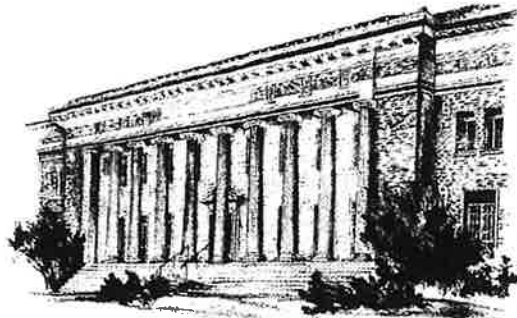


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Gabriel Hydrick
Chief Administrator

April 14, 2026

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

RE: Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response

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

The Tehama County Board of Supervisors 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.

We predominantly serve a rural and agricultural community spanning approximately 2,950 square miles across Tehama County, characterized by a highly dispersed population and significant distances between service locations. Our community relies on us to provide critical public services, including emergency response, infrastructure maintenance, and continuity of essential government operations.

Tehama County is a wildfire-prone region that experiences extreme summer temperatures frequently exceeding 100°F, placing additional demands on both personnel and equipment. During emergencies such as wildfires and severe weather events, our vehicles must travel long distances across varied and often rugged terrain, including rural roadways and remote areas with limited access.

These vehicles are required to operate continuously for extended durations—often running for prolonged periods without interruption—in high heat and hazardous conditions to support life safety and incident response. Reliable vehicle performance under these conditions is essential to maintaining service delivery and protecting public safety.

Due to these operational realities, maintaining dependable, high-performing vehicles with sufficient range, durability, and uptime is critical. Any limitations that reduce vehicle availability or operational readiness could directly impact on our ability to effectively serve and protect our community.

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 play 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.

Sincerely,



Tom Walker, Chair
Tehama County Board of Supervisors