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Clerk of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
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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:

The San Mateo County Harbor District greatly appreciates 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 Harbor District serves the entire County of San Mateo with over 57 miles of coastline, and an additional 34 miles of shoreline along San Francisco Bay. Our community relies on us for maritime search and rescue as well as maritime assists/tows. In the event of an urgent call that would require the overland transport of rescue craft, or onsite command and control (communications), the District requires reliable and capable vehicles.

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 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 consideration,



James B. Pruett  
General Manager