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PROPOSITION 1B: GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss preliminary recommendations for awarding $220 million through the Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program). These Program funds will be used by local agencies to reduce diesel emissions and health risk from freight operations in California.

On July 6, 2015, ARB released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit applications from local agencies to administer emission reduction projects with these funds. By the August 7, 2015, application deadline, ARB received 19 applications from five local agencies requesting $469 million in funds. A summary of the applications received is available on the Program website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond.

The purpose of the workshops is to receive public input on how the funds should be distributed among eligible projects, as defined by the Program's Guidelines for Implementation, within each of California's four (4) priority trade corridors.

Staff will post the presentation prior to the workshops at http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond.

Workshop Locations

The workshops will be held in four locations at the following dates and times.

Date	Time	Workshop Location
Tuesday, August 25, 2015	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District 1990 East Gettysburg Avenue Fresno, CA 93726
Wednesday, August 26, 2015	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	California Environmental Protection Agency California Air Resources Board Sierra Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Webcast: www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1
Thursday, August 27, 2015	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	South Coast Air Quality Management District Conference Center 6 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Friday, August 28, 2015	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	San Diego County Operations Center Room 124 5530 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123

Background

California voters approved $1 billion in bond funding under Proposition 1B in 2006 to reduce air pollution emissions and health risk from freight movement along California's four (4) priority trade corridors. The Program is a partnership between ARB and local agencies (like air districts and ports). Local agencies apply to ARB for funding, and those agencies offer financial incentives to owners of diesel equipment used in freight movement to upgrade to cleaner technologies. On June 25, 2015, the Board approved updated Program Guidelines, including a new source category and expanded project options, and are available on the Program website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond.

Next Steps

Following the workshops, we will release a staff report with the proposed funding awards to local agencies. On September 24-25, 2015, the Board will hear public testimony and consider approval of the awards.

Accommodation

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact ARB staff at (916) 44-GOODS (444-6637) or gmbond@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshops. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for California Relay Service.

We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions regarding the Program, please contact ARB staff at gmbond@arb.ca.gov or call our Goods Movement Information Line at (916) 44-GOODS (444-6637). If you have questions about meeting logistics, please contact Chris Schlagel at christopher.schlagel@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-8382.

Sincerely,

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