

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON OUTREACH AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR TRUCK OWNERS

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider an informational update on outreach and funding assistance for truck owners impacted by ARB regulations.

DATE: June 25 and 26, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., June 25, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on June 26. This item may not be considered until June 26. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before June 25, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or by Fax at (916) 322-3928 as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled board hearing. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

ARB regulations require truck owners to upgrade their diesel vehicles to reduce emissions of toxic and criteria pollutants, as well as greenhouse gases. Funding assistance is available through several ARB and local agency programs to achieve emission reductions beyond those required by the rules, most commonly through early compliance. These funding assistance programs include the Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program, Carl Moyer Program and new Carl Moyer Voucher option, AB 118: Air Quality Improvement Program and the Providing Loan Assistance for California Equipment Program.

ARB is committed to a streamlined and an integrated approach to help truck owners quickly understand regulatory requirements and determine which funding assistance programs may help them. ARB staff will make an oral presentation describing this integrated outreach and the status of truck funding assistance.

Major elements of the integrated outreach approach include telephone and Internet resources, and expanding ARB's traditional means of outreach. Staff has developed a comprehensive telephone hotline, (866) 6DIESEL (866-634-3735), to assist fleet

owners to understand the rules and funding assistance for their specific equipment. The hotline offers personalized assistance in multiple languages. Further, ARB staff is finalizing a centralized, easy-to-navigate website, which assembles relevant truck-related information geared toward different groups of stakeholders. ARB staff will also explore new and traditional ways to increase awareness of regulations and funding programs. As part of this process, staff has actively teamed with stakeholders, especially local agency partners, who occupy a unique and critical role in implementing air quality programs throughout the state. ARB staff will continue to develop this comprehensive approach, evaluating effectiveness and improving the program on an on-going basis.

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, June 24, 2009** and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

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. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Board requests, but does not require 30 copies of any written submission. Also, the ARB requests that written and e-mail statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Jessica Dean, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 322-8748 or jdean@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. John Kato, Manager of the Innovative Strategies Section, at (916) 322-2891 or jkato@arb.ca.gov.

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