

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.A

Agenda Description: Status on Portola PM2.5 Nonattainment Area

Issues: Staff will provide an update to the Board.

Requested Action: None, informational only

Attachments: none

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennett, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.B

Agenda Description: Woodsmoke Reduction Program

Issues: Sam Longmire was the primary on coordinating, developing and implementing the multi-county woodstove changeout program. He will provide an update to the Board.

Requested Action:

None, informational only

Attachments:

1. Various photos of wood stoves that were replaced





Homemade from a barrel



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To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.C

Agenda Description: Status of Carl Moyer Grant Applicants

Issues: Staff will provide the most up to date list of Carl Moyer grant applicants

Requested Action: None, informational only

Attachments:

1. Current Carl Moyer Grant Applicants

CARL MOYER WAITING LIST

	First Name	Last Name	Phone #	Alt phone #	City	Equipment	Date Put on List	Time Put on List
2017-01	Einen	Grandi	(775) 750-4798		Loyalton	Tractor	8/7/2016	1500
2017-02	Dave	Roberti	251-6639	993-4097	Loyalton	Wheel Loader	8/8/2016	1540
1	Johnny	Pasquetti	414-3928	994-3467	Sierraville	Wheel Loader	10/18/2016	1543
2	Raymond	Boman	282-8774	477-1477	Grass Valley	Forklift	12/29/2016	1337
3	Steve	Brown	477-1477		Grass Valley	Forklift	1/3/2017	1232
4	Gabe	Kulp	274-8965		Grass Valley	Repower	1/27/2017	1054
5	Bryan	Griffin	994-3303	906-5280	Sierraville	Back Hoe	2/3/2017	0905
6	Don	Wallace	916-708-3309		Loyalton	AGCO Tractor	3/22/2017	0927
7	Clay	Lewis	530-261-1126		Plumas County	Dealer	4/25/2017	1053
8	Arnold	Potter	530-993-1199		Loyalton	mini-excavator	7/24/2017	1141
9	Al	Pombo	530-392-5534		Sierraville	Tractor	8/4/2017	1258
10	Caleb	Holland	530-258-4555		Chester		1/3/2018	1135
11	Lerry	Peterson	530-273-3381	913-8967	Grass Valley	Wheel Loader	2/6/2018	1108
12	Erik	Roen	775-790-7509		Calpine	Tractor	2/21/2018	1243
13	Lewis	Van Vleck	916-847-6350		Calpine	Excavator	2/22/2018	1006
14	Bryan	Davey	289-3201		Downieville	Grader	2/22/2018	1140
15	Lenny	Bertagnoli	249-1784		Sierraville	Skip loader	2/23/2018	1157
16	Dan	West	913-9007		Graeagle	feller buncher	2/24/2018	1527

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17	Dave	Goicoechea	775-800-3610	Loyalton	Tractor	2/27/2018	1320
18	Chris	Meyers	592-9798	Greenville	Tractor	5/16/2018	1200
19	Jim	Genasci	414-8209	Loyalton	Bale Wagon	5/17/2018	0813
20	Traci	Holt	375-7716	Chester	feller buncher	6/14/2018	0900

Removed	Jim	Wilson	582-3925	Truckee Donner PUD	Back Hoe or forklift	8/23/2016	1532
Removed	Tracy	Wingett	916-663-2081	Newcastle	Dozer, grader	12/5/2016	1235
Removed	Brett & Noel	Gibford	832-4357	Beckwourth	Back Hoe	1/30/2017	1525

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Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.D

Agenda Description Support SB1260 – Relating to Fire Prevention and Protection

Issues: SB 1260 (Jackson), as amended April 9, 2018 proposes to increase prescribed burns for wildfire prevention. CAPCOA submitted amendments which ensured appropriate air district involvement in the development and implementation of the air quality monitoring and public outreach and addresses the issue of air district implementation funding. The amendments were incorporated during a May 25, 2018 hearing.

Requested Action: None, Informational only

Attachments:

1. Correspondence between CAPCOA and Senator Hertzberg supporting SB1260 if amended.
2. Amendments requested by CAPCOA – submitted from Natural Resources Committee staff



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April 16, 2018

The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg
Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
State Capitol, Room 5046
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1260 (Jackson), as amended April 9, 2018 – Support if Amended

Dear Chair Hertzberg:

The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), representing the executive officers from all 35 local air pollution control and air quality management districts in California, has taken a support if amended position on SB 1260 (Jackson), relating to fire prevention (including prescribed burns) and protection.

Many of the local air districts oversee hundreds of thousands to millions of acres of forested land that is in significant need of aggressive fuel reduction and forest resiliency projects, including the increased use of prescribed fire. Air districts are also on the front lines as public health agencies responding to catastrophic wildfires and providing health information to the general public.

