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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Concepts for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure – Docket No. 19-TRANS-02

DANNAR, a leader in zero-emission off-road equipment technologies, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on California Energy Commission's proposed funding concepts for medium- and heavy-duty infrastructure and vehicles within the Clean Transportation Program. DANNAR strongly supports the recent approval of the Investment Plan allocating funds to this sector.

DANNAR has developed a robust off-road battery-electric mobile platform which offers multi-function capabilities that can efficiently replace multiple pieces of single-purpose, conventional diesel off-road equipment currently used by cities/municipalities, universities, amusement parks, ports, freight support facilities, distribution centers, warehouses, intermodal yards, and airports throughout California. The innovative, multi-purpose zero-emission platform, the Mobile Power Station (MPS), can be configured easily work with any manufacturer's work attachments and tools that can lift, grab, push, extract, and haul to allow for flexible use to address daily operations and maintenance.

DANNAR supports staff's proposal to fund infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty off-road vehicles. Within the proposed concepts, DANNAR's comments include:

1. We respectfully request that the criteria for off-road vehicles be inclusive and allow for a wider range of zero-emission off-road applications. To date, much of the funding at CEC and ARB has primarily been limited funding for ports, airports, and goods movement. Expanding the focus of this funding to be more inclusive will allow for more off-road applications, such as equipment for cities/counties, universities, state fleets, and other end-users. Expanding beyond freight and transit/truck fleets will help increase opportunities to eliminate toxic mobile emissions and exposures, as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the state.

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2. DANNAR strongly supports incorporating a focus on climate resiliency to the infrastructure investments. With the increasing occurrence and intensity of catastrophic wildfires throughout California, as well as the implementation of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), there is a need to support critical infrastructure and facilities in the affected communities. We respectfully request providing investments in backup power, charging to emergency response equipment and vehicles, and mobile charging systems that can help cities and counties reduce the impacts of wildfires and power shutoffs.

DANNAR appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Energy Commission's proposed concepts for medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission infrastructure and vehicles. We look forward to continuing to work together to deploy zero-emission off-road equipment in a variety of sectors throughout the state.

Sincerely,



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