



# Air Resources Board



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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY  
BILL 118 AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR  
2014-15 FUNDING PLAN

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The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of Assembly Bill (AB) 118 Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (FY 2014-15 Funding Plan).

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

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

This kick-off workshop is intended to begin the process for developing the AB 118 AQIP Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

## 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 up to \$30 million per year (depending on revenues) through 2023 for AQIP to fund a variety of air quality incentive projects, including low-emission vehicle

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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 the advanced technologies needed to meet California's longer-term, post 2020 State Implementation Plan 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 original 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.

In recent years, the Board has approved funding for the following projects:

- Rebates for near-zero and zero-emission passenger vehicles, known as the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project;
- Vouchers for hybrid and zero-emission trucks and buses, known as the Hybrid and Zero Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project;
- Financing assistance for small business truck owners in need of replacement or retrofits; known as the Truck Loan Assistance Program; and
- A broad range of off-road Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects, including marine hybridization and particulate filters for locomotives.

To address updated requirements identified in AB 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013), over the course of the next several months, ARB staff will assess metrics designed to evaluate project categories for inclusion in annual Funding Plans and evaluate types of incentives, needs, measures of success, and priorities for long-term planning of AQIP.

Consistent with prior year's annual Funding Plan development practices, ARB staff will be seeking public input on:

- potential projects for FY 2014-15 that meet defined metrics, AQIP's implementation priorities, and guiding principles established by the Board;
- funding levels for potential projects identified for funding during the 2014-15 fiscal year;
- potential opportunities to coordinate with the California Energy Commission Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP), development of the corresponding 2014-15 ARFVTP Investment Plan, and opportunities to coordinate with other local or federal incentive programs; and
- other relevant comments or suggestions.

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For reference, prior year Funding Plans 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. An additional AQIP workshop will be held in Sacramento in spring 2014. ARB will bring the proposed FY 2014-15 Funding Plan to the Board for its consideration in early summer 2014.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:lmacumbe@arb.ca.gov).

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