

**Off-Road Mobile Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up Pilot Project in the
San Joaquin Valley
Public Work Group Teleconference / Meeting
August 26, 2015**

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public work group to discuss the development of an Off-Road Mobile Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up Pilot Project in the San Joaquin Valley. The Fiscal Year 2015-16 Funding Plan for the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) and Low Carbon Transportation Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investments, approved by the Board on June 25, 2015, allocates up to \$500,000 in AQIP funding for this project.

The concept was identified as a potential long-term emission reduction strategy in 2013, when the Board approved a regulation allowing emission benefits from off-road mobile agricultural equipment purchased using public incentives to be counted toward meeting California's air quality goals. While existing incentives are helping many growers replace high emitting mobile agricultural equipment with new, cleaner mobile agricultural equipment, it is still not economically feasible for some smaller agricultural operations to upgrade to newer, cleaner mobile agricultural equipment.

This innovative project is intended to: 1) assist smaller agricultural operations in replacing older, uncontrolled equipment by "trading-up" to quality used, cleaner mobile agricultural equipment they otherwise could not afford; 2) support commercialization of the cleanest technologies by incentivizing new purchases; and 3) assess the costs, in-field performance, and overall user acceptance of cleaner mobile agricultural equipment, and obtain direct feedback from smaller growers on how well the cleaner mobile agricultural equipment performs and meets their needs.

This public work group provides an opportunity for stakeholders to work with ARB staff to help develop the project scope that will lead to the development and release of a competitive solicitation in late 2015.

The work group will be held at the following date and time:

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Time: 10:30 a.m. – Noon (Pacific Standard Time)

Location:

Fresno County Farm Bureau
1274 West Hedges Avenue, Fresno, California 93728

Teleconference information:

Dial-In #: 1-800-369-1845 Passcode: 62772

This meeting notice and agenda is also posted on the “AQIP and Low Carbon Transportation Workshops/Meetings” calendar at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/meetings/meetings.htm> .

For more information on the AQIP and Low Carbon Transportation Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investments, please visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/aqip> .

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. Meri Miles at (916) 322-6370 or meri.miles@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting.

For questions or comments concerning this work group, please contact Ms. Meri Miles at (916) 322-6370 or meri.miles@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Michelle Buffington at (916) 323-8748 or michelle.buffington@arb.ca.gov .

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1. Introductions and Background
2. Project Goals and Objectives
3. Project Components
4. Project Timeline and Grantee Eligibility
5. Facilitated Discussion and Conclusion