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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY BILL
(AB) 118 AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FISCAL
YEAR 2013-14 FUNDING PLAN

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of the AB 118 AQIP Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-14 (FY 2013-14 Funding Plan).

The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Webcast Information

This meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation and all associated documents will be posted in advance of the workshop on ARB's website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm>.

Meeting Information and Background

AB 118 provides about \$30-40 million per year (depending on revenues) through 2015 for AQIP to fund a variety of air quality incentive projects, including low-emission vehicle and equipment projects, air quality research, and advanced energy technology workforce training. In 2009, the Board established overarching implementation priorities

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and guiding principles directing AQIP funds to support development and deployment of the advanced technologies needed to meet California's longer-term, post 2020 State Implementation Plan (SIP) goals, and to fund projects that do not fit within the statutory framework of other ARB incentive programs. The Board envisioned that many of the project categories included in the original FY 2009-10 Funding Plan would be funded for multiple years in order to achieve air quality benefits by reducing criteria or toxic air pollutants. These projects include:

- Rebates for near-zero and zero-emission passenger vehicles,
- Vouchers for hybrid and zero-emission trucks and buses, and
- Grants for the demonstration of advanced technologies.

Board approved Funding Plans since then have built upon the successes of those project categories by providing continued funding for several of the existing AQIP projects—while making needed project refinements and adjusting funding percentages to reflect market demand. ARB has continued its commitment to funding demonstration projects through AQIP as well as adding new project categories to incorporate new technologies as they come to market.

As part of developing the FY 2013-14 Funding Plan, ARB seeks public input to evaluate the project categories funded in FY 2012-13 and will consider: 1) whether the projects are oversubscribed or undersubscribed; and 2) whether continued funding should be proposed, and if so, whether modifications to project requirements are needed. ARB also seeks public input in order to examine the project categories not funded in previous years and consider whether additional categories should be proposed for funding in FY 2013-14 that meet AQIP's implementation priorities and guiding principles established by the Board. Finally, public input is needed to assist ARB in the reexamination of opportunities to:

- Partner with the California Energy Commission Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, and development of the corresponding 2013-14 Investment Plan; and
- Coordinate with other incentive programs such as local or federal incentive programs.

For reference, the FY 2012-13 Funding Plan can be accessed at the web link <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/fundplan/fundplan.htm>.

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Public Workshop Schedule

This is the first of two planned workshops. The second AQIP workshop will be held in Sacramento in spring 2013. ARB will bring the proposed FY 2013-14 Funding Plan to the Board for its consideration in early summer 2013.

Special Accommodations

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. Lisa Macumber at (916) 322-2881 or lmacumbe@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Lisa Macumber, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2881 or lmacumbe@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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