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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: SECOND 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).

The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 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 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. ARB is currently developing a Proposed FY 2012-13 Funding Plan to be considered by the Board in June 2012. The Funding Plan is each year's blueprint for expending AQIP funds appropriated to ARB in the annual State budget. In February

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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2012, 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/fy2012-13.htm> .

ARB staff proposes to continue funding three of the AQIP project categories established in the FY 2009-10 Funding Plan through a fourth year. 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 and Zero-Emission 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.

Staff is proposing a plan for the full \$40 million allocation but will include a contingency plan with minimum funding targets totaling approximately \$28 million should revenues be lower than projected, as was the case in all previous years. 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, including plans for if additional funds become available for AQIP projects.

At the upcoming workshop, staff will present proposed allocations for each of the AQIP project categories and any proposed new or modified project requirements. A key part of the overall discussion will be potential modifications to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to reflect the expected increase in availability and diversity of eligible vehicles. Workshop materials will be posted prior to the April 10, 2012 workshop on ARB's web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm> .

Public Workshop Schedule

This is the final public workshop before staff releases the Proposed FY 2012-13 Funding Plan for public comment on May 29, 2012, 30 days prior to Board consideration at the June 28, 2012 Board meeting.

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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,

/s/

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