



# Air Resources Board



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**Edmund G. Brown Jr.**  
Governor

March 22, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss regulatory concepts for establishing fuel requirements for alternative diesel fuels (ADF), including biodiesel, renewable diesel and other emerging diesel fuel substitutes. Our goal is to conduct public meetings leading to the development of a regulatory proposal for consideration by the Board in Fall 2013. We anticipate the regulatory concepts would involve new alternative diesel fuel provisions, as well as amendments to the existing diesel fuel regulation to accommodate the new ADF requirements and to update outdated provisions. Please note that this effort will not involve changes to other existing transportation fuel programs, such as those for compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, or electricity.

During this meeting, we will discuss our biodiesel literature search, completed and on-going emissions research studies, as well as preliminary regulatory concepts. ARB staff has posted a white paper, which describes staff's initial regulatory concepts for an ADF regulation. The white paper is available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/20130212ADFRegConcept.pdf>. General information about the ADF regulation as well as biodiesel and renewable diesel can be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/biodiesel.htm>. Other State agencies have been invited to present an update of their ADF-related activities. Public comments will be appreciated at the meeting, and written comments will be accepted until May 14, 2013. Comments may be emailed to [amitchel@arb.ca.gov](mailto:amitchel@arb.ca.gov).

The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2013  
TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
LOCATION: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Conference Room 550, 5th Floor  
ADDRESS: 1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Directions to Cal/EPA Headquarters building, public transit information, and parking information can be found at the California Environmental Protection Agency's website at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>.

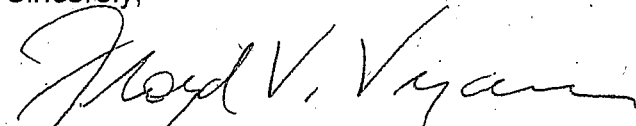
The meeting will also be available via teleconference and webinar. You may participate by teleconference by dialing **800-619-8535** (for domestic) or **1-210-234-0123** (for international), give the participant code: **8714876**, and leader name: Mr. Jose Saldana. Please note that if you call internationally, it is a toll call. If you choose to participate via webinar, please register at the following website:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/194929088>. If prompted, the webinar ID is: **194-929-088**. If you choose to participate via gotowebinar's audio system and not the teleconference call-in number, you will only be able to listen and see the presentations. You will not be able to participate using a microphone and must use the call-in information provided in the meeting notice if you wish to ask a question verbally. You may also type your questions to us using a chat box that will be available to you during the webinar. Staff will be using a computer to answer any questions submitted through the webinar dialogue box. In the event that the webinar fails, please call in to the teleconference to continue participating.

If you require special accommodation for the scheduled event/meeting or need this document in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Mr. Valentine Montoya at (916) 324-0428 or [vmontoya@arb.ca.gov](mailto:vmontoya@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact me at (916) 322-6312 or Mr. Jim Aguila, Manager, Substance Evaluation Section at (916) 322-8283 or [jaguila@arb.ca.gov](mailto:jaguila@arb.ca.gov); or Mr. Alexander "Lex" Mitchell, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-1513 or by email at [amitchel@arb.ca.gov](mailto:amitchel@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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**Draft Agenda**

I. Introductions

II. Updates by Other State Agencies

State Water Resources Control Board

- Updates on Underground Storage Tank regulations.

California Department of Food and Agriculture

- Division of Measurement Standards laws and regulations.

California Energy Commission (CEC)

- Alternative fuel developments at CEC.

III. Air Resources Board Staff Presentation

IV. Q&A Discussion

V. Next Steps

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