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SUSTAINABLE FREIGHT STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss the development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy (Strategy). This year, ARB worked closely with stakeholders to identify and discuss various concepts that could move California towards a sustainable freight transport system characterized by improved efficiency, zero or near-zero emissions, and increased competitiveness of the logistics system. The Strategy will include recommendations for near-term actions that are informed by stakeholder input, sector-based technology assessments, and staff's analysis. At these workshops, we will frame the concepts under evaluation and solicit further public input. We plan to release a discussion draft of the Strategy document in November 2014 and present it to the Board for preliminary feedback in December 2014.

Workshop Locations

All workshops will follow the same format and presentation. The workshops will be held at five locations at the following dates and times:

Date	Time	Workshop Location
Thursday September 11, 2014	10:00 am- 12:00 pm	Cal/EPA Building, Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Webcast: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1
Monday September 15, 2014	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Metropolitan Transportation Commission 101 8th Street Oakland, CA 94607
Tuesday September 16, 2014	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District 1990 East Gettysburg Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 <u>Alternative locations with live video feed:</u> 4800 Enterprise Blvd 34946 Flyover Court Modesto, CA 95356 Bakersfield, CA 93308
Tuesday September 23, 2014	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Bannings Landing Community Center 100 East Water Street Wilmington, CA 90744
Wednesday September 24, 2014	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Caltrans District 11 4050 Taylor Street San Diego, CA 92110

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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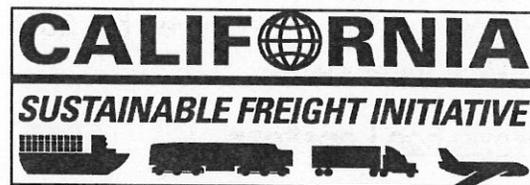
For those unable to attend in person, the Sacramento workshop will be webcast, and can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. Webcast participants will be able to send questions or comments to auditorium@calepa.ca.gov.

Workshop materials will be posted by September 4, 2014 on ARB's website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/sfti.htm>. We will send a list serve notice out when materials are posted.

Notices for Future Meetings and Materials: If you would like to receive notices of future meetings and the availability of materials, please sign up for our list serve at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/sfti.htm>.

Background

California's freight transportation system is a multi-modal system designed to move freight across the State, the nation, and the globe. The freight system is a critical part of our economy and a significant contributor to our air quality concerns. The collective efforts of impacted communities, the logistics industry, air quality agencies, and the ports have yielded significant progress in reducing the air pollution impacts from the movement of freight or goods. Since 2005, diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions have been cut by 70 percent or more at major seaports, and by 50-70 percent at the highest risk rail yards across the State. However, freight-related operations still remain a large contributor to air pollution.



On January 23, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 14-2, which directed staff to engage all interested stakeholders to provide input on the development of a Strategy document by the end of 2014. The purpose of the Strategy is to identify and prioritize actions to move California towards a sustainable freight transport system that is characterized by improved efficiency and zero or near-zero emissions. This is a vital part of our efforts to reduce localized health risk near freight facilities, attain air quality standards in each region, and reduce California's contribution to global climate change.

The Strategy also recognizes other freight system priorities, including: reliability, velocity and capacity; integration with the national and international freight transportation system; transition to cleaner, renewable transportation energy sources; and a system that supports healthy, livable communities. In addition, the Strategy must recognize the value of: improving the competitiveness of our ports and logistics industry; creating jobs in

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California and training local workers to support the new transport system; increasing energy security; and improving mobility.

ARB and its agency partners are developing technology assessments for trucking, rail, ships/ports, cargo handling equipment, commercial harbor craft, fuels and air cargo to inform the Sustainable Freight Strategy and upcoming State Implementation Plans. More information on these assessments, including separate upcoming workshops in early September, can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/tech/tech.htm>

The concepts under evaluation for the Sustainable Freight Strategy span the following categories: system efficiencies; land-use; engines and equipment; monetary incentives; non-monetary incentives; economy and jobs; and energy and fuel. In addition, ARB is working closely with the California Department of Transportation and its California Freight Advisory Committee to coordinate the State's freight planning efforts.

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodation, need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Lea Yamashita, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-0017 or lyamashi@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions regarding the workshops, please contact Ms. Lea Yamashita at the above number.

Sincerely,



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