

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

2008 Board *Directives for* State and Federal Legislation and Regulation

AIR QUALITY MISSION

1. State and Federal legislation and regulation - Monitor and influence state and federal legislation, regulations, or budgets as necessary to support the district's air quality program or its ability to meet the regulatory requirements or to achieve the annual emission reductions as required by the California and Federal Clean Air Acts. **(restated)**

CLIMATE CHANGE

2. Programs – Support and participate in local, state, regional or national efforts in a manner consistent with the SMAQMD Board-adopted Climate Change Protection Program.

MOBILE SOURCES

3. Cleaner Vehicles and Vehicle Scrappage Programs -- Support cost-effective incentive programs to retire older, more emissive motor vehicles or to accelerate use of cleaner vehicle technologies. **(restated)**
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 – *Continue to advocate for AB 616.* 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 improvements in policies pertaining to nonmotorized transportation, increasing funding for bicycling or walking capital or maintenance projects and increasing biking and walking safety. **(restated)**
7. Locomotives – Support efforts mitigating air pollution impacts of rail transport and rail facility operations.
8. Land Use – *Support communities in their efforts to meet sustainable land use and energy use goals and objectives or adopted Blueprint Preferred Scenario targets.*

DISTRICT FEES / ADMINISTRATION

9. 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.
10. Expenditure of Funds Collected From Penalties -- Oppose efforts restricting the district's authority to expend funds collected from penalties in a manner consistent with district goals and objectives. **(restated)**
11. Duplicate Fees -- Oppose efforts authorizing state/federal agencies to collect duplicate fees from small businesses already paying fees to local agencies for similar programs.

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 benefit.

ASBESTOS and NATURALLY OCCURRING ASBESTOS (NOA)

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

19. Permanent Sacramento Region *Representation* on the CA Air Resources Board -- Support efforts establishing permanent Sacramento Regional *representation* on the California Air Resources Board.

RICE STRAW

20. Rice Straw *or Green Waste Incentives* – Support efforts that provide economic and other incentives to create a market for, and promote the use of rice straw *or green waste*.

TRANSPORTED AIR POLLUTANTS

21. 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.

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