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July 25, 2007

Mr. Tom Cackett
Executive Director
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Consideration of Enhanced Proposed Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles

Dear Mr. Cackett:

I share the commitment expressed by the Governor and ARB Executive Director Mary Nichols to accelerate attainment of the federal 8-hour ozone standard in the San Joaquin Valley.

The May 24, 2007 off-road rule proposed by the Air Resources Board staff offers an opportunity to accelerate attainment if a proviso is added as proposed by the SJVAPCD, to enable the San Joaquin Valley, South Coast, and Bay Area air districts to opt-in to an enhanced program coupled with dedicated incentive funding to obtain additional emissions reductions.

As you know, additional NOx reductions are critical to accelerated attainment in the San Joaquin Valley. Off-road heavy-duty construction equipment is one of the largest NOx categories in the Valley.

The proposed enhancements to the ARB staff proposal achieve additional reductions in the most heavily impacted regions of the state from the largest off-road construction fleets. In order to facilitate the accelerated schedule, compliance assistance funding from the Carl Moyer Program is proposed. Fleets that do not take advantage of the funding in the early years will be required to meet the provisions of the regulations by specified dates without the benefit of public resources.

In the San Joaquin Valley, the Air District estimates that the enhanced program will require \$10 million per year in public funding for a period of four years. The District is proposing to provide \$5 million per year in funding from local Carl Moyer funds with the remainder of the funds

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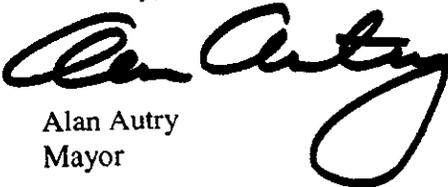
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coming from ARB's Carl Moyer Program allocation. Without ARB participation in funding the enhanced program, the Valley would have to divert funding from other equally impactful emissions reduction projects which will greatly diminish the benefits of the enhanced program.

The adoption of the Enhanced Proposed Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles will require additional emissions reductions from the regulated community with financial participation of the state and local air agencies in the most heavily impacted regions of the state. This approach can act as a policy model as we address other large emissions categories in the coming years.

I urge the ARB board to support the proposed enhancements and to provide the requested matching funds. Thank you for your commitment to accelerated attainment of air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Autry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Alan Autry
Mayor