

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO HEAR AN INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON CONCEPTS TO MINIMIZE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACTS FROM FREIGHT FACILITIES

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to hear an informational update on actions to reduce community health impacts from freight facilities.

DATE: March 22, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Riverside County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, California 92501

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., March 22, 2018, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on March 23, 2018. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before March 22, 2018, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background

Freight transport is a significant emission source throughout the State, and CARB has implemented a suite of measures to reduce these emissions, including regulations, incentives, and enforceable agreements. While progress has been made in reducing emissions, there are still high health impacts for communities located near freight facilities and additional reductions are needed. Transitioning to a less-polluting, more efficient freight transport system is essential to meeting our public health mandates, climate goals, and economic needs.

In March 2017, the Board heard public testimony on the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Air Quality Management Plan and CARB's Mobile Source Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Board adopted Resolutions 17-7 and 17-8, as well as an addendum that provided additional direction to staff, including:

Within 12 months, "...staff shall return to the Board with concepts for an indirect source rule to control pollution from large freight facilities including ports, railyards, warehouses, and distribution centers, as well as any identified alternatives capable of achieving similar levels of emission reductions..."

Through a public process that included numerous workshops and meetings throughout the State, staff worked with stakeholders to identify potential options for reducing emissions from freight facilities and to understand the relative pros and cons.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present an update at the meeting, including a summary of its evaluation of potential concepts for reducing emissions and community health impacts from large freight facilities. Staff will also describe a proposed path forward with additional CARB regulations and other actions, beyond those included in the SIP, to achieve further emission reductions. Such actions may require earlier implementation in the most impacted communities.

These additional regulations would include amendments to CARB rules for cargo handling equipment, commercial harbor craft, and drayage trucks to transition to zero- or near-zero emission operation, as well as potential new rules for idling from railyard sources and for locomotive emissions not preempted by the federal Clean Air Act. Staff is also proposing to begin development of a Freight Handbook with recommendations for the siting, design, construction and operation of new and expanded freight facilities, and potentially the operation of existing facilities. The first module for development would focus on warehouses and distribution centers. Staff will seek input from the Board and public on priorities for sequencing the development work.

These freight-related activities will also support the ongoing work to implement Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), which will establish guidance for the development and implementation of community reduction plans focused on reducing exposures in the neighborhoods most impacted by pollution.

On January 31, 2018, staff posted advance materials for discussion at February public meetings. There are three parts to the materials posted:

Attachment A: Slides that provide the context for the discussion, describe previous outreach, frame the approaches considered by CARB staff, and introduce the potential path forward.

Attachment B: A table outlining a prospective schedule for Board consideration (where necessary) and implementation of each potential additional action, as well as each existing SIP commitment for freight-related sources

Attachment C: A brief description of each potential additional CARB action to reduce freight emissions.

Copies of these written materials and the staff presentations may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/FreightFacility.htm>. CARB staff may revise its analysis and recommendations based on public input prior to the presentation to the Board. Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m., March 19, 2018**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814
Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries should be directed to Ajay Mangat, Manager, at (916) 324-2718 or Andrew Tsiu, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-0317.

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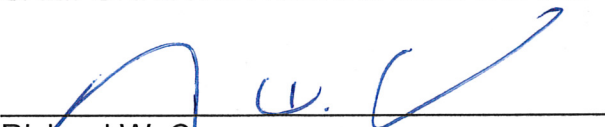
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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: *February 16, 2018*

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