings and adopted a statement of overriding considerations for this project.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the original 45-day comment period and subsequent 15-day comment periods that raised significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. Additionally, staff responded to all comments received during the 45-day comment period on the Recirculated EIA. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in the Response to Comments on the Draft and Recirculated

Environmental Impact Analyses prepared for the Amendments Low Carbon Fuel Standard Regulation. Staff also prepared written responses to comments received during the November 8, 2024, Board Hearing that raised significant environmental issues in the Supplemental Responses to Comments prepared for the Proposed Amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard. These comments and responses were provided to Board Members for consideration prior to approval.

The Final EIA included and all other related documents, including the Response to Comments on the Draft and Recirculated Environmental Impact Analyses prepared for the Amendments Low Carbon Fuel Standard Regulation and the Supplemental Responses to Comments prepared for the Proposed Amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, are available for public inspection on the CARB rulemaking webpage at:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2024/lcfs2024>

These documents may also be examined at:

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