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Dorothy Fibiger

California Air Resources Board

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support For Proposed Amendment to Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) Exhaust & Evaporative

Emissions

Dear Ms. Fibiger:

The Curtis Park neighborhood is a politically active and vibrant 2,500 household community located in South Sacramento. The Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association (SCNA) holds monthly board meetings to address neighborhood issues, manages the Sierra2 Center for the Arts & Community, hosts many annual events, and publishes monthly the Viewpoint newspaper.

SCNA strongly supports the proposed amendment to small off-road engines (SORE) which would set emission standards for smog-forming pollutants to zero for all new SORE beginning with the 2024 model year. Small off-road engines include, leaf blowers, lawn mowers, weed trimmers, chain saws, golf carts, generators pumps, and specialty vehicles. Small generator engines are exempt from the zero emission standards. However, the proposed amendment would make the emission standards more stringent for generator engines beginning with the 2024 model year. The emission standards would be zero for generator engines for the 2028 model year.

SCNA has been actively involved in zero emission equipment (ZEE) for yard care. The Sierra 2 Center contracts with FRESH AIR Yard Care which uses only electric and hand powered equipment to maintain the landscape. SCNA has a Clean & Quiet Yard Care Ad Hoc Committee that promotes and educates the neighborhood about greener alternatives to yard care at community events and through their website <https://sierra2.org/neighbors-seek-cleaner-quieter-yard-care-tools/>

Please let us know if there is any other actions SCNA can take in support of the proposed SORE zero-emission standards.

Sincerely,

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