CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSITION 1B PROGRAM FUNDING AWARDS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 FUNDS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM FREIGHT TRANSPORT

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider approving Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program) funding awards from Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 (Year 5) funds.

DATE: September 24, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

This item may be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 24, 2015, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on September 25, 2015. This item may not be considered until September 25, 2015. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before September 24, 2015, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

BACKGROUND

The movement of freight (goods movement) throughout California results in emissions of diesel particulate matter (diesel PM), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and other pollutants. Freight movement involves the use of a variety of mobile emission sources, such as heavy duty trucks, diesel locomotives, ocean-going vessels, harbor craft, cargo handling equipment, and transport refrigeration units. ARB has identified diesel PM as a toxic air contaminant, and NOx contributes to regional ozone and PM levels that exceed State and federal air quality standards. The emissions from these mobile sources result in significant human health risks and adverse environmental effects, particularly when such sources release emissions near already heavily impacted communities located in California's trade corridors where these sources operate.

Proposition 1B, approved by voters in 2006, authorizes $1 billion in bond funding to ARB to reduce air pollution emissions and health risk from freight movement along California's four priority trade corridors.

The Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program) is a partnership between ARB and local agencies (like air districts and ports). ARB develops the Program Guidelines and awards Program funding to local agencies; those agencies then use a competitive process to provide incentives to equipment owners to upgrade to cleaner technology. The local agencies are a critical part of the Program, and have assisted thousands of equipment owners in applying for and obtaining funding since the inception of the Program. On June 25, 2015, the Board approved updated Program Guidelines, including the previously-adopted funding targets for each trade corridor.

Out of the $1 billion authorized for the program, $980 million is allocated for Program project implementation and $20 million is allocated to cover bond issuance and oversight costs incurred by the control agencies. All funding is contingent on bond sales by the State and appropriation by the Legislature. To date, ARB has received approximately $740 million to implement various projects and ARB's administration costs.

On July 6, 2015, ARB released a Notice of Funding Availability (for the Year 5 appropriation) to solicit applications from local agencies to administer emission reduction projects. Five qualified local agencies submitted 19 project proposals, requesting $469 million.

STAFF PROPOSAL

ARB will hold a public meeting on September 24, 2015, to award up to $240 million of the current appropriation, contingent on funding availability, and to reallocate approximately $47 million of recaptured funds. Of this $287 million, staff is recommending up to $20 million for ARB administrative costs associated with the Program over multiple years, and up to $267 million for eligible projects (as defined by the Program Guidelines), within each of California's four priority trade corridors.

ARB staff will present a written and verbal status of the funding award recommendations to the Board at the meeting. The complete applications submitted by the local agencies for Year 5 funds, and tables summarizing those applications, are available on the Program website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond, along with the Program Guidelines and other relevant documents.

ARB staff will release a detailed discussion of the award recommendations for Board action in a formal Staff Report. Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990, by September 10, 2015.

The Staff Report may also be obtained from the Program website listed above.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, September 21, 2015**, 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

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and verbal 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.

ARB requests that written and email statements on this item be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Ambreen Afshan, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-8522 or Ms. Barbara Van Gee, Manager, Goods Movement Strategies Section at (916) 324-9949.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: September 3, 2015