



AGENDA
Trucking Sector Working Group
Monday, December 11, 1pm-2pm PST

Call-In Details:

Phone: 620-635-9555, Passcode: 468804 #

1:00 Welcome and Agenda Review/Brief Overview of Upcoming Events and Grants Opportunities

Some of the most relevant upcoming events include:

The Staff of California Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold a biodiesel workgroup meeting in Sacramento, CA on December 15, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to the Revised ARB Draft Advisory on Biodiesel, the ARB biodiesel research plan, and the American Society of Testing and Materials activities.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel.htm>

Harvesting Clean Energy Conference, January 28-30, Boise, ID

The Harvesting Clean Energy Conference is the Northwest's premiere gathering for agriculture and energy interests working to advance new opportunities for agriculture producers and rural communities in clean energy production. Clean energy offers real solutions – financial and practical – for our farmers, ranchers, rural utilities and towns, tribes, and regional economy

Discussions focus on the steps to successful project development, financing, and marketing. Technologies covered include wind power, biofuels, biopower, geothermal, remote solar, and energy efficiency and renewable technologies to enhance farm operation profitability.

For more information, visit: <http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org/conference/>

Faster Freight -Cleaner Air 2007, February 26-28, Long Beach, CA

Faster Freight – Cleaner Air 2007 (FFCA), the nation's leading conference on goods movement and air quality. Due to the tremendous success of the event in 2006, FFCA will return to the Long Beach Convention Center in February of 2007. The convention center is adjacent to the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, together the nation's largest gateway for the import and export of cargo. FFCA is the premier venue to unveil new technology and programs created to assist the ports and transportation modes in their



quest for reducing the air quality impacts of their operations. Over 600 attendees participated in FFCA 2006 where they heard from experts and practitioners alike about the strategies available to address the needs of the marine, rail, on-road/trucking, off-road equipment and airfreight.

For more information, visit: <http://www.ffca2007.com/>

Current Grant Opportunities Include:

Biofuels Research, Development & Demonstration through the PIER Renewables Program

This is a competitive grant solicitation with the intent of accelerating research, development and demonstration of biofuel energy conversion technologies and refineries using lignocellulosic biomass (such as agricultural and forest residues, and urban waste), food waste, beverages, waste grease, purpose-grown or energy crops.

The Program Opportunity Notice, and application documents are posted at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/pier.html>. The deadline to submit proposals: January 4, 2007 at 4 p.m.

Sacramento Emergency Clean Air Transportation (SECAT) Program

The SECAT program, run by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, was created as a way to help truck owners and fleet operators reduce their vehicles' emissions in a business-friendly manner. SECAT has \$45 million left to pay for the retrofit of your existing engine with a newer, cleaner-burning one, or pays a significant amount of the cost of a newer vehicle.

For more information, visit <http://www.4secat.com> or email Freya Arick at farick@airquality.org

Transportation Fund for Clean Air through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

The Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) is a grant program funded by a \$4 surcharge on motor vehicles registered in the Bay Area. This generates approximately \$22 million per year in revenue.

TFCA's goal is to implement the most cost-effective projects in the Bay Area that will decrease motor vehicle emissions, and therefore improve air quality. Projects must be consistent with the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Bay Area Ozone Strategy.

Eligible Project Types:

The fund covers a wide range of project types, including purchase or lease of clean fuel buses; purchase of clean air vehicles; shuttle and feeder bus service to train stations; ridesharing programs to encourage carpool and transit use; bicycle facility improvements such as bike lanes, bicycle racks, and lockers; arterial management improvements to



speed traffic flow on major arterials; smart growth; and transit information projects to enhance the availability of transit information.

For more information, visit:

http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/grants_and_incentives/tfca/index.htm

Carl Moyer Funds through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

The Air District administers the Carl Moyer Program in partnership with the California Air Resources Board (ARB). The Carl Moyer Program provides grants to reduce exhaust emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines. Funding is available for projects to:

- replace old diesel engines with cleaner engines in existing equipment
- retrofit existing diesel engines with emission control devices
- purchase new vehicles or equipment with emissions below applicable state and federal standards

For more information, visit:

http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/grants_and_incentives/carl_moyer/index.htm

For a fact sheet about the Carl Moyer program, visit:

http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/grants_and_incentives/carl_moyer/Moyer%20Fact%20Sheet-Apr-2006.pdf

1:10 SmartWay Transport Partnership Update

SmartWay Grow & Go

On October 25, 2006, EPA Administrator Steven L. Johnson, launched the SmartWay Grow & Go Program to promote the environmental benefits of renewable fuels. **Buddy Polovick** from the SmartWay Transport Partnership will brief the group on this new program.

For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/smartway/growandgo>

SmartWay Excellence Awards

On October 30, 2006, the SmartWay Transport Partnership presented 24 of their partners with SmartWay Excellence Awards at the ATA Annual Management Conference in Texas. **Annie Kee** will talk about the criteria that were considered for these awards and highlight several of the award winners.

For a list of Award winners, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/smartway/awards.htm>



SmartWay Innovative Financing

The SmartWay Transport Partnership is working with the Small Business Administration to provide loans to small trucking companies for SmartWay Upgrade Kits. **Annie Kee** from SmartWay will discuss this exciting new initiative.

For more information on SmartWay Innovative Financing, go to:
<http://www.epa.gov/smartway/financing.htm>

1:30 Collaborative Yard Hostler Projects

Brad Rutledge, Project Manager at WestStart-CALSTART, will brief the group on the expected outcomes and current status of two Collaborative projects: the LNG yard hostler project and the hybrid yard hostler project.

1:45 Summary of Northern California Funding Forums

On November 6th, 7th, and 8th, we held funding forums in Oakland, Fresno, and Sacramento, respectively. The objectives of these forums were as follows:

- Raise awareness of the health and environmental impacts of diesel exhaust
- Educate on EPA's retrofit guidance
- Provide an overview of diesel emissions mitigation funding opportunities
- Identify specific success stories
- Provide opportunities to network and discuss potential projects

Speakers included, but were not limited to, representatives from the Air Districts, Council of Governments, Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency.

To see the presentations from these forums, go to:
<http://www.westcoastdiesel.org/funding-forum.htm>

1:50 General Collaborative Update and Announcements

2:00 Adjourn