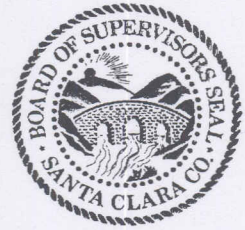


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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Liz Kniss, President

Fifth District Supervisor

April 17, 2009



Ms. Mary Nichols, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chairman Nichols,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for the Air Resources Board staff proposal to lower the carbon content of transportation fuels used in California, referred to as the California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS).

The LCFS is a critical component of the State's plan to achieve its AB 32 greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. If implemented, it would reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector in California by about 16 million metric tons in 2020. This would account for almost 10 percent of the total GHG emission reductions needed to achieve the State's mandate of reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Because transportation is the single largest source of California's global warming pollution, the State is correct to prioritize this sector and to ensure that fuel providers contribute their fair share to the State's overall emissions reductions.

In addition, the LCFS is designed to reduce California's dependence on petroleum, create a lasting market for clean transportation technology, and stimulate the production and use of alternative, low-carbon fuels in California. A state policy that will spur the production of a whole new generation of clean, low carbon transportation fuels—so that government fleets, local business fleets, and residents can use these cleaner, greener fuels—is a win-win for all.

The proposed LCFS helps our State achieve the goals of AB 32 and we are pleased to support the Air Resources Board staff recommendation on this issue.

Sincerely,

Liz Kniss

President, Board of Supervisors

c: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Gary A. Graves, Acting County Executive