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RE: Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response

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

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District appreciates the effort reflected in the 15-day comment draft and the Board's commitment to California's clean air goals. We write to respectfully but urgently request that the Board reconsider exemptions for vehicles essential to emergency public health response, including those operated by mosquito and vector control districts like ours.

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District serves a 2,200-square-mile territory spanning two counties, including remote marshlands, rural corridors, and densely populated urban communities. Our communities rely on us to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis, and western equine encephalomyelitis, that pose serious and sometimes fatal public health risks. During active disease surveillance and emergency response operations, our field vehicles must operate at dawn and dusk when mosquito activity peaks, access remote and unpaved terrain unreachable by standard routes, run continuously for extended periods during outbreak response, and perform reliably in the extreme heat conditions of late summer when vector pressure is highest. The operational demands of this work are incompatible with the current range, charging infrastructure, and duty-cycle limitations of available zero-emission vehicles.

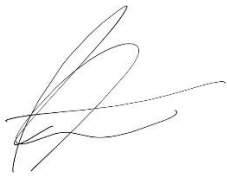
To prevent unnecessary harm to the communities we serve, we respectfully join the California Special Districts Association, League of California Cities, and California State Association of Counties, collectively representing California's 5,000 local agencies and 40 million residents, in requesting the amendments outlined in their October 7th letter.

Specifically, we urge the Board to amend the Advanced Clean Fleets exemptions to categorically include vehicles that respond to, assist in, and recover from disasters and emergencies, consistent with part (c) of § 2013 of title 13 of the California Code of Regulations. This exemption should explicitly cover disease

and vector control vehicles alongside water utility, flood protection, sewer utility, electric utility, fire prevention, fire protection, and search and rescue vehicles.

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District remains committed to doing our part to achieve the State's climate and emissions goals, and we welcome continued partnership with CARB toward that end. We ask only that the path forward not compromise our ability to protect public health when Californians need us most.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bonkrude', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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