

# SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

For the Agenda of May 24, 2007

**To: Board of Directors  
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District**

**From: Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer**

**Subject: Legislative Update—Informational Item Only**

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## **Recommendation**

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

## **Purpose**

Staff wishes to provide an update on the legislative program. Specifically:

- Staff is advancing AB 616 (Jones), the SMAQMD-sponsored bill to create an annual smog check for vehicles more than 15 years old, while retaining current exemptions. Staff is actively engaged with the author's staff, industry, CARB, BAR, consumers, environmentalists and others. AB 616 has passed the Assembly Transportation Committee and awaits approval by the Assembly Appropriations Committee;
- Staff has drafted and mailed letters on pending legislation in a manner consistent with the board's decisions at its April meeting or with board policy (see attached);
- Staff is working with its CAPCOA allies to monitor and impact dozens of bills related to air quality, implementing infrastructure bonds, global warming, transportation, etc;
- Staff is collaborating with the Washington, D.C.-based Podesta Group, which provided a briefing for Cap-to-Cap participants and continues to monitor federal legislation on our behalf.

## **Background**

The attached documents include:

- 1) Our official AB 616 (Jones) support letter;
- 2) Letters of support or opposition for the following bills as approved by the board at its March meeting: SUPPORT for AB 437, AB 163, AB 35, AB 57, AB 534 and AB 1358, OPPOSITION for AB 934;
- 3) A support letter for SB 886 (Negrete McLeod), which will eliminate term limits for our board chair;
- 4) Excerpts from SB 144, the committee bill from the Senate Local Government Committee, one provision of which will enable cities to select alternates for the SMAQMD board;
- 5) A letter to Assemblymember Roger Niello expressing our position on proposed budget cuts pertaining to public transit.

**Fiscal Impact**

None.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Larry Greene  
Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Director

Attachment