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## **Governor Brown signs bill extending crucial air quality funding** *AB 8 extends lifetime of Carl Moyer Program and other incentive programs*

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Governor Jerry Brown recently signed important legislation ensuring that funding for several critical air quality incentive programs will continue through 2023.

AB 8 (Perea and Skinner) extends the sunset dates for several important programs that provide critically needed investment in air quality and clean transportation, both in the Bay Area and throughout the state of California.

"Reducing diesel pollution immediately improves air quality around our schools, ports, railyards and agricultural areas," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "Neighborhoods throughout the Bay Area will continue to reap the benefits of the legislation signed by Governor Brown."

AB 8 extends funding available in the Bay Area for heavy-duty engine projects under the Carl Moyer Program; projects relating to school buses, agricultural equipment, and vehicle buy-back programs under AB 923; and programs authorized under AB 118, such as the new technology demonstration projects under the Air Quality Incentive Program.

Throughout California these programs have resulted in the retrofitting or replacement of 48,000 engines - reducing emissions of ozone-forming pollutants by 146,000 tons and toxic diesel particulate matter by 6,000 tons.

Last year, the Bay Area alone awarded close to \$5.5 million in Carl Moyer Program grants, which will yield an emissions savings of nearly 90 tons of oxides of nitrogen, more than three tons of reactive organic gases and almost two tons of particulate matter. Projects funded included 55 new trucks along with a number of vehicles used on local farms, ranches, and vineyards. Other projects included installation of several boat engines and an anti-idling system for Caltrain locomotives parked at San Jose Diridon Station. This year, in the Carl Moyer Program's 15th cycle, \$15 million is currently available for engine upgrade projects. For additional program information, or to apply for funding, visit [www.baaqmd.gov/moyer](http://www.baaqmd.gov/moyer).

AB 8 extends the lifetime of these programs for eight to nine years, from 2015-16 until 2024, by guaranteeing temporary vehicle registration fees and surcharges that fund these vehicle-related air quality and climate protection programs administered by the California Energy Commission, the California Air Resources Board, the Bureau of Automotive Repair, and local air districts.

Funding provided by the Air District through these programs has resulted in significant air quality and public health benefits, dramatically reduced toxic diesel pollution, and spurred deployment of advanced technology vehicles. These programs also provide significant economic benefit by supporting new and maintaining current jobs in communities in the Bay Area and throughout California.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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