# Public Workshop Issues Related to the Zero Emission Vehicle Regulations

Air Resources Board October 25, 2000

# Overview

# Biennial Review process to date Next steps Today's agenda

# **Biennial Review Process to Date**

- Staff investigation
- March and May workshops
- Staff Report
- September 7 Board meeting

# **Board Resolution**

- ZEV program is essential component of state long term air quality strategy
- Basic ZEV requirements should be retained and implemented
- Staff to develop and propose steps to address challenges and result in sustainable market

# Next Steps: Regulatory

Today's Workshop
Initial Statement of Reasons

To be released by December 8, 2000

Board meeting

January 25, 2001

# Next Steps: Non-Regulatory

# Incentives--AB 2061 Guidelines to Board November 16 Marketing, Infrastructure, Education Report on status and plans at January 25 Board meeting

# Today's Workshop: Purpose

- Solicit public comment on issues
   Confront tradeoffs
  - Critical mass vs. cost, risk
  - Certainty vs. flexibility
- Assist in development of possible regulatory changes
- Must consider combined effect of various measures

# Today's Agenda

- Board's direction to staff
- PZEV proposal
- Other issues
  - ZEV production level
  - Credit structure: vehicles
  - Credit structure: other areas
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# **Board's Direction to Staff**

- Enhance environmental protection
- Maintain true ZEV component, increasing over time
- Encourage advanced technologies
- Provide market opportunity for today's ZEVs
- Address cost to manufacturers
- Communicate clear message

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# **PZEV** Background

- Large automakers may meet 60 percent of their ZEV obligation with PZEVs
- Intermediate automakers may meet 100 percent of their ZEV obligation with PZEVs

# **PZEV Requirements**

Certify vehicle to meet

 150,000 mile SULEV emission standards
 Zero evaporative emission standard
 OBD II requirements for SULEVs

 Extend performance and defects warranty to 15 years/150,000 miles

# **PZEV** Credits

 Baseline 0.2
 Zero emission VMT 0.0 to 0.6 (or advanced componentry)
 Low fuel cycle emissions 0.0 to 0.2

# Staff PZEV Proposal

- Objective
  - Allow manufacturers to take full advantage of PZEV option
- Proposal
  - 40/80/100 phase-in
  - Provide intermediate in-use compliance standards
  - Changes apply to both large and intermediate volume manufacturers

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# **ZEV Production Levels**

Base case volume estimates (x 1,000)

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- Will vary with early introduction, vehicle mix, PZEV availability
- Other factors to consider
  - High cost
  - Uncertain demand

### Issues

- What is appropriate number of vehicles?
- What factors should be considered?
- Additional credit for early introduction?
- Increase requirement over time?

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# **Credit Structure--Vehicles**

#### Issues

- Vehicle range
- Vehicle type
- Advanced propulsion technologies
- Vehicle efficiency
- Battery life/battery warranty

# Vehicle Range

- Current status
  - Multiple credits only for vehicles with range greater than 100 miles
- Issues
  - Should any range credit be retained?
  - If so, what minimum range?
  - How big a multiplier?

# Vehicle Type

#### Current status

 NEVs, City EVs, full function EVs all earn same credit, except for range

#### Issues

- Differentiate among different types of vehicles? How?
- Reduce or eliminate NEV credit?
- Use other measures to limit compliance using NEVs or City EVs?

# **Advanced Propulsion Technologies**

#### • Current status

- Little incentive for high scoring PZEVs
- Issues
  - Modify credit structure to encourage advanced propulsion technologies?
  - Which technologies?
  - How to encourage?
  - Timeframe?

# Vehicle Efficiency

- Current status
  - No direct credit for vehicle efficiency
- Issues
  - Additional credit for high efficiency?
  - How?

# **Battery Life/Battery Warranty**

- Current status
  - Battery life not addressed
- Issues
  - Who should pay cost of battery replacement?
  - Additional credit for manufacturer battery warranty?

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# **Credit Structure--Other Areas**

- Current status
  - No other credits provided
- Issues
  - Vehicle placement
  - In frastructure development
  - Transportation programs

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- Vehicle placement
  - Additional credit for vehicles placed in service?
- Infrastructure development
  - Additional credit for infrastructure?
- Transportation programs
  - Additional credit for vehicles placed in transportation programs?

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# **Overall ZEV Requirement**

Percentage requirements
Vehicle weight classifications
Manufacturer volume classifications
Federal motor vehicle safety standards

# Percentage Requirement

- Current status
  - Full ZEV allowance vehicles can satisfy ZEV requirement
- Issues

– Set aside a portion of ZEV requirement for pure ZEVs?

# Vehicle Weight Classification

#### Current status

 Regulation applies to passenger cars and light duty trucks with gross vehicle weight below 3,750 pounds

#### Issues

– Should credits earned by heavier vehicles apply against ZEV requirement?

# Manufacturer Volume Classification

- Current status
  - Small volume < 4,500</p>
  - Intermediate volume < 35,000</p>
- Issues
  - Increase volume limits?

# Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

- Current status
  - Not addressed
- Issues
  - Should full FMVSS compliance be necessary for ZEV credit?

# **Biennial Review**

#### Current status

- Start this all over again in late 2001
- Uncertainty interferes with market

#### Issues

– How evaluate technology without negative consequences?