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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY BILL
(AB) 118 AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FISCAL
YEAR 2011-12 FUNDING PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss development of the AB 118 AQIP Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-12 (FY 2011-12 Funding Plan).

The meetings will be held at the following times and places:

Sacramento: (will also be webcast)

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: Air Resources Board
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm>

Fresno

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: San Joaquin Valley Unified
Air Pollution Control District
Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

El Monte

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/elmomaps.htm>

*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>.*

California Environmental Protection Agency

Webcast Information

The Sacramento meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> . Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation and all associated documents will be posted in advance of the workshop on ARB's web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm> .

Meeting Information and Background

Development of the AQIP FY 2011-12 Funding Plan

AB 118 provides annual funding through 2015 to the AQIP for a variety of air quality incentive projects, including low-emission vehicles and equipment projects, air quality research, and advanced energy technology workforce training. The Governor's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 budget provides approximately \$40 million for AQIP projects. ARB is currently developing a Proposed FY 2011-12 Funding Plan to be considered by the Board in July 2011. The Funding Plan is each year's blueprint for expending AQIP funds appropriated to the ARB in the annual State budget. In January 2011, ARB staff provided preliminary ideas at a public workshop in Sacramento. This information can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/meetings/fy2011-12.htm> .

ARB staff proposes to continue funding three of the AQIP project categories established in the FY 2009-10 Funding Plan and continued in the FY 2010-11 Funding Plan. The Board envisioned that these project categories would be funded for multiple years. Continuation of these projects capitalizes on their early successes, and supports investments in the next generation of vehicles, equipment, and emission controls necessary to meet California's long-term air quality goals. The project categories include:

- Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project
- Clean Vehicle Rebate Project
- Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects

ARB staff will seek public input on these categories, in addition to taking suggestions for potential new funding categories. ARB staff is not proposing additional funding for 2 existing project categories: 1) the Lawn and Garden Equipment Replacement Project and 2) the Zero-Emission Agricultural Utility Terrain Vehicle Rebate Project.

Staff is proposing a plan for the full \$40 million allocation but will include a contingency plan with minimum funding targets totaling approximately \$30 million should revenues

be lower than projected, as was the case in both FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. Establishing targets for each project category based on a conservative funding scenario assures that every category will receive funding regardless of the timing of project solicitations throughout the fiscal year. Other contingency plans will include those specific for the different project categories as well as for minor technical or administrative changes. At the upcoming series of workshops, staff will present proposed allocations for each of the AQIP project categories and any proposed new or modified project requirements. As part of the overall discussion, ARB will focus on potential modifications to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to reflect an expected significant increase in demand for those funds. A funding plan discussion document will be posted prior to the April 5, 2011 workshop on ARB's web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm> .

Public Workshop Schedule

This is the final set of public workshops before staff releases the Proposed FY 2011-12 Funding Plan for public comment in June 2011 prior to Board consideration at the July 21, 2011 Board hearing.

Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Mr. Andrew Panson at (916) 323-2881 or apanson@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Andrew Panson, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2881 or apanson@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

/s/

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