

Cahuilla Band of Indians Public Works

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Clean Air Resources Board Clean Transportation Incentives Division 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives.

The Cahuilla Band of Indians Public Works Department appreciates the opportunity to be part of this pilot program and understands that there will be growing pains along the way. Cahuilla faces two primary challenges.

- 1. **Funding-** To upgrade power to the Program site is estimated at \$100,000-\$250,000 from the utility company. This upgrade will be necessary if all electric vehicles need to be charged at the same time, or if a larger electric vehicle is to be charged. Our routes are a greater distance which will require more frequent charging. If CARB is looking to help disadvantaged communities and help progress towards the states clean transportation and carbon neutrality goals, additional funding to build the infrastructure will be necessary.
- 2. **Insurance requirements** have proven to be unduly burdensome. Through our partnerships and communications with other award recipients, we learned the current requirements limit the impact of the program and overall sustainability once funding has ceased. If the Program is expected to be self sustaining after initial funding has ended, the unnecessarily high insurance requirements should be changed so funding can have a larger impact on serving communities.

We appreciate CARB staff's efforts and continued engagement throughout the program, and recognize this as a pilot program. Please accept our feedback and recognize that we are excited for this opportunity and look forward to working through the challenges to deliver clean transportation options to our community.

Thank you for your review.

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