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PROPOSITION 1B: GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in workshops being held around the State to discuss the proposed Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program) prior to consideration by the Board on January 24, 2008. This new \$1 billion incentive program is a partnership between ARB and local agencies (like air districts, ports, and transportation agencies) to quickly reduce air pollution emissions and health risk from freight movement along California's trade corridors.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Public Workshop Location</u>
January 7, 2008 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95812 Webcast at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/
January 8, 2008 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	West Oakland Senior Center 1724 Adeline Street Oakland, CA 94607
January 9, 2008 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Building 1990 East Gettysburg Avenue Fresno, CA 93726
January 10, 2008 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Long Beach Civic Center, Council Chambers 333 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802
January 11, 2008 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	San Diego County Administration Building, Room 310 1600 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101

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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Background. California voters approved \$1 billion in bond funding for this purpose under Proposition 1B in 2006. The Board will hold a public hearing on January 24, 2008 to consider approval of the Program Guidelines, \$25 million in “early grant” proposals, and Program funding targets. Once the Board adopts the Guidelines, it will then solicit proposals and allocate the rest of the first \$250 million installment to local agencies in early 2008. Local agencies will use the funds to provide financial incentives to owners of equipment used in freight movement to upgrade to cleaner technologies.

The purpose of the workshops is to seek public comment on the proposed Guidelines and staff report with recommendations for funding targets and early grants. We expect to post the staff report on our website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond> at the end of the year or shortly thereafter, followed by the proposed Guidelines by January 7, 2007. We encourage you to visit the website and sign up for the email listserve (gmbond). We will notify the people on this listserve via email when each document is posted on the website.

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We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions on the Program, please contact Douglas Ito, Manager, Goods Movement Strategies Section, 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 Marie Kavan at mkavan@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-7142.

Sincerely,

/s/

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