

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District (Andy Lawler)

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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 April 14th 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 ACF regulation and its ambitious compliance deadlines. Of critical concern to our community, the ACF mandates on local agencies are creating untenable and 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.

The exemptions in the current regulation and draft amendments remain wholly and dangerously insufficient.

In the same manner as the vehicle categories currently identified in part (c) of § 2013 of title 13 of the California code of regulations, we respectfully request a categorical exclusion for vehicles that respond to, assist in and recover from disasters and emergencies, including: 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.

Thank you for your consideration,
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Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Response

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