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To: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors
South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors
Westside Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors
Las Virgenes – Malibu Council of Governments Board of Directors
League of Cities LA County Division Board of Directors

From: Judith Mitchell, Governing Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and California Air Resources (ARB) Board

Subject: Recap of July 10, 2015 AQMD Governing Board Meeting and Other Activities

The AQMD Governing Board met on **Friday, July 10, 2015** at the AQMD Headquarters in Diamond Bar. Key items presented are summarized below:

The Board set **September 4, 2015** public hearings for the following three rules. The Board received public testimony from supporters and opponents of the proposed rules.

1. Proposed Rule 415 - Odors from Rendering Facilities: The objective of the proposed rule is to reduce odors from facilities rendering animals and animal parts. For more details, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules#415>.

2. Amended Rule 1420.1 - Emissions Standards for Lead and other toxic contaminants from large lead-acid battery recycling facilities: The objective of this amended rule is to further lower the point source lead emission rate to 0.003 lb/hr. One of the two facilities impacted by this proposal, Exide Technologies, recently announced that it was permanently closing. For more details, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules#1420>.

3. Proposed Rule 1420.2 - Emission Standards for Lead from Metal Melting Facilities: Additional requirements similar to those that have effectively reduced emissions from large lead-acid battery recyclers may be necessary to adequately protect public health from lead exposure related to metal melting processes. For more details, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1420.2/pr1420-2-wg-6-presentation.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Low-Emission Leaf Blower Program Announcement: Staff issued a program announcement to solicit bids from manufacturers for up to 1,500 low-emission leaf blowers.

Prop 1 B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Announcement: Proposition 1B authorizes a total of \$1 billion to CARB for the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Program). The Program is intended to reduce emissions from goods movement operations in four priority trade corridors, including the Los Angeles/Inland Empire area. This year, AQMD expects to receive approximately \$85 to \$90 million and will include funding for new and used diesel trucks for small fleets, near-zero and zero emission technologies, electric truck refrigeration units (TRUs), and related TRU infrastructure.

The Board heard public testimony on **Amended Rule 1148.1 Oil and Gas Production Wells and Proposed Rule 1148.2 Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers**. The public hearing was continued to the September 4, 2015 Governing Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will make a decision on these rules.

Rule 1148.1 was adopted by the Board on March 5, 2004 and applies to onshore oil and gas production facilities. Since then, staff has initiated rule development to determine if existing regulations adequately protect public health and minimize odor nuisances during oil well and gas production activities, as well as eliminating potential exposure to nearby sensitive receptors.

Proposed Rule 1148.2 is a new rule that seeks to gather air-quality related information on oil and gas well drilling, reworks, and well completion activities, such as hydraulic fracturing and other well production stimulation operations. The rule establishes requirements for owners or operators of onshore oil and gas wells to notify the Executive Officer of the date and location of well drilling, reworks, and well completion activities. They will also have to report on the chemicals used in the processes. For more details, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules#1148.1>

Other AQMD Activities

Replace Your Ride: AQMD has launched a new incentive program to help low- and moderate-income residents purchase newer and cleaner vehicles. Residents may be eligible to receive between \$2,500 and \$9,500 to purchase a newer, cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicle depending on their income level, the vehicle model purchased and where they live. Low-income residents living in an environmentally disadvantaged area and purchasing one of the cleanest vehicles available would receive the highest incentive amount. Residents who choose to scrap their vehicle but not replace it may be eligible for \$2,500 to \$4,500 in public transit passes or car sharing vouchers depending on their income level. For more details, visit <https://www.replaceyourride.com/Default.aspx>

Annual Clean Air Awards: The 27th annual Clean Air Awards will be held on October 2, 2015 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The awards are presented to individuals, businesses, organizations and government entities committed to improving the Southland's air quality. Tickets are on sale for \$40 each, or \$400 for a table of ten. For more information, visit www.cleanairawards.com.

Countywide Zero-Emission Trucks Collaborative: Work continues on the countywide Zero-Emission Trucks Collaborative to promote consistency among public agencies in working to catalyze the development and deployment of zero-emission trucks in the county. This collaborative includes Metro, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Caltrans, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and AQMD. Its purpose is to ensure that zero emission technologies remain a priority for the region in meeting air quality goals, and that the zero emission technology policies of each agency align. The collaborative also functions as a mechanism to unify the agencies in attempts to secure funding and spur policy changes at the state or national level. For more information, visit <http://www.metro.net/projects/countywide-zero-emission-trucks-collaborative/>