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San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District supports California's emissions-reduction goals but remains concerned that the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) and Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) requirements continue to create unintended challenges for local public health and emergency-response agencies. Our District serves all of San Mateo County (~741 square miles) and relies on vehicles that must operate continuously during emergencies to protect public health and prevent disease transmission. Charging availability, vehicle range, and fueling flexibility limitations risk service interruptions. We respectfully urge CARB to amend the ACF exemptions to explicitly include disease and vector control vehicles, consistent with existing emergency-response exemptions, to ensure uninterrupted essential services.



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

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 San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District, our service area includes all of San Mateo County – 741 square miles. Our residents, businesses and partner agencies rely on us for mosquito surveillance. At San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District, our service area includes all of San Mateo County and covers ~741 square miles. Our residents, businesses, and partner agencies rely on us for mosquito surveillance and control, vector-borne disease response, and other essential vector control services. During emergencies, our vehicles must travel throughout the county and remain operational for extended periods in challenging conditions.

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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