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WORKSHOP NOTICE

September 6, 2013

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS – DRAFT REGULATION 14, RULE 1: BAY AREA
COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM**

The staff of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will conduct public workshops to present, discuss, and receive comments on draft Regulation 14, Rule 1: The Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program. The details of the upcoming workshops are provided below:

<p>ALAMEDA COUNTY Monday, October 7 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium 101 Eighth Street Oakland</p>	<p>CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Tuesday, October 8 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM San Ramon Community Center, Alcosta Room 12501 Alcosta Boulevard San Ramon</p>	<p>NAPA COUNTY Wednesday, October 9 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Napa Public Library Community Room 580 Coombs Street Napa</p>
<p>SOLANO COUNTY Wednesday, October 9 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Fairfield Community Center Lakeside Suite A 1000 Kentucky Street Fairfield</p>	<p>SONOMA COUNTY Thursday, October 10 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Finley Community Center Cypress Room 2060 W. College Avenue Santa Rosa</p>	<p>MARIN COUNTY Thursday, October 10 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM San Rafael Corporate Center Tamalpais Room 750 Lindero Street San Rafael</p>
<p>SANTA CLARA COUNTY Tuesday, October 22 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM San Jose State University MLK Public Library Room 255/257 1 Washington Square San Jose</p>	<p>SAN MATEO COUNTY Tuesday, October 22 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Downtown Redwood City Public Library, 2nd Floor 1044 Middlefield Road Redwood City</p>	<p>SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY * Friday, October 25 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BAAQMD (Air District), Boardroom 939 Ellis Street San Francisco <i>*Meeting will be webcast</i></p>

BACKGROUND

Motor vehicles are the largest source of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants in the San Francisco Bay Area. Reducing the growth in vehicle miles traveled is necessary to achieve the State's bold climate protection targets set by AB 32 and SB 375, and to reduce other air pollutants that adversely impact public health. The Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program would assist the Bay Area in achieving these targets and goals.

Senate Bill 1339, signed into law in fall 2012, authorizes the Air District and MTC to adopt and implement a regional ordinance, known as the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program (Program). The Program would require employers with 50 or more full-time employees in the Bay Area to select one of the following four commuter benefits options to offer to their employees:

- The option for employees to pay for their transit or vanpool expenses with pre-tax dollars, as allowed by current federal law;
- A transit or vanpool subsidy to reduce, or cover, employees' monthly transit or vanpool costs;
- A low-cost or free shuttle, vanpool, or bus service operated by or for the employer; or
- An alternative method that would be equally effective as the other options in reducing single-occupant vehicle trips (and/or vehicle emissions).

Building on the success of similar ordinances adopted in the cities of San Francisco, Berkeley and Richmond, the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program would facilitate a regional approach to encourage the use of sustainable commute modes, such as public transit, ridesharing, bicycling and walking. In developing the regional Commuter Benefits Program, the Air District and MTC will seek to support and complement existing employer programs and local ordinances to the greatest extent feasible.

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

In addition to the draft Regulation 14, Rule 1, Air District staff has prepared a Workshop Report to provide background and additional information on the draft rule. The workshops are the next step in the Air District's and MTC's public engagement process. Staff is interested in comments and questions about the draft rule. Staff is also available to meet with interested parties regarding the proposal. Following the workshops and the close of the public comment period, staff will assess the need for changes to the draft rule, and may consider further workshops, or may proceed to a public hearing before the District's Board of Directors and MTC's Commissioners in early 2014. For copies of the draft Regulation 14, Rule 1 and the Workshop Report, please visit www.baaqmd.gov/commuterbenefits. Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the draft rule or the Workshop Report. To do so, please email commuterbenefits@baaqmd.gov, call 415-749-8671, or send written comments to: David Burch, BAAQMD, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. **The deadline to submit comments on this proposal is November 7, 2013.**

Multi-Lingual Assistance:

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