



# Air Resources Board



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## SUSTAINABLE FREIGHT STRATEGY PUBLIC FORUM

Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public forum for the development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy (Strategy). The purpose of this dialogue is to provide an opportunity for open, interactive discussions between staff and attendees. The forum will be held at the following time and place:

Date/Time: Monday, May 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Place: CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal and Sierra Hearing Rooms, 2nd Floor  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

This meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. Webcast participants will only be able to view the meeting and will not be able to submit questions or comments to be answered or considered during the meeting. However, questions or comments may be submitted to [freight@arb.ca.gov](mailto:freight@arb.ca.gov), and will be reviewed by staff at a later date. An agenda, staff's presentation and all associated documents will be posted on ARB's website at: [www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/sfti](http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/sfti) no later than May 1, 2014.

### 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.

Freight Transport System	
<b>Modes:</b>    	<b>Facilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seaports</li> <li>• Airports</li> <li>• Rail yards &amp; lines</li> <li>• Distribution centers</li> <li>• Warehouses</li> <li>• High traffic roads</li> <li>• Border crossings</li> </ul>

*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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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 emissions of diesel PM, oxides of nitrogen, and greenhouse gases that contribute to local, regional, and global pollution concerns.

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. The Strategy will also recognize 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: keeping California's ports and logistics industry competitive; creating jobs in California and training local workers to support the new transport system; increasing energy security; and improving mobility.

ARB's primary interests are in reducing the pollution that comes from freight - both domestic and international emissions that encompass the full range of equipment operating on land, sea and air. As such, identifying and prioritizing actions in the Strategy to achieve a sustainable freight system is a critical step in meeting the Board's air quality and climate goals. The Strategy will include recommendations for near-term actions that come out of stakeholder input and sector-based technology assessments for trucking, rail, ships/ports, commercial harbor craft, fuels and air cargo. ARB staff is also working closely with the California Department of Transportation and its California Freight Advisory Committee to ensure the State's freight planning efforts are coordinated.

### Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Lea Yamashita at (916) 323-0017 or [lyamashi@arb.ca.gov](mailto: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.

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We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Lea Yamashita, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-0017 or [lyamashi@arb.ca.gov](mailto:lyamashi@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas Ito".

Douglas Ito, Chief  
Freight Transport Branch

