Subject: Farm Diesel Ingins. Small farmer input
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Please add my comments for input to the public hearing set November 16/17 on in-use stationary diesel agricultural engines.

As a small farmer located in Dixon CA. I am finding it hard to understand what the ARB is doing. Owning a 40 acre farm and using small gas and Diesel power to operate my farming operation I find the actions of the ARB unfriendly. I have requested assistance to replace my old smoky diesel engine however it is to small to qualify for any programs. My motor is 30 hp, I need a 50hp to qualify for any replacement programs. I need my Diesel engine to support my 3 phase irrigation pump. I have found to replace my Diesel motor is over $25K. I have found to convert to all electric (PG&E) will cost $60K. I earn less than $15k net from my farm. Now do the math. You will find I, along with other farmers in order to be viable I have to buy the very used and polution generating engines (possibly out of state no less). I am finding that public hearing over 2 hours from me is wrong. I find it offensive that the public hearing is in metropolitan San Francisco. SF is a very Liberal community and I live in a conservative country community. Will my words as a farmer affected by this proposed regulations be heard. I am unable to attend so please add my email as my voice to the public hearing as my input against further oppression of a farmer trying to make a living.

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