



RESOLUTION NO. 2008-24

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S SHARE OF PROPOSITION 1B AIR QUALITY MITIGATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) is a duly constituted unified district, as provided in California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC) Sections 401.50 to 401.61; and

WHEREAS, 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 priority trade corridors; and

WHEREAS, in the January 3, 2008 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 and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; and

WHEREAS, in the above-mentioned proposal for allocating the Proposition 1B funding, ARB staff relies 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

WHEREAS, in the above-mentioned proposal for allocating the Proposition 1B funding, ARB staff ignores the San Joaquin Valley's need for expedited attainment of the federal 8-hour ozone standard by 2017, even though State Officials, including ARB members and Governor Schwarzenegger, have expressed their commitment to attaining the federal 8-hour ozone standard in the Valley by 2017; and

WHEREAS, in the above-mentioned proposal for allocating the Proposition 1B funding, ARB staff relies on population figures without considering per capita population exposure to air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the District's 2007 Ozone Plan identifies substantial new emission -reductions that are needed to attain the health-based ambient air quality standards for 8-hr ozone and also for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) implemented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, 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 8-hr ozone and PM2.5 standards; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, emissions from heavy-duty trucks are under the primary regulatory jurisdiction of the state and federal governments, not the District; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley north-south trade corridor comprised of Highway 99 and Highway 5 carries more heavy-duty truck traffic than any other goods movement corridor in the state, 45.9 percent of the total vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for the four major goods movement corridors; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley, due to its topography and meteorology, faces a greater challenge in improving air quality than any other area of California; and

WHEREAS, a higher level of goods movement air quality mitigation funding than proposed by ARB staff would help serve the needs of the Valley's diverse low-income population by reducing

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exposure to air pollution from goods movement; and

WHEREAS, the District has an outstanding track record of effectively using incentive funding to achieve meaningful emissions reductions;

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the City Council of the City of Fresno, joins with it's San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to call on the Air Resources Board to pass legislation that would increase the District's share of Proposition 1B Air Quality Mitigation Funding.

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this Council does herby strongly urge the Air Resources Board to use officially sanctioned heavy-duty truck emissions inventories in calculating goods movement air quality mitigation funding allocations, consider the San Joaquin Valley's need for expedited attainment of the federal 8-hour ozone standard by 2017 in developing goods movement funding allocations, consider the San Joaquin Valley population's exposure to air pollution, and not just the population numbers, in the formula for establishing goods movement funding allocations, and reaffirm their commitment to eliminating violations of health-based air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley by allocating at least 37% of the total Proposition 1B goods movement air quality mitigation funding to the Central Valley.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of February, 2008.

AYES : Calhoun, Dages, Perea, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong
NOES : None
ABSTAIN : None
ABSENT : Duncan

Mayor Approval: _____ n/a _____, 2008
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____ n/a _____, 2008
Mayor Veto: _____ n/a _____, 2008
Council Override Vote: _____ n/a _____, 2008

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By: Rebecca E. Klisch
-Deputy