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February 8, 2008

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Proposition 1B air quality mitigation funds allocation

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The Kern County Board of Supervisors has adopted the attached resolution supporting increased allocation to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District of Proposition 1B funding for the "Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program". Our Board is concerned that only 25% of the proposed allocation is recommended for the San Joaquin Valley although Valley residents are impacted by 45% of the goods movement related diesel truck emissions generated within all four California corridors eligible for Proposition 1B funding.

Our Board believes that areas with the greatest air quality challenges, and areas where emissions from diesel trucks and locomotives do the most damage, should receive a greater share of mitigation funds. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has conducted an objective needs-based analysis that justifies the allocation of at least 37% of the Proposition 1B Air Quality funding to the San Joaquin Valley, or \$370 million. This increase is based on the following factors:

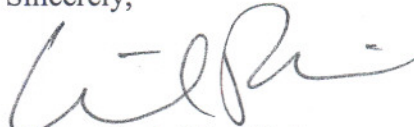
- Inclusion of the required emissions reductions to bring the Valley into attainment of the eight-hour ozone standard by 2017 in the "SIP Needs" factor.
- Use of the official emissions inventory for "Goods Movement Emission" factor.
- Use of per capita pollution exposure in the "Population" factor.

Our region faces significant air quality challenges. The Air Resources Board (ARB), the San Joaquin Valley Air District Board, and the Governor have all expressed a desire to accelerate the attainment of clean air standards in the San Joaquin Valley. The ARB established a task force to seek additional emissions reductions that will bring the Valley into attainment sooner than identified regulatory strategies would achieve. However, the proposed Proposition 1B allocation to the San Joaquin Valley calls ARB's commitment to this goal into question at a time when you are allocating scarce air quality resources.

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We therefore respectfully urge the Air Resources Board to increase the San Joaquin Valley's allocation under Proposition 1B to \$370 million. Thank you for considering our Board's views in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Rubio, Chairman  
Kern County Board of Supervisors

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Attachment

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
The Honorable Roy Ashburn, California State Senate  
The Honorable Dean Florez, California State Senate  
The Honorable Jean Fuller, California State Assembly  
The Honorable Nicole Parra, California State Assembly  
The Honorable Bill Maze, California State Assembly  
Don Peterson



# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2008-038

Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

### URGING CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO ALLOCATE INCREASED PROPOSITION 1B AIR QUALITY MITIGATION FUNDING TO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

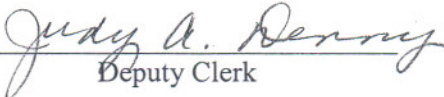
I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, hereby certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor McQuiston, seconded by Supervisor Watson, was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at an official meeting thereof on the 19th day of February, 2008, by the following vote and that a copy of the resolution has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: McQuiston, Maben, Maggard, Watson, Rubio

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California

  
Deputy Clerk



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## RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- a) In November of 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B authorizing \$1 billion in bond funding to reduce air pollution and health risk along California's

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- priority trade corridors; and
- b) In the January 3, 2008 Air Resources Board (ARB) staff report on the Proposition 1B Emissions Reduction Incentive Program, ARB staff proposed to allocate only 25% of the Proposition 1B air quality mitigation funding to the entire Central Valley trade corridor, which includes both the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; and
  - c) In the proposal for allocating Proposition 1B funding, ARB staff relied on goods movement emission inventory figures that have not been officially sanctioned, lack technical justification, and are not consistent with numbers used in State Implementation Plans; and
  - d) ARB staff ignored the San Joaquin Valley's need for expedited attainment of the federal eight-hour ozone standard by 2017, despite the fact that ARB members and Governor Schwarzenegger have expressed their commitment to attaining the federal eight-hour ozone standard in the Valley by 2017; and
  - e) ARB staff based recommended Proposition 1B funding on raw population figures without considering per capita exposure to air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley; and
  - f) The District's 2007 Ozone Plan identifies substantial new emission reductions that are needed to attain the health-based ambient air quality standards for eight-hour ozone and also for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) implemented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and
  - g) The District's 2007 Ozone Plan shows that regulatory programs alone will not provide the emission reductions needed to meet federal Clean Air Act requirements for the federal eight-hour ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards; and
  - h) Heavy-duty diesel trucks used for goods movement in the San Joaquin Valley are by far the Valley's largest single source of smog-forming oxides of nitrogen, and emissions from heavy-duty trucks are under the primary regulatory jurisdiction of the State and federal governments, not the District; and
  - i) The San Joaquin Valley north-south trade corridor comprised of State Route 99 and Interstate 5 carries more heavy-duty truck traffic than any other goods movement corridor in California, accounting for nearly 46 percent of total vehicle miles traveled in California's four major goods movement corridors; and
  - j) The San Joaquin Valley's topography and meteorology pose a greater challenge to our region's effort to improve air quality than in any other area of California; and
  - k) The Valley requires a much higher level of goods movement air quality mitigation funding than ARB staff have proposed in order to improve the health of the Valley's diverse low-income population by reducing exposure to air pollution from goods movement; and



- l) The District has an outstanding track record of effectively using incentive funding to achieve meaningful emissions reductions;

Section 2. NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. The Board urges the ARB to:

- a) Use officially sanctioned heavy-duty truck emissions inventories in calculating goods movement air quality mitigation funding allocations;
- b) Consider the San Joaquin Valley's need for expedited attainment of the federal eight-hour ozone standard by 2017 in developing goods movement funding allocations;
- c) Consider the San Joaquin Valley population's per capita exposure to air pollution, and not simply the population level, in the formula for establishing goods movement funding allocations; and
- d) Reaffirm the ARB's commitment to eliminating violations of health-based air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley by allocating at least 37% of total Proposition 1B goods movement air quality mitigation funding to the Central Valley.

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