

Twain Harte Community Services District (Tom T)

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To prevent unnecessary loss of life and property, we respectfully request:

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Please amend the ACF exemptions to allow our vehicles that support emergency services to continue serving our communities when we need them most. Public safety depends on it.



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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
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SUBJECT: Advanced Clean Fleets 2nd 15-Day Comment Period Response

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

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Thank you for your consideration,

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