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PROPOSITION 1B: GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a workshop (in-person or via webcast) being held in Sacramento to discuss our preliminary recommendations for awarding Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program) funds to projects that reduce diesel emissions and health risk from freight operations. The purpose of the workshop is to get public input on staff's preliminary recommendations for the Board to award \$100 million in new funding from Fall 2011 bond sale proceeds.

Date	Time	Workshop Location
Monday November 14, 2011	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Cal/EPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Webcast - http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast

A concept paper on staff's proposal for funding priorities will be available on the Program website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond> by November 10 and will also be described at the workshop. We will finalize the proposal following the workshop and present it to the Board at a hearing in Sacramento on December 15 or 16, 2011.

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 priority trade corridors. Last year, local and State agencies applied to ARB for the new funding that is now available. Those agencies will offer financial incentives to owners of diesel equipment used in freight transport to upgrade to cleaner technology.

Preliminary Approach: Although the Board tentatively allocated \$275 million to agencies in June of 2010, these allocations were contingent on future bond sales and need to be revised based on the actual proceeds of \$100 million. Staff is proposing that this funding be provided as grants and financing assistance -- first to certain drayage truck projects and second to other types of truck projects. The June 2010 staff report describes the concept of priority funding for early truck upgrades to meet the Phase 2 Drayage rule requirements. This prioritization supports the Board's commitment to accelerate the reduction in diesel emissions and health risks in highly impacted communities near ports, rail yards, and distribution centers. Funds not used for drayage trucks would be shifted to other truck projects already on the competitively ranked lists established by each air district based on applications from truck owners in Spring 2011.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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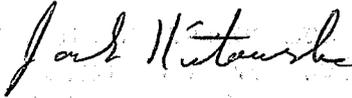
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Comments: We encourage your input at the workshop or in writing. If you wish to provide written comments, please submit them by November 18 to Ms. Catherine Cardozo at ccardozo@arb.ca.gov.

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 Ms. Catherine Cardozo at ccardozo@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-1502.

Sincerely,



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