

REPORT:

California Air Resources Board

SYNOPSIS:

The California Air Resources Board met on January 21, 2016, in Sacramento, CA. The following is a summary of this meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

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The Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) January meeting was held on January 21, 2016 in Sacramento at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building. Key items presented are summarized below.

Consent Items

1. Pubic Meeting to Consider a Research Proposal

The Board approved a revision to the research project "Heavy-Duty On-Road Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program," University of California, Riverside, Proposal No. 2799-284. This project was developed in response to the Board-approved Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Research Plan.

Discussion Items

1. Report to the Board on the Air Resources Board Program Priorities for 2016

Executive Officer Richard Corey briefed the Board on ARB's priorities for 2016. Mr. Corey highlighted major air quality and climate achievements in 2015, priorities and objectives for 2016, and key actions coming to the Board in 2016. Mr. Corey noted the importance of effective implementation of current programs, as well as the need for a comprehensive transformation of the transportation and energy sectors to meet California's air quality and climate goals over the next fifteen years. 2016 will be a pivotal planning year, but the

necessary transformation has already begun, through introduction of advanced technologies, cleaner fuels, and more efficient and sustainable systems.

2. Public Meeting to Hear an Update on Sustainable Freight Activities

The Board heard an update on sustainable freight activities. The presentation included a status report on actions identified in ARB's Sustainable Freight: Pathways to Zero and Near-Zero Emissions Discussion Document (Pathways), released last April. The Pathways document identified both immediate actions such as enhanced enforcement and incentive programs, as well as near-term measures to deploy cleaner technologies. The Board also heard activities underway to develop the 2016 California Sustainable Freight Action Plan (Plan) in response to Governor's Executive Order B-32-15. Actions being considered to support 2030 freight targets include bringing advanced technologies to market, developing freight and fuel infrastructure, supporting use of alternative and renewable fuels, enhancing system efficiencies, and addressing freight facilities and hubs. As part of the Plan, ARB and other state agencies will also establish a framework for corridor-level pilot projects.

3. Public Meeting to Hear an Update on Heavy-Duty Diesel Truck and Freight Enforcement

The Board heard an update on ARB's diesel program enforcement activities and enhanced efforts underway in response to the Sustainable Freight Pathways document. The presentation described enforcement tools utilized by ARB's Enforcement Division, as well as recent efforts to build partnerships with disadvantaged communities and to increase enforcement at freight hubs. The Board also heard about Enforcement Division's efforts to improve and streamline enforcement programs and the Division's priorities for 2016.

4. Public Meeting to Hear a Preview of Upcoming State Implementation Plans

The Board heard a preview of State Implementation Plans (SIP) the Board will consider for approval in 2016. The upcoming SIPs will address the recent, more health-protective air quality standards for ozone and PM2.5. Staff highlighted the variety of air quality challenges these SIPs will address, along with the approaches needed to meet air quality standards in each region of the State, including the South Coast and the San Joaquin Valley. SIPs for ozone are due in July 2016 and for PM2.5 in October 2016.

5. Public Meeting to Hear an Update on Strategies to Reduce Near-Roadway Air Pollution Exposure

The Board heard an overview of ARB research projects related to near-roadway air pollution exposure. The presentation discussed results of a comprehensive literature review that identified eight research-supported strategies to reduce near-roadway pollution and exposure.