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Docket #11-ALT-1      2012-2013 Investment Plan

In response to the California Energy Commission's invitation to submit written comments and suggestions for the 2012-13 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 recommendations that will help guide its analysis and funding.

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

Since 1993, KCUSD has partnered with the CEC by successfully utilizing and maximizing CEC funding to demonstrate clean air school buses using advanced emission 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 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 a 30% plus unemployment rate.

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.

In light of the above, this 2012-13 CEC's INVESTMENT PLAN collectively parallels the mission of the CVTC in the following:

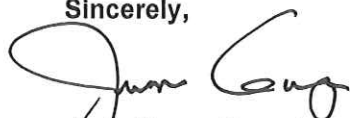
- Focus on public and private collaboration and partnerships
- Focus on expansion of availability of alternative fuels and infrastructure
- Focus on innovative technologies and vehicle efficiency
- Focus on workforce training
- Focus on priorities and opportunities that will generate immediate results combined with long-term sustainability

We support the 2012-13 INVESTMENT PLAN for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. We suggest the following for the INVESTMENT PLAN:

- Increase the funding level for Centers for Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicle Technology from "Up to \$3.0m" to "\$8.0m"
- Considering the strong interest in and the need for skilled workers to service and maintain fleets and equipment, increase the funding level for Workforce Training and Development from "\$2.5m" to "\$5.0m"
- Give priority to public agencies that have already demonstrated and acted upon their commitment to the mission of AB 118
- Give priority to public agencies that have already demonstrated strong collaborative partnerships in funding and projects
- Give priority to public agencies that have already leveraged multiple funds and have the strength to continue to leverage future funds
- Give priority to public agencies that can demonstrate their ability to sustain the mission and provide a replicable project
- Give priority to projects that can produce an immediate and long range impact in the Central Valley and in impoverished areas
- Give priority to public projects that are "shovel ready"

Thank you for allowing us to submit recommendations.

Sincerely,



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