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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE ON-ROAD
VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public meeting to consider proposed changes to the on-road Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) Guidelines. The proposed changes include an update of the funding tables listed in Appendix O and P for calendar year 2012, update annually future funding tables, and minor correction to Appendix E.

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

DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2011
TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
7th Floor, Room 710
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This meeting will also include a teleconference call-in number for members of the public who wish to participate by telephone. The call-in number, available only at the time of the meeting, is 888-790-3404. The passcode is 20201.

Background: Since 1998, the Carl Moyer Program has filled a critical niche in California's strategy to achieve clean air. The Carl Moyer Program provides grant funding for the incremental cost of cleaner-than-required engines, equipment, and emission reduction technologies. The Carl Moyer Program complements California's regulatory program by funding emission reductions that are surplus, i.e., early and/or in excess of what is required by regulation.

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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The on-road VIP is part of the Carl Moyer Program and is a streamlined funding option for heavy-duty diesel vehicle replacements and retrofits.

State law (Health & Safety Code Section 44287) authorizes ARB to revise the Guidelines when necessary to improve the ability of the program to achieve its goals. When considering proposed revisions to the Guidelines, this section also instructs ARB to work with the implementing air districts and hold at least one public meeting to consider public comments.

Minor changes to the Guidelines may be approved and implemented by the Executive Officer or designee after a public meeting and consideration of public comments. The purpose of the public meeting is to explain the proposed changes and receive public comments for consideration. The public comment period for these revisions will be 45 days from the date of this notice. If approved, the changes will be implemented through the issuance of a Mobile Source Mail-Out posted on the following ARB website:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/mailouts/mailouts.htm>.

Proposed Revisions: The following sections highlight the proposed revisions to the on-road VIP. All of the proposed changes are intended to further reduce emissions by updating eligibility and/or encouraging participation. A current version of the On-road VIP guidelines is posted at:
http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/guidelines/2011gl/2011cmp_onvip_4_28_11.pdf.

1. Update VIP grant amounts for on-road trucks for calendar year 2012

Currently, the grant funding amounts in VIP expire on December 31, 2011. VIP Guidelines require that an air district must determine the eligible funding amount based on the funding tables in Appendix O or P for the year in which delivery occurs. Staff revised the Appendices for calendar year 2012 (attached) and would allow air districts to plan for continued participation.

2. Annual update of future VIP funding tables

ARB is proposing to annually update the VIP funding tables. Staff anticipates that this change should increase the flexibility for stakeholders who plan to participate in VIP.

Amend Section B. Project Funding Amounts

The maximum total project funding amounts associated with reducing the eligible costs of a VIP project are pre-determined and shown in Appendix O for retrofits and Appendix P for replacements, to be updated annually.

3. Minor correction

Amend Appendix E –Air District Review checklist: Initial Review

Air District Requirements

Issue voucher for

- Funding year: 2011
- Existing engine model year: _____
- Annual mileage: _____; OR fuel use: _____
- Replacements - new or used: _____
- MHD or HHD: _____
- 1.20, 0.50, or 0.20 NOx standard: _____
- VOUCHER AMOUNT: _____

Submittal of Comments: Interested members of the public may present comments either in person at the meeting, via telephone, or in writing. All comments on this matter must be received no later than January 5, 2012 (45 days after the mail-out date).

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Accommodations: If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print) or another language, please contact John Nguyen or jnguyen@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible before the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for California Relay Service.

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If you have questions regarding the On-road Voucher Incentive Program guidelines, please contact John Nguyen, at jnguyen@arb.ca.gov or (916) 324-9858.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Attachment(s)

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