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The California Energy Commission (CEC)

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Re: Docket No. 10-ALT-1

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In response to the California Energy Commission's STAFF DRAFT REPORT of the 2011-2012 INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE FUEL AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, the Kings Canyon Unified School District (KCUSD) and the City of Reedley (City) are submitting input regarding the analyses and recommendations contained in the draft plan.

The City and KCUSD have formed a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) partnership named as the Central Valley Transportation Center (CVTC). This partnership received alternative fuel allocations from the CEC in the previous investment plan as well as CMAQ funds and local Measure C funds for components of the CVTC.

Since 1993, KCUSD has partnered with the CEC by successfully utilizing and maximizing CEC funding to demonstrate clean air school buses using advanced emissions devices and alternative fuels (CNG, methanol and low-sulfur diesel).

On numerous occasions in the past, KCUSD has partnered with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) to participate in emission reducing projects. The SJVAPCD, KCUSD and the City welcome the opportunity to carry forward the CEC Investment Plan's mission to our region in order to meet the State's goals for reducing green house gas emissions and petroleum dependence in the transportation sector by demonstrating new vehicle technologies and creating a model for new technology centers.

In addition, the CVTC is partnering with Reedley Community College and the Valley Regional Occupational Program to provide training for the next generation of green technicians as well as provide workforce training in an area devastated by up to 40% unemployment rates.

The CEC and the CVTC's mission is to lead in and to demonstrate the use of green house gas reduction technologies in a region where air quality is the worst in the Nation. The CVTC is positioned, ready and able to assist and lead our smaller surrounding rural communities in an economy of scale transportation center to serve the public and private sectors who are attempting to survive in a struggling economy and who are faced with air quality compliance regulations. The CVTC will provide a collaborative and sustainable model that will demonstrate the use of alternative fuels in alternative fuel vehicles.

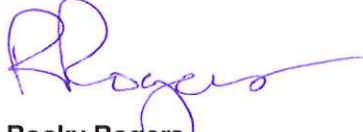
We respectfully request that the CEC formulate the AB 118 Investment Plan to include a pilot demonstration funding component for government agencies that have established partnerships and are currently working in collaboration with each other to meet the Funding Allocation Summary for FY 2011-2012 as outlined on page 6 of the Draft of the Investment Plan (please see below for suggested revision of TABLE ES-2: FUNDING ALLOCATION SUMMARY for FY 2011-2012).

We welcome the opportunity to continue the mission of the investment plan with you in order to meet the state's goals for reducing greenhouse gas emission and petroleum dependence in the transportation sector by demonstrating new vehicle technologies and creating a model advanced alternative fuel vehicle technology center.

Suggested Revision

1. Maintain the eleven (11) PROJECT/ACTIVITY components
2. Add a twelfth (12) component to the eleven (11) PROJECT/ACTIVITY components that would include the following:
 - Funding to build and establish a public agency pilot demonstration alternative fuel vehicle center that would have the following components:
 1. regional partnerships
 2. regional readiness
 3. provide a portfolio of alternative fuels
 4. provide workforce training
 5. provide a model advanced alternative fuel vehicle technology center

Sincerely,



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City of Reedley



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