

Palmdale Water District (Judy Shay)

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To prevent unnecessary loss of life and property in the communities we serve, please reconsider the amendments respectfully requested in the October 7 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 need to be categorically exempted from the regulations in the same manner as those found in part (c) of § 2013 of title 13 of the California code of regulations are to include those vehicles that respond to, assist in and recover from disasters and emergencies, 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.

Palmdale Water District respectfully requests that you amend the ACF exemptions to allow our vehicles that support emergency services to continue serving our communities when we need them most.



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RE: ADVANCED CLEAN FLEETS 15-DAY COMMENT PERIOD RESPONSE

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis D. LaMoreaux". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,
General Manager

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