Air districts are directly responsible for the regulation of stationary sources of air pollution, including overseeing activities such as prescribed burning, agricultural burning, residential open burning, and use of wood for heating. We work in collaboration with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to balance the fuel reduction needs of land managers, agriculture, and property owners, while protecting public health. And while the district-permitted combustion activities mentioned above allow emissions into air basins that may be already burdened by other air pollution impacts, these emissions pale in comparison to emissions from catastrophic wildfires that have immediate and long-lasting health and economic impacts.

While prescribed burns are understood to have less impact than catastrophic wildfires, current federal policy does not allow for exceedances of air quality standards that may have been due in part to a prescribed burn. Economic and community impacts to attainment areas would be severe should they lose their attainment status due to poorly managed prescribed fires.

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The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg

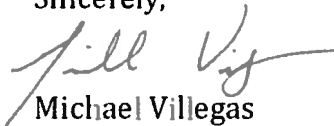
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Increasing prescribed burns, either the duration or the acreage of an individual burn, will require an increased level of monitoring and modelling in order to ensure that the resulting emissions do not directly result in localized public health impacts or contribute to exceedances of air quality standards. In addition, there will need to be an increase in public outreach and communication before and during prescribed burn events to better inform potentially impacted communities.

Our suggested amendments ensure appropriate air district involvement in the development and implementation of the air quality monitoring and public outreach prescribed burn program and address the issue of air district implementation funding. We thank Senator Jackson for her work in this area and look forward to continuing to work on the suggested amendments as the bill moves forward.

Sincerely,



Michael Villegas
President

Cc: The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, California State Senator, 19th District
Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
Members of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
Members of the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance

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SB 1260

~~SB 1301.~~

Amendment to Sec 4495. The department and the California Air Resources Board shall develop and fund a program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to enhance air quality and smoke monitoring, and to provide a public awareness campaign regarding prescribed burns. The program may include, but not be limited to, purchasing new, year-round air quality monitors. The board shall ensure that to the maximum extent practicable local air pollution control and air quality management districts are engaged and invited to participate in the development of the program pursuant to this section and that the funding needs of these local districts to implement this program are addressed.

Natural resources wording change

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.E

Agenda Description: Senate Cap and Trade Plan Providing \$20 million in incentive funding for woodstove changeout program.

Issues: Attached is correspondence from the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) requesting continued funding for implementing AB617 funding and supporting the Senate Cap and Trade Plan which provides \$20 million of incentive funding for woodstove changeouts.

Requested Action: None, informational only

Attachments:

1. Correspondence from CAPCOA to Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Ting



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May 29, 2018

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Co-Chair
Legislative Budget Conference Committee
California State Senator, 30th District
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting, Co-Chair
Legislative Budget Conference Committee
California State Assembly Member, 19th District
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 617 Implementation and Incentive Funding; Black Carbon
Woodsmoke Reduction Incentive Funding**

Dear Chairs Mitchell and Ting and Legislative Budget Conference Committee Members:

The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), representing the Executive Officers from all 35 local air districts, respectfully requests your support of the following items:

AB 617 Local Air District Implementation Funding - \$50 million Annually for Two Years

CAPCOA urges you to maintain the full \$50 million in annual funding for two years for local air district implementation of AB 617 included in both the Senate and Assembly budgets. We appreciate that both houses recognize the significant ongoing air district costs related to implementation of AB 617 (C. Garcia; Chapter 134, Statutes of 2017) mandates. As you know, air districts have a central role in implementing this ambitious new program. Since the bill was signed into law, we have been working aggressively to make the program a success. However, in order to achieve success, adequate ongoing state funding for air district implementation is critical.

In collaboration with the California Air Resources Board (CARB), air districts are in the process of identifying and focusing on communities throughout the state that have been overly burdened by emissions from stationary, mobile, and area-wide sources. AB 617 requires an annual selection of communities for additional monitoring, community outreach, and community focused emission reduction planning in order to measurably improve public health. This long-term focus on community health will require dedicated equipment and staffing over many years, with new focus communities being added every year, requiring additional resources.

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The Honorable Holly Mitchell
The Honorable Phil Ting
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May 29, 2018

AB 617 Incentive Funding – Support Senate Cap and Trade Plan Providing \$283 million

CAPCOA urges you to adopt the Senate version of the Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan providing \$283 million (up from \$250 million proposed by the Governor and adopted by the Assembly) for AB 617 Community Air Protection, for CARB to provide grants for early incentive actions to reduce both stationary and mobile source emissions in communities heavily impacted by air pollution. Under AB 617, CARB and the air districts will identify at-risk communities and key measures to reduce neighborhood pollution, and the Governor’s proposal provides funding to strategically reduce both criteria and toxic emissions in the identified communities. CAPCOA believes that incentive funding is the best and most expeditious way to implement the requirements of AB 617 and bring emission reductions and public health benefits to identified communities. Accelerating turnover of older diesel vehicles provides numerous co-benefits by helping regions reach attainment for ozone and PM2.5, as well as meeting greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals.

We appreciate the Senate’s additional investment which will result in more emissions reductions in disadvantaged and low income communities burdened by pollution from mobile sources, including diesel trucks, port equipment, and railroad equipment.

