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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: SECOND WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY BILL
(AB) 118 AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FISCAL
YEAR 2013-14 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 2013-14 (FY 2013-14 Funding Plan).

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

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013
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 to \$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 2013-14 Funding Plan to be considered by the Board in June 2013. The Funding Plan is each year's blueprint

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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for expending AQIP funds appropriated to ARB in the annual State budget. In January 2013, 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/fy2013-14.htm> .

ARB staff proposes to continue funding three of the AQIP project categories established in the FY 2009-10 Funding Plan through a fifth 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:

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

Additionally, staff proposes to provide funding to the Truck Loan Assistance Program. The Truck Loan Assistance Program has experienced a recent increase in activity and is in need of funding to carry the program through the end of the calendar year.

ARB staff will seek public input on these categories, in addition to taking suggestions for potential new funding categories.

In previous years, the Board adopted a plan for the full allocation in the State Budget and included a contingency plan with minimum funding targets to address the likelihood that revenues would be lower than projected. Each year, revenue has come in lower than expected, and early staff projections indicate the same for Fiscal Year 2013-14. Because the projects funded by AQIP have been successful, AQIP funding alone will not meet consumer demand in each project. Therefore, staff's proposal will establish minimum funding targets for each project category and prioritize how available funding above those levels would be distributed.

At the upcoming workshop, staff will present proposed minimum allocations for each of the AQIP project categories and any proposed new or modified project requirements. Workshop materials will be posted prior to the April 4, 2013 workshop on ARB's web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm> .

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Public Workshop Schedule

This is the final public workshop before staff anticipates releasing the Proposed FY 2013-14 Funding Plan for public comment on May 28, 2013, 30 days prior to Board consideration at the June 27, 2013 Board meeting.

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. Lisa Macumber at (916) 322-2881 or lmacumbe@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. Lisa Macumber, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2881 or lmacumbe@arb.ca.gov .

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