

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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October 4, 2013

Mary Nichols, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chairman Nichols:

The Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council (BCC) wishes to thank the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the staff presentation on the state Truck and Bus regulation at our September 6th meeting in Marysville. The meeting provided a public forum for CARB to present information on the regulation and to hear comments and concerns from the BCC and public. Several truck operators reported reliability problems with the particulate matter filters, increased fuel usage and loss of power.

We continue to be concerned about the upcoming January 1st deadline affecting small fleet owners. The BCC requests CARB consider comments previously submitted to your office and the Governor by both county and air district Boards from the Sacramento Valley Air Basin (see attached) and take action at your October 24-25th meeting by directing your staff to develop amendments to mitigate the impacts to fleet owners. In particular, the BCC requests CARB consider delaying compliance deadlines to 2023 for small fleet owners. Short of that, CARB must:

1. Reopen the agricultural vehicle provisions approval period and increase the maximum number of trucks that can be approved;
2. Reopen the low mileage construction truck provisions approval period and increase the allowable mileage to 20,000 miles per year for all trucks in this category;
3. Improve and increase outreach to the Sacramento Valley Air Basin due to the extreme complexity of the regulation. One commenter at our September 6th meeting asked CARB staff to come to our communities and meet one-on-one with fleet operators on individual compliance issues;
4. Provide more grant funding options to assist small fleet operators, especially for individual truck owners with subpar credit.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact Jim Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer of the Butte County Air Quality Management District at (530) 332-9400.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Steve Lambert, Chair
Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Attachments: Letter from the Butte County Board of Supervisors dated June 25, 2013
Letter from the Colusa County Board of Supervisors dated July 30, 2013
Letter from the Glenn County Air Pollution Control District dated June 11, 2013
Letter from the Shasta County Air Pollution Control Board dated August 6, 2013
Letter from the Tehama County Air Pollution Control District dated August 27, 2013

cc: The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor, State of California
The Honorable Jim Nielsen, Member of the California State Senate
The Honorable Dan Logue, Member of the California State Assembly
Governing Boards of the Sacramento Valley Basin Air Districts
Board members, California Air Resources Board
Richard Corey, Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board
Alberto Ayala, Deputy Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board
Erik White, Chief, Mobile Source Operations Division, California Air Resources Board