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TO: All Interested parties

SUBJECT: NEW INCENTIVE FUNDS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS IN
ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITIES: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE
IN PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) and local air districts invite your participation in public workshops to discuss new grant funds available to reduce emissions in the communities most affected by air pollution. Funds are available for voluntary incentive grants through the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program), for fleets to replace or repower heavy duty engines—both on-road and off-road—and support clean vehicle infrastructure. This will reduce public health impacts of mobile source engines consistent with the goals of Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017). We are looking for feedback from local communities to inform air districts' project outreach and project identification processes for these funds such as:

- What types of cleaner vehicles and equipment do you think would most effectively reduce air pollution exposure in your community?
- Are there Moyer Program guideline changes to apply to these funds that will help bring about the types of projects you think are needed?

CARB staff will conduct the workshop at four locations throughout the state between Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and Monday, February 26, 2018. These workshops will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY*

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (PST)
Place: San Joaquin Valley Air
Pollution Control District
Board Meeting Room
1900 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

SACRAMENTO**

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (PST)
Place: California Environmental
Protection Agency Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street,
Sacramento, California 95814

**This workshop will include video conferencing with two San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District field offices:*

- Northern Region Office
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, California 93308
- Southern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, California 95356

***A webcast of this workshop will be available at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. Questions and comments may be emailed during the workshop.*

SOUTH COAST

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (PST)
Place: City of Commerce Council
Chambers
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, California 90040

BAY AREA

Date: Monday, February 26, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (PST)
Place: Elihu Harris Building
Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California 94612

Presentations will be similar at all four locations with additional information in Sacramento related to distribution of funds outside the South Coast, San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area districts. Staff presentations and handouts will be posted before the workshops on the Community Air Protection Funds website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cap/capmtgs.htm>.

Background

In 2017, the Governor signed AB 134 (Chapter 14, Statutes of 2017) appropriating \$250 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds to achieve early action emission reductions in the communities most burdened by air pollution. Assisting engine replacement, repower, and infrastructure projects in disadvantaged and low income areas supports the goals of AB 617 which calls for community air monitoring and action plans to reduce smog-forming and toxic emissions. Funds this year will reduce mobile source emissions under state guidelines either through the Carl Moyer Program or clean truck projects through the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Proposition 1B). As a whole, the projects will also result in reductions in greenhouse gases.

The funds are distributed as follows:

- \$107.5 million to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.
- \$80 million to the San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Management District.
- \$50 million to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.
- \$12.5 million to other California air districts as determined by CARB in consultation with the districts.

The workshops will provide an overview of the types of projects supported by the Moyer Program which along with Proposition 1B clean truck projects can reduce community pollution impacts and benefit public health as envisioned by AB 617. CARB and air district staff will seek local ideas and input as the districts prepare to select projects under state guidelines. Comments on the project types preferred by community groups and individuals will help inform air district project outreach and identification processes.

To facilitate timely expenditures that provide more immediate community benefits, CARB staff also plans to propose limited changes to the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines for these funds for Board consideration at its meeting on April 26, 2018 to April 27, 2018. Concepts for those guideline changes will be presented at the public workshops for comment and questions. The public will also have the opportunity to share views on other pollution sources that should be addressed with any future funds beyond the mobile source focus of the Carl Moyer Program and Proposition 1B programs.

Since 1998, the Carl Moyer Program has successfully reduced smog-forming and toxic emissions in California through incentive grants to vehicle and equipment owners. The grants provide a significant share of project costs, and help stimulate manufacture of cleaner technologies. Projects are solicited and selected by local air districts under CARB guidelines that specify project cost-effectiveness and criteria to ensure projects can receive emission reduction credit in federal air quality plans. Carl Moyer Program grants can fund a wide variety of project types including replacement or repower of heavy-duty trucks, transit and school buses, off-road construction and agricultural equipment, locomotives, infrastructure, and light-duty vehicle retirement. Proposition 1B clean truck projects include replacement and repower of heavy-duty diesel trucks that haul goods, plus infrastructure to support truck electrification.

Contact

We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort. For questions regarding either the workshop or the proposed new incentive funds to reduce emissions in AB 617 communities, please contact Mr. Kyle Goff, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-9424 or by email at kyle.goff@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Douglas Thompson, Manager, at (916) 322-6922 or by email at douglas.thompson@arb.ca.gov.

For more information and to download workshop materials, go to the Carl Moyer Program website: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cap/capmtgs.htm>.

To sign up for the Cap Incentives email list please visit:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=OCAPfunds

Special Accommodation Requests

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language assistance may be provided via the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting.
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language.

- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language assistance, please contact Ms. Neva Lowery, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-1209 or by email at neva.lowery@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas para cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma.
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 324-0342 o envíe un fax a (916) 327-8524 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

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