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April 15, 2026

Clerk of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Draft - Response**

California Air Resources Board Chair Lauren Sanchez and the Members of the Board:

Mesa Water District ([Mesa Water®](#)) greatly appreciates the time and effort that has gone into the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) 15-Day Comment Draft that has been published for public comment. While the goals of these ACF regulations are laudable, the reality remains that we cannot safely serve our communities unless emergency support vehicles are exempted.

Mesa Water is an independent special district that reliably provides an abundance of clean, safe water to businesses and 110,000 residents in an 18-square-mile service area that includes most of Costa Mesa, parts of Newport Beach, and unincorporated portions of Orange County including John Wayne Airport. Additionally, Mesa Water's customers and community depend on us for emergency response throughout our service area -- as well as in support of adjacent communities as needed -- and, to ensure the health and safety of our community members and the environment, exemptions to the ACF regulations must be applicable to Mesa Water's emergency service vehicles. Thus, to prevent unnecessary loss of life and property in the communities we serve, we encourage you to reconsider the proposed amendments in the October 7th letter submitted by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), League of California Cities (League), and California State Association of Counties (CSAC), collectively representing our state's 5,000 local agencies and 40 million residents.

Mesa Water and local agencies statewide continue to do our part in achieving the State's climate and emissions goals while maintaining the many critical services that Californians rely upon and deserve for their most essential daily needs as well as during emergencies and disasters. The CSDA/League/CSAC proposed amendments will enable local agencies to better meet this challenge and effectively navigate the current ACF mandates and associated ambitious compliance deadlines. Of critical concern to our community, the ACF mandates on local agencies are creating unnecessary compliance challenges.

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Vehicles that need to be categorically exempted from the regulations, in the same manner as those found in **part (c) of § 2013 of title 13 of the California code of regulations** including vehicles that respond to, assist in, and recover from disasters and emergencies, must also include: **water utility vehicles**, as well as disease and vector control vehicles, electric utility vehicles, fire prevention vehicles, fire protection vehicles, flood protection vehicles, search and rescue vehicles, and sewer utility vehicles.

We respectfully request that you amend the ACF exemptions to allow our vehicles that support emergency services to continue serving our communities when we need them most.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mesa Water's Water Policy Manager, Stacy Taylor, at [StacyT@MesaWater.org](mailto:StacyT@MesaWater.org) or 714.791.0848.

Sincerely,

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Marice H. DePasquale  
[President](#)

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Shawn Dewane  
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