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Greetings: Please modify your ZEV regulations to exempt the medium and heavy duty gas and diesel powered vehicles of our water district. They are used on emergency calls for crew delivery, large equipment towing and delivery of large amounts of water. Here in Santa Cruz County we are subject to storms, fires and power outages. There is neither enough infrastructure nor enough medium and large EVs available to satisfy the emergency needs of our water district and other agencies in times of emergency. In the case of a fire, the EV batteries of the vehicles could exacerbate the problem by catching fire themselves, as evidenced by many vehicle battery fires on record. Please exempt these vehicles.