

# TRAC Meeting: Agriculture Subcommittee Minutes

September 8, 2011

## Member Attendees

Last	First	Company
Brasil	Tony	Air Resources Board
Duehring	Craig	Air Resources Board
Duke	David	Foster Farms
Grote	Lisa	BeCarbCompliant
Moir	Jim	Mid-Pacific Industries, Inc.
Simpson	Charlie	E.M. Tharp, Inc./Peterbilt
Sousa	Paul	Western United Dairymen
Torres	Chris	F&L Farms Trucking, Inc.
Wegis	Robert	Grimmway Enterprises

## Discussion Items

- Update on Agricultural Vehicle Reporting
- Correction Letters
- Specialty Agricultural Vehicles Requirements
- Next Steps

## Update on Agricultural Vehicle Reporting

- ARB staff reviewed the amendments to the regulation, including the 15-day changes.
- ARB staff then presented the agricultural vehicle reporting data. Overall, about 4,500 fleets reported 30,000 vehicles (17,000 vehicles as qualifying for the agricultural vehicle provisions). About 700 fleets reported using hard copies.
- Staff elaborated on specific issues regarding the reporting and informed members that many fleets reported with missing information.

## Correction Letters

- Staff informed members that ARB mailed letters to fleets to verify or correct their vehicle information that was reported in 2010 in the TRUCRS database. Another letter will be mailed out later this month to fleets that reported specialty agricultural vehicles to correct information reported. Another correction letter will subsequently go out to the remainder of the fleets that reported by April 29, 2011.

- Staff also discussed with members the language for the letter and what missing information is required.
- Member asked if you have to report if you sell your agricultural vehicles? Staff said yes.

### **Specialty Agricultural Vehicle Requirements**

- Staff also informed members that the number of specialty vehicles reported is over the threshold of 2200 vehicles and staff is in the process of validating the reported data. Staff believes that some of the vehicles claiming to be specialty vehicles may not be specialty vehicles predominantly due to nurse rigs that were incorrectly reported. In other words, most of the trucks identified as special agricultural vehicles that don't qualify for the provisions are nurse rigs that don't meet the criteria. About 10 percent of the special vehicles were identified to be lighter trucks (GVWR 26,000 pounds or less) and appear to be heavier.
- Member asked how much time will be given to fleets to correct their information. Staff stated one month would be given to respond. Members also asked if staff can call fleet owners and not send a letter. ARB staff responded no since there would be no proof of what the fleet owner wants to report. ARB staff also added that there are 200 to 250 fleets that have corrections that need to be made.
- Member asked if a vehicle is not qualified as a specialty agricultural vehicle, can it use the other agricultural mileage based provisions? Staff said yes.
- Member asked if the vehicle didn't meet the mileage requirements because they thought they were specialty agricultural vehicle, will there be a grace period to get into compliance. Staff responded that there would be a one-year grace period.
- Member asked when agricultural fleets will know the status of their specialty vehicles. Staff will be sending out letters to fleets early next year.

### **Next Steps**

- Staff will continue developing TRUCRS online system and user guides.
- Members will discuss further the combining of the Agricultural and the Small Business Subcommittees into one subcommittee to discuss issues with implementation.