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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.

At Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency, we serve a rural community spanning from Silverwood Lake to Green Valley Lake. Our communities rely on us to provide supplemental water to our wholesale water agency customers, to maintain over 200 fire hydrants that cover rural mountainous areas, as well as providing retail water to our customers homes and businesses. During emergencies, our vehicles must travel through fire lines, across mountainous dirt roads, and be available 24/7 for our staff. During emergencies, we often are left without power for days on end and must rely on gasoline powered vehicles to serve our customers. Additionally, we are in a rural mountain area that often has freezing temperatures that also impact power availability.

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 consideration,

  
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