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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: REVISED MAIL-OUT # 11-35: NEW DATE FOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP
ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 118 AIR QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 FUNDING
PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of the AB 118 AQIP Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-13 (FY 2012-13 Funding Plan).

Please note the meeting date has been changed to the following time and place:

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Webcast Information

This 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 website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm>.

Meeting Information and Background

AB 118 provides \$30-40 million per year (depending on revenues) through 2015 for the AQIP to fund a variety of air quality incentive projects, including low-emission vehicle and equipment projects, air quality research, and advanced energy technology workforce training. In 2009, the Board established overarching implementation priorities and guiding principles directing AQIP funds to support development and deployment of

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the advanced technologies needed to meet California's longer-term, post 2020 State Implementation Plan (SIP) goals, and to fund projects that do not fit within the statutory framework of other ARB incentive programs. The Board envisioned that many of the project categories included in the FY 2009-10 Funding Plan would be funded for multiple years in order to achieve air quality benefits by reducing criteria or toxic air pollutants. The Board approved FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 Funding Plans built upon the successes of those project categories by providing continued funding for several of the existing AQIP projects—making needed project refinements and adjusting funding percentages to reflect market demand. ARB has continued its commitment to funding demonstration projects through the AQIP as well as adding new project categories to incorporate new technologies as they come to market.

As part of developing the FY 2012-13 Funding Plan, ARB seeks public input to evaluate the project categories funded in FY 2011-12 and will consider: 1) whether the projects are oversubscribed or under subscribed; and 2) whether continued funding should be proposed, and if so, whether modifications to project requirements are needed. Key in this discussion is the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). In approving the FY 2011-12 Funding Plan, the Board directed staff to evaluate ways to ensure rebates are available for vehicles from a diverse number of manufacturers. This policy direction combined with the expected increase in availability and diversity of eligible vehicles requires that ARB evaluate significant modifications to the CVRP. In developing the FY 2012-13 Funding Plan, ARB also seeks public input in order to:

- Examine the project categories not funded in previous years and consider whether additional categories should be proposed for funding in FY 2012-13 that meet AQIP's implementation priorities and guiding principles established by the Board.
- Reexamine opportunities to coordinate with other incentive programs such as the Energy Commission's AB 118 program or federal incentive programs.

For reference, The FY 2011-12 Funding Plan can be accessed at the web link <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/fundplan/fundplan.htm> .

Public Workshop Schedule

This is the first of two planned workshops. The second AQIP workshop will be held in Sacramento in spring 2012. ARB will bring the proposed FY 2012-13 Funding Plan to the Board for its consideration in early summer 2012.

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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 Ms. Johanna Levine at (916) 324-6971 or jlevine@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 Ms. Johanna Levine, Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 324-6971 or jlevine@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

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