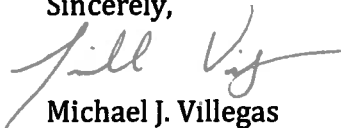
Black Carbon Woodsmoke Reduction – Support Senate Cap and Trade Plan Providing \$20 million in Incentive Funding

We urge you to adopt the Senate version of the Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan providing \$20 million in incentive funding to replace old, uncertified wood-burning stoves and fireplaces with cleaner burning and more energy-efficient alternatives. Incentive funding will improve the health of Californians and help the state cost-effectively reduce greenhouse gases and short-lived climate pollutants.

Residents throughout California would benefit from a well-funded voluntary incentive program to replace inefficient and uncertified wood heating devices with cleaner certified heating devices. Replacing an uncertified device with a certified device can cost-effectively provide quantifiable reductions of greenhouse gases and short-lived climate pollutants, as well as PM2.5, which has serious negative health effects, providing long term climate and localized public health benefits. Based on 2013 census data, there are approximately 217,000 residences in California that use wood heating as their primary source of heat, and an estimated additional 3.6 million residences that use wood heating to supplement other sources of heat.

CARB’s Short Lived Climate Pollution Strategy has set a reduction goal for black carbon from wood heating that will require change out or removal of over 300,000 uncertified wood heating devices by 2030. Based on an average change out cost of \$2,500 per unit through incentives, \$65 million per year would be needed to hit a 300,000 target through incentives. The statewide woodsmoke reduction program, which is being implemented by the local air districts, is up and running but there is a lack of funding.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Villegas
President

Cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor, State of California
The Honorable Toni Atkins, President Pro Tempore, California State Senate
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the California State Assembly

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To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.F

Agenda Description: AB 2336 – Opposition letter from Air District

Issues: The Air District and other air districts have sent letters of opposition to AB 2336 which redirects school bus funding AWAY from rural air districts towards only two air districts in the state – San Joaquin and South Coast. Attached is the letter the Air District sent. Gretchen Bennitt also plans to testify in opposition to the bill during a June 20 Environmental Quality Committee hearing at the Capitol.

Requested Action: None, informational only

Attachments:

1. June 15, 2018 letter from Gretchen Bennitt to Senator Wieckowski, Chair of Environmental Quality Committee

June 15, 2018

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair
State Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2336 (Salas) Oppose

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

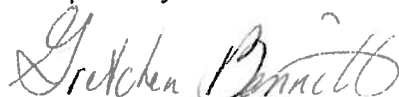
AB 2336 (Salas) is scheduled to be heard in your committee shortly and the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (representing the counties of Nevada, Sierra and Plumas) would like to express opposition to the bill. If enacted, funding to reduce school bus emissions would be directed way from rural parts of the state. Children in rural areas live farther away from schools and spend more time being exposed to emissions from aging school bus fleets. Responding to the need to protect children in rural areas from school bus emissions, the Air Resources Board created the Rural School Bus Pilot Program. AB 2336 would reverse that effort.

AB 2336 would direct funding for school bus cleanup **not** to areas with the highest exposure to diesel particulate matter. **Nor** would it direct funding to the school buses with the greatest public health impacts. Instead, it would direct school bus cleanup funding to areas designated as extreme nonattainment for the regional pollutants ozone or fine particulate matter. There are only two areas in the state which currently qualify for funding under this bill – the San Joaquin and South Coast air districts. While the South Coast and San Joaquin air districts have legitimate ozone and PM2.5 air quality problems, school bus emissions do not cause those problems. Using extreme nonattainment status as allocation criteria for diesel cleanup funding, which originates statewide, makes no sense. We have an obligation to the public to spend air quality money as cost-effectively as possible, and this bill is counter to that goal.

While the South Coast and San Joaquin air districts currently have access to sufficient funding from several sources for school bus funding, funding in the rural air districts for reducing toxic emissions from school buses is extremely limited.

AB 2336 is fundamentally flawed from an air quality policy perspective. The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District urges you to vote against this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gretchen Bennett,
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

Cc: Members, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board Members

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: V.G

Agenda Description: Carl Moyer Grant Agreement Between Northern Sierra Air District and Diamond Truss, Inc.

Issues:

As discussed in Agenda Item IV.D, one project from the Northern Sierra Air District was approved for the Rural Assistance Program (RAP) for Carl Moyer projects. The approved project with Diamond Truss Inc. is to replace Caterpillar Forklift with a new Clark Forklift, with an amount not to exceed \$55,088.86.

Requested Action: Authorize the Chair and Air Pollution Control Officer to execute agreement between Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and Diamond Truss, Inc.

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED

Attachments:

1. Agreement to be handed out at Board meeting

To: Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: June 25, 2018

Agenda Item: VI.A

Agenda Description: Closed Session Item – Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1), General Counsel is requesting a closed session to discuss the existing litigation case entitled *A.K. v. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District*, WCAB No. ADJ10873431.