We all welcome this new revenue source and look forward to programs and improvements that will move us toward increased sustainability and decreased use of fossil fuel.

I am particularly concerned about transportation projects funded with these revenues. I urge you to develop guidelines to determine a program's worthiness not only on the basis of emissions reduction but also by how much the program will sustain the reduction; that is replace vehicles and facilitate the use of walking, bikes, bus or rail, both passenger and freight.

With regard to the funding process, I encourage the California Air Resources Board to outreach directly to community groups. Do not delegate outreach to local or regional planning or transportation agencies. Due to political and other interests, these bodies tend to marginalize the voices of individuals and communities and are not capable of the level of transparency and fairness required in an inclusive decision-making process.

Moving California toward the ambitious but necessary goals set forth will require the support of all. The funding process to create projects and programs to get us there must be open, informed, and equitable.