



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

A RESOLUTION OF THE AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP OF THE CALIFORNIA
PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

SUPPORTING AIR QUALITY FUNDING IN REVISED BUDGET AND
ENCOURAGING CRITERIA BE USED IN ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger released the May Revision of his Budget Proposal for fiscal year 2007-2008 on May 14, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the revised budget proposes \$111 million in Proposition 1B bond funds to implement the Trade Corridors Emission Reduction Incentive Program through the Air Resources Board and to improve the air quality in California's major trade corridors, including the Central Valley corridor; and

WHEREAS, the projects funded by the Trade Corridors Emission Reduction Incentive Program specifically include upgrading old, high-emitting trucks used to transport goods and farm produce throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, 80% of the nitrogen oxide emissions in the San Joaquin Valley come from mobile sources and over half of those emissions come from heavy duty diesel trucks; and

WHEREAS, THE San Joaquin Valley carries the heaviest concentration of goods movement traffic in the State of California, as evidenced by the fact that 28% of the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by heavy heavy-duty diesel trucks in California occur in the San Joaquin Valley (the South Coast being second at 21%); and

WHEREAS, the revised budget proposes \$96.5 million in Proposition 1B bond funds to implement the Air Resources Board's Lower Emission School Bus Program to replace pre-1987 school buses and retrofit old diesel school buses; and

WHEREAS, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was created through Executive Order by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2005 and is an eight-county public-private partnership focused on improving the San Joaquin Valley's economic vitality and quality of life for the 3.4 million residents that call it home. The Partnership Board developed a Strategic Action Proposal to provide actionable strategies for sustainable economic growth that will create jobs and improve environmental quality in the region, and was approved by the governor in November 2006; and

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WHEREAS, the Partnership has ten work groups each assigned to carry out the goals and recommendations in the Strategic Action Proposal, one being the Air Quality Work Group. This work group contains over 300 organizations and members within the region; and

WHEREAS, the governor's proposal to fund the Trade Corridors Emission Reduction Incentive Program and the Lower Emission School Bus Program is consistent with Goal 3 of the Air Quality Work Group recommendations in the Strategic Action Proposal to, "Implement incentive mechanisms to accelerate adoption of air quality mitigation technologies."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE AIR QUALITY WORK GROUP OF THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, THAT:

Section 1. the Air Quality Work Group supports Governor Schwarzenegger's inclusion of emission reduction funding to upgrade old, high-emitting trucks used to transport goods and farm produce throughout the state and replace and retrofit old, diesel school buses in the May Revision of his Budget Proposal for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Section 2. the Air Quality Work Group recognizes, and asks Governor Schwarzenegger and the California State Legislature to continue to acknowledge, the social and economic value of reducing harmful diesel emissions in the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley.

Section 3. the Air Quality Work Group calls upon the Governor and the California State Legislature to allow for upgrades as well as replacement of old, high-emitting trucks used to transport goods and farm produce. The work group also calls upon them to appropriate Proposition 1B air quality funding to regions based on the following four criteria:

- (a) severity of the state and federal air basin designation;
- (b) total emissions in the corridor;
- (c) percentage of truck Vehicle-Miles-Traveled (VMT) in the corridor; and
- (d) concentration of population in close proximity to the corridor.

Section 4. The Air Quality Work Group calls upon the Governor and the California State legislature to reaffirm its commitment to replace high-polluting diesel buses on the criteria of "oldest first".

Section 5. Suitable copies of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California Environmental Protection Agency, California State Legislative Members, and California Congressional Delegation.

PASSED APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 21 day of May 2007, by the Air Quality Work Group governing board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.