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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS (1) ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM CREDIT TRACKING PROCESS, AND (2) MULTI-AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF CARSHARING/STATION CAR PROGRAMS

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff, in cooperation with staff of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), invites you to participate in several workshops on issues related to implementation of the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program.

The requirements of the ZEV program take effect with the 2003 model year. To assist manufacturers in their compliance efforts, ARB staff will hold a workshop to provide additional information and receive public comment regarding the ZEV credit tracking process. Topics to be covered include credit calculation, credit reporting, and the operation of the ZEV credit banking system. Staff also will be available at the workshop to address other implementation questions.

In addition, the ARB has entered into a Partnership Agreement with Caltrans and the CEC to work cooperatively on energy efficient and environmentally sound transportation improvements for California. Carsharing and station car projects provide one near-term focus of the Partnership's efforts. Staff from the ARB, Caltrans and the CEC will hold a joint workshop to inform interested parties as to the Partnership's planned activities and seek public comment. The joint workshop will also include discussion of the ARB's application and approval process for projects seeking additional ZEV credit for transportation systems activities, and the evaluation of project results.

The draft agenda for each workshop is attached. Copies of draft staff materials to be discussed at the workshops will be posted on the ARB web site (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/zevprog.htm#new>) prior to the workshops. Following the workshops, where appropriate, ARB staff anticipates that additional guidance will be provided in the form of a Manufacturers' Advisory Correspondence letter.

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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Because stakeholders may be interested in all of the noted topics, staff proposes to hold the workshops on consecutive days. The Administrative Issues workshop will be held once, in Sacramento. The Carsharing/Station Car workshop will be held twice, once in Sacramento and once in El Monte. The two carsharing/station car workshops will present the same material and follow the same agenda. Although interested parties are welcome to attend both sessions, they need not do so.

As part of its efforts to encourage carsharing, Caltrans has proposed a Statewide Carsharing Deployment Project. The attached workshop draft agenda sets aside time for discussion of this item. Please note that presentation of this proposed initiative is tentative, and is contingent upon approval by the California Transportation Commission at its April 4th, 2002 meeting. In addition, at these workshops staff will not entertain public comment on the proposed Caltrans initiative. Rather, staff will describe the initiative and outline how interested parties can stay informed and participate in the Caltrans process.

Details of the workshops are as follows:

ZEV Credit Tracking Process

Date: April 9, 2002
Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California
Staff Contact: Krista Eley, (916) 322-2333, keley@arb.ca.gov
Teleconferencing Available: Please RSVP to staff contact by phone or e-mail.

Carsharing/Station Cars (Northern Session)

Date: April 10, 2002
Time: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California
Staff Contact: Chuck Shulock, (916) 322-6964, cshulock@arb.ca.gov

Carsharing/Station Cars (Southern Session)

Date: April 11, 2002
Time: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: Air Resources Board
Annex IV Auditorium
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California
Staff Contact: Chuck Shulock, (916) 322-6964, cs hulock@arb.ca.gov

ZEV Program List Serve

For your information, the Air Resources Board maintains a list serve area for the ZEV Program. If you sign up for this list serve, you will receive an e-mail notice when new information has been posted to the ZEV Program web site. To subscribe to this mailing list, please go to the computer to which you would like the periodic email notices to be sent. From that computer, send an email to:

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Please leave the subject line blank. In the email message area, please type:

subscribe zev-program

You will receive an automatic message confirming that you have successfully subscribed. If you would like further information concerning this mailing list, please contact Ms. Lisa Kasper at (916) 327-2932 or via email at zev-program@listserv.arb.ca.gov.

The facilities to be used for the workshops are accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact Mr. Chuck Shulock at (916) 322-6964 or cs hulock@arb.ca.gov. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can call TDD (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8236 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachments

Draft Agenda

Air Resources Board Workshop ZEV Credit Tracking Process

**Sierra Hearing Room
California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
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Sacramento, CA**

**1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
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1. Introduction/Review Agenda
2. Background
3. Technical Issues (Staff introduction and stakeholder discussion)
 - Credit Calculator
 - Data Needs/Format
 - Credit Bank
 - Other
4. Process/Policy Issues (Staff introduction and stakeholder discussion)
 - Frequency of reporting
 - Credit Statement
 - Delivered for sale
 - Placed in service
 - Transferring credits
 - Other
5. Open Discussion
6. Next Steps

**Draft Agenda
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Transportation System ZEV Credit Applications**

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 - Objectives
 - Activities
 - Memorandum of Agreement
 - Overview of Proposed Support Activities
 - Public Comment

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 - Staff Presentation
 - Project Inventory
 - Public Comment

3. Information Item (tentative)
 - Possible Caltrans Statewide Carsharing Deployment Project
(Contingent on approval by California Transportation Commission)

 - Staff Presentation
 - Description
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ZEV Program Provisions

Project Application and Review

Preparation for ZEV Credit "Sunset" Review

Process

Evaluation Criteria

Public Comment

5. Partnership Proposed Support Activities

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Project Evaluation

Standardization

Clearinghouse

Project Development/Implementation/Selection

Investigation of Funding Sources

Public Comment

6. Next Steps

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