PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

October 20, 2016

Webcast

Thursday
October 20, 2016
9:00 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR:
The following items on the consent calendar will be presented to the Board immediately after the start of the public meeting, unless removed from the consent calendar either upon a Board member’s request or if someone in the audience wishes to speak on it.

Consent Item #

16-9-1: Public Meeting to Consider Four Research Proposals

The Board will consider approving four research proposals developed in response to the Board-approved FY 2016-2017 Annual Research Plan.


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DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Note: The following agenda items may be heard in a different order at the Board meeting.

Agenda Item #

16-9-2: Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Regulation to Provide Certification Flexibility for Innovative Heavy Duty Engines and California Certification and Installation Procedures for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Hybrid Conversion Systems (Innovative Technology Regulation)

The Board will consider for adoption the proposed Innovative Technology Regulation (ITR) to provide targeted, short-term Air Resources Board certification flexibility and proposed amendments to the Exhaust Emissions Standards and Test Procedures -1985 and Subsequent Model Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles (California Code of Regulations, title 13, section 1956.8) to add optional low carbon dioxide emission standards. The proposed ITR and amendments would help accelerate early deployment of engines meeting California's optional low oxides of nitrogen emission standards, robust heavy-duty hybrid engines (particularly hybrids with significant zero-emission range), and high-efficiency heavy-duty engines. The proposed ITR would also define certification and installation procedures for truck and bus hybrid conversion kits to encourage near-term hybridization of the in-use truck and bus fleet. The proposed ITR would provide near-term certification flexibility – primarily OBD compliance flexibility – to encourage technology launch and would sunset between 2021 and 2027, as each technology has an opportunity to gain a market foothold.

More Information
Staff Presentation

16-9-3: Public Meeting to Hear an Update on Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles and Related Research Studies

The Board will hear an assessment of the recently published Federal Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Standards for heavy-duty engines and vehicles. The Phase 2 program fully harmonizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards, and the Air Resources Board staff has worked closely with those federal agencies to develop a program that will allow manufacturers to continue to build a single fleet of vehicles and engines. Staff will also identify areas where the Phase 2 standards missed opportunities to further reduce GHG emissions from vocational vehicles and trailers. Staff will discuss how these areas will be addressed in future California rulemakings, while still maintaining harmonized requirements for vehicles and engines. This discussion will also include updates on GHG-related research projects.

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Staff Presentation

16-9-4: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the Status of Developing Low-NOx Emission Standards for Heavy Duty On-Highway Engines, Including an Overview of Related Research Studies

The Board will hear an assessment of the need to establish more stringent national NOx standards for heavy-duty on-highway engines. In close coordination with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other stakeholders, Staff believes a new, harmonized national NOx reduction strategy should be established that includes substantially lower NOx emission standards and improvements to existing test procedures and test cycles. The Board will also hear of Air Resources Board sponsored research currently underway that will support reducing NOx emissions significantly below the current standard. This discussion will also include updates on other NOx-related research projects.

More Information
Staff Presentation
16-9-5: Public Meeting to Consider the 2016 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan for the San Joaquin Valley

The Board will consider the 2016 San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Moderate Area State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2012 federal PM2.5 annual standard of 12 ug/m³. Air quality analysis in the 2016 San Joaquin Valley SIP shows that the San Joaquin Valley cannot meet the federal 12 ug/m³ standard by the 2021 moderate area attainment deadline. The Clean Air Act requires that the State submit this analysis as a SIP revision to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) prior to U.S. EPA reclassifying the San Joaquin Valley as a serious nonattainment area. A serious nonattainment classification would set a 2025 deadline for the areas to attain the 12 ug/m³ standard. At the Board meeting, Staff will also discuss the types of actions that will be needed to meet the 12 ug/m³ standard and expects to bring a SIP to the Board for its consideration in late 2017 that will meet that standard by the 2025 deadline.

More Information  Staff Presentation

16-9-6: Public Meeting to Consider Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation and Fuels Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program

The Board will consider proposed modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation and Fuels and the Air Quality Improvement Program, originally approved by the Board in June 2016 pending appropriation of funds in the 2016-17 State Budget. The Board-approved plan was predicated on a $500 million Low Carbon Transportation and Fuels appropriation. On August 31, 2016, the Legislature appropriated $363 million to the Air Resources Board for Low Carbon Transportation and provided direction on how these funds shall be allocated. In companion legislation, the Legislature enacted several changes to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). Staff’s proposal would modify the Board-approved Funding Plan to reflect the smaller Low Carbon Transportation appropriation and required changes to CVRP.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Board will hold a closed session, as authorized by Government Code section 11126(e), to confer with, and receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding the following pending or potential litigation, and as authorized by Government Code section 11126(a):

POET, LLC, et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Superior Court of California (Fresno County), Case No. 15CECG03380.


POET, LLC, et al. v. Corey, et al., Superior Court of California (Fresno County), Case No. 09CECG04659; plaintiffs’ appeal, California Court of Appeal, Fifth District, Case No. F064045; California Supreme Court, Case No. S213394 [remanded to trial court]; plaintiff’s appeal of trial court order discharging peremptory writ of mandate, Court of Appeal, Fifth District, Case No. F073340.


California Chamber of Commerce et al. v. California Air Resources Board, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2012-80001313; plaintiffs’ appeal, California Court of Appeal, Third District, Case No. C075930.


Sowinski v. California Air Resources Board, et al., United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 8:15-cv-02123.


Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association v. California Air Resources Board, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2013-00150733.

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers v. California Air Resources Board; Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2013-00152974.

Alliance for California Business v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Glenn County Superior Court, Case No. 13CV01232.


John R. Lawson Rock & Oil, Inc. et al. v. California Air Resources Board et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 14-CECG01494.

Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund v. California Air Resources Board, Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 14CECG01788 (plaintiff’s transfer to Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2014-80001974-CU-WM-GDS).
Meeks v. California Air Resources Board, et al. Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC592558.

Adam Brothers Farming, Inc. v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 15 CV04432.

In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" MDL, United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 15-MD-2672-CRB (JSC).

American Coating Association, Inc. v. State of California and California Air Resources Board, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 04CS01707.

Hamilton v. California Air Resources Board, et al., U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:15-CV-01942-AWI-SKO.

Mahan v. California Air Resources Board, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2016-80002416.

California Air Resources Board v. Adam Brothers Farming Inc., Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 16CV01758.

California Air Resources Board v. SSA Containers, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC628573 and No. BC628722.

People v. Southern California Gas Company, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC 602973.

California Air Resources Board v. BP West Coast Products LLC, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case No. C12-00567.

California Air Resources Board v. West Coast Diesel, Inc., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 15 CECG 03337.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO COMMENT ON MATTERS OF INTEREST

Board members may identify matters they would like to have noticed for consideration at future meetings and comment on topics of interest; no formal action on these topics will be taken without further notice.

OPEN SESSION TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

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