

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

For Agenda of February 28, 2008

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene
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Subject: Staff Report on Legislation and Board Approval of Possible Amendments
to AB 616

Recommendation

Consider and Approve staff recommendations regarding amendments to AB 616, the SMAQMD-sponsored Smog Check legislation (vote required)

Background

AB 616 (Jones) Smog Check

AB 616 (Jones) is the SMAQMD-sponsored bill to create an annual (vs. biennial) smog check for most vehicles 15 years old or older. It has passed the Assembly and is currently on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee. CARB estimates that the bill in its current form would reduce emissions statewide by approximately 20 tons/day (NOx and hydrocarbons). This is a very significant emissions reduction bill and it provides part of the necessary statewide reductions to meet ozone and particulate matter attainment targets.

As AB 616 made its way through the legislature during 2007, numerous proposed amendments surfaced. CARB, in particular, suggested numerous amendments, three of which SMAQMD staff believe are important enough to merit board consideration and support:

Include high-mileage vehicles (such as taxicabs or airport shuttles) in the annual (vs. biennial) test requirements. CARB estimates air quality benefits of 4.3 tons/day (NOx and hydrocarbons) if this is approved and it has included this measure in the State SIP. **Staff recommends a support position to add these vehicles.**

Authorize the Bureau of Automotive Repair to develop procedures to use on-board diagnostic tests for vehicles not easily tested using traditional tailpipe or dynamometer test methods, including hybrid, alternative fuel, all-wheel and four-wheel drive vehicles. **Staff recommends a support position to add these vehicles.**

Include model year 2000 and newer motorcycles in the biennial smog check program. CARB estimates emissions reductions benefits statewide of approximately 1 ton/day (NOx and hydrocarbons) if this is approved. **Staff makes no recommendation on this proposal but recommends continued support of the bill if motorcycles are added by the author.**

Fiscal Impact

None

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