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RE: Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response

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

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that has gone into the 15-day comment draft that has been published for public comment. While the goals of these regulations are laudable, the reality remains that we cannot safely serve our communities unless emergency support vehicles are exempted.

The Ramona Municipal Water District is located in inland San Diego County, California. We provide water, wastewater and parks and recreation services to approximately 40,000 people and span 75 square miles. We are in an area that is categorized primarily as high and very high fire risk and suffered very large devastating fires in 2003 and 2007. We are also located in an area that has older electrical infrastructure and is subject to Public Safety Power Shutoffs leading to regular outages particularly during inclement weather. We have a staff of 54 and operate approximately 14 vehicles that would be subject to the ACF. These 14 vehicles are used by our water and wastewater operators and our construction team to provide continuous water and wastewater service to our community, including during emergencies.

To prevent unnecessary loss of life and property in the communities we serve, please reconsider the amendments respectfully requested in the October 7th letter submitted by the California Special Districts Association, League of California Cities, and California State Association of Counties, collectively representing our state's 5,000 local agencies and 40 million residents.

Local agencies like ours continue to do our part in achieving the State's climate and emissions goals. Our proposed amendments will enable us to better meet this challenge and effectively navigate the current Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) mandates and their associated ambitious compliance deadlines. Of critical concern to our community, the ACF mandates on local agencies are creating unnecessary challenges in complying while maintaining the many critical services Californians rely upon for their most essential daily needs as well as during emergencies and disasters.

Vehicles that that need to be categorically exempted from the regulations the same manner as those found in **part (c) of § 2013 of title 13 of the California code of regulations to** include those vehicles that respond to, assist in and recover from disasters and emergencies to include: water utility vehicles, flood protection vehicles, sewer utility vehicles, electric utility vehicles, fire prevention vehicles, fire protection vehicles, search and rescue vehicles, and disease and vector control 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 attention to this critical issue. I can be reached at ewolski@rmwd.org or 760-788-2214.

Sincerely,



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