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California Natural Resources Agency

Project Title: Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation, SCH# 2023030239

Project Location: Statewide

Public Meeting Date: June 27, 2024; Agenda Item #24-3-2

Project Description: The Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation will reduce criteria pollutants such as oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from in-use large spark ignited (LSI) forklifts. The Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation would restrict the sale of most LSI forklifts starting in 2026 and would establish phase-out requirements between the years 2028 and 2038 applicable to the most common LSI forklifts used in industrial and other applications across the State.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above project on June 27, 2024.

CARB prepared and certified 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 EIA, included as an appendix to the Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons (Staff Report) prepared for the project pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, concluded implementation of the project may result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval and CARB did not adopt a mitigation monitoring program, for reasons explained in the EIA. The Board made CEQA findings pursuant to Section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines and adopted a statement of overriding considerations for this project.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the 45-day CEQA comment period, as well as subsequent 15-day comment periods where CARB deemed it appropriate, that raised significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in the Response to Comments on the Draft Environmental Analysis prepared for the Proposed Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation (RTC), which the Board considered prior to taking final action.

The EIA included in the Staff Report, and all other related documents including the RTC, are available for public inspection on the CARB rulemaking webpage at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2023/zeforkliftsregulation>

These documents may also be examined at:

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