

**REPORT:**

California Air Resources Board

**SYNOPSIS:**

The California Air Resources Board met on June 25, 2015, in Sacramento. The following is a summary of this meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File.

Judy Mitchell, SCAQMD Board Member

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The Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) June meeting was held on June 25, 2015 in Sacramento at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building. Key items presented are summarized below.

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Consent Items

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**1. Public Meeting to Consider the Greenhouse Gas Quantification Determination for the Stanislaus Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The Board accepted Stanislaus Council of Governments' determination that its 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy, if implemented, would achieve the region's 2020 and 2035 per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets established by the Air Resources Board.

**2. Public Meeting to Consider the Greenhouse Gas Quantification Determination for the San Luis Obispo County Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The Board accepted San Luis Obispo County Association of Governments' determination that its 2015 Sustainable Communities Strategy, if implemented, would achieve the region's 2020 and 2035 per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets established by the Air Resources Board.

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Discussion Items

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**1. Public Meeting to Consider Updates to Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Guidelines**

The Board adopted the proposed updates to the Program Guidelines that outline the eligible equipment and project funding levels for the final installment of Proposition 1B funds, which will reduce diesel emissions and health impacts from freight movement along California's four priority trade corridors. Staff's presentation highlighted three key updates to the Guidelines that include significant funding and longer grant timelines for zero and near-zero emission technology projects across all sectors, funding for infrastructure to support zero emission trucks, transport refrigeration units and cargo-handling equipment, and continued commitment to small fleets.

**2. 2014 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards**

The Board awarded the 2014 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Awards to Dr. Donald Blake of the University of California, Irvine for air pollution research, Dr. Kirk Smith of the University of California, Berkeley for international air pollution research, and Dr. John Wall of Cummins, Inc. for emission control technology.

**3. Public Meeting to Consider the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Funding Plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program**

The Board adopted the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Funding Plan for allocating Low Carbon Transportation Investments and Air Quality Improvement Program funding in the Governor's proposed Budget. Staff's presentation highlighted that these programs expand incentives for zero-emission and plug-in passenger cars, clean trucks and buses, and advanced technology freight demonstration projects to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions with a priority for benefiting disadvantaged communities. Also, new categories were included such as the agricultural worker vanpools and mobile agricultural equipment trade-up in the San Joaquin Valley, low NOx truck incentives and rural school bus replacement. In addition, these changes build on investments from previous funding cycles and address new legislation signed in 2014 (Senate Bill 1275 and Senate Bill 1204) which refine program implementation.

**4. Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms**

The Board adopted amendments to the Cap and Trade Regulation to include a new Rice Cultivation Compliance Offset Protocol and amendments to the United States Forest Compliance Offset Protocol that include project eligibility in parts of Alaska. Staff highlighted that the amendments were first presented to the Board at the December 2014 public hearing, at which the Board directed staff to make modifications to the proposed amendments. Based on public testimony, the Board directed staff to continue to work with stakeholders to develop implementation guidance for the Forest Compliance Offset Protocol.

**5. Public Meeting to Receive Informational Update on the Greenhouse Gas Quantification for the San Diego Association of Government's 2015 Draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The Board heard an informational update by staff on the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) second draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The second RTP/SCS, known as San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, is scheduled for adoption by SANDAG in the Fall of 2015. Staff's presentation highlighted that the second RTP/SCS is continuing to build and refine the policies and strategies of the first RTP/SCS while focusing on implementation. Such strategies include increased compact land use, transit, active transportation, managed lanes, demand management, and electric vehicles.

**6. Public Meeting on Health Benefits of Physical Activity: Implications for Sustainable Communities**

The Board heard an informational briefing by staff on the numerous benefits of physical activity from sustainable community strategies or SB 375. The staff presentation highlighted the ancillary health benefits from physical activity such as walking and biking for children, adolescents, and adults, as well as how the built environment can influence physical activity patterns and public health in a community.