

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

2007 Policy Recommendations State and Federal Legislation and Regulation

AIR QUALITY MISSION

1. Air Pollution Control Measures - Support efforts that will help achieve the annual emission reductions required by the California and Federal Clean Air Acts and oppose efforts that would impede the region's progress toward attainment or that would add administrative requirements impeding the development and adoption of air pollution control measures, unless it can be clearly shown that such requirements will not prevent nonattainment areas from achieving the annual emission reductions required by the California and Federal Clean Air Acts
2. Transported Air Pollutants -- Support efforts that require districts responsible for air pollutant transport to adopt and enforce all feasible stationary source and mobile source measures under their authority and, in addition, for ARB to adopt and enforce all feasible stationary source and mobile source measures under their authority.

MOBILE SOURCES

3. Incentives for Clean Fuel Vehicles, Engines and Technology and Vehicle Scrappage Programs -- Support efforts implementing incentive programs to accelerate the retirement of older, more emissive motor vehicles as well as accelerate the introduction and use of the most cost-effective clean alternative fuel vehicles, engines, and technology and low emission vehicles into the market place.
4. Market-based Transportation Control Measures or Transportation Demand Management Strategies -- Support efforts creating transportation control measures, such as tax credits for employer telecommute programs, tax credits for employer-paid transit passes and vanpool tax credits. Support efforts to incentivize, reward or assist transportation demand management strategies.
5. Smog Check -- Support efforts that maintain or enhance the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of emissions reductions associated with Smog Check II or recapture emission reduction shortfalls associated with changes in the Smog Check II program.
6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Project/Programs -- Support efforts funding bicycling and walking capital or maintenance improvements or increasing safety.
7. Locomotives -- Support efforts mitigating air pollution impacts of rail transport and rail facility operations.

DISTRICT FEES / ADMINISTRATION

8. Fee Authority Including the Surcharge on the Annual Registration of Motor Vehicles -- Oppose efforts that would eliminate the current local authority to assess motor vehicle registration surcharges, or other fees, or restrict activities that may be funded by that funding source.
9. Expenditure of Funds Collected From Penalties -- Oppose efforts restricting the district's expenditure of funds collected from penalties.
10. Duplicate Fees -- Oppose efforts authorizing state/federal agencies to collect duplicate fees from small businesses already paying fees to local agencies for similar programs.

11. Board membership and attendance—Support efforts to establish authority or procedures to efficiently and fairly select replacement or alternate board members

COMPLIANCE

12. Environmental Self-Audits -- Oppose efforts that would prohibit civil or administrative sanctions for violating an environmental law when the violation is disclosed as the result of an environmental self-audit.
13. Leaf Blowers -- Oppose efforts that remove, or infringe upon, local control over the regulation of leaf blowers, unless such efforts have a clear air quality or public health benefit.

RICE STRAW

14. Rice Straw Incentives -- Support efforts that provide economic and other incentives to create a market for, and promote the use of, rice straw.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

15. Permanent Sacramento Region Member on the CA Air Resources Board -- Support efforts establishing a permanent Sacramento District member on the California Air Resources Board.

ASBESTOS / and NATURALLY OCCURRING ASBESTOS (NOA)

16. Support efforts that clarify and support the District's ability to manage the identification, disturbance and removal of asbestos from residential, commercial and industrial sites, and that improves the protection of the public from this type of asbestos.
17. Support efforts that outline a process to identify and correct shortcomings in state or federal law or regulations regarding testing for and mitigation of NOA.
18. Support efforts that improve the mapping process for identifying NOA locations as long as this mapping is accomplished by the appropriate agency with appropriate funding.
19. Support efforts that establish a process to include a certified airborne test in the NOA testing process and identify appropriate risk factors for evaluating the test results.

CLIMATE CHANGE

20. Support and participate in local, state and national efforts to reduce emissions relative to climate change, including the California Climate Change Program. . Ensure that district expertise is utilized as CARB implements AB32.

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