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CARB needs to amend the title I was alarmed to hear what the rep for the rural Olivenhain Water District in San Diego County stated: "only 25% of our fleet can be available as gas vehicles, immediately available for emergency response. 75% of our fleet will be not be exempt for emergency availability. What this translates to for our agency is over our 48 square mile service area, only 7 vehicles would be allowed to be readily available for emergency response. To put that in perspective, 7 emergency response vehicles would be readily available in a fire when power is out for 27,000 connections, 9,600 valves, 3,500 fire hydrants, 534 miles of pipeline, 12 reservoirs, and 2 treatment plants over 48 square miles. That is not tenable. Fires and emergencies don't scale themselves to these arbitrary percentages."

I could not agree more. This is NOT where we need EVs. Public safety is more important than 'green' mandates!

Vehicles that that need to be categorically exempted from part (c) of § 2013 of title 13 of the California code of regulations includes "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.

CARB must amend the ACF exemptions to allow vehicles that support emergency services to continue serving our communities when we need them most!