You are invited to participate in a public stakeholder workgroup meeting and to provide input into the implementation of California’s $423 million allocation of the Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust (Trust). The Trust provides funding opportunities for the project categories listed below:

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Public stakeholder workgroup meetings will be held at six locations throughout California between April 11, 2019, and May 6, 2019. During the public workgroup meetings, staff will discuss:

- funding available for each project category,
- types of eligible project equipment,
- maximum funding limits,
- solicitation process and timeline,
- grantee reporting and operational requirements, and
- other implementation details.

The same information will be presented at each workgroup meeting and a copy of the presentation and agenda will be posted on the program website the morning of the Sacramento meeting on April 11, 2019 at: [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust-california](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/volkswagen-environmental-mitigation-trust-california)
The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

**SACRAMENTO**
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: CalEPA Headquarters  
Room 550  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Teleconference available at:  
Call in: (888) 233-9482  
Passcode: 2446189

**SOUTH COAST**
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Auditorium  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Webcast available at:  
http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/webcast

**CENTRAL VALLEY**
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
Fresno Office VTC Room  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93726  
Video Telecast available at:  
Modesto Office VTC Room  
4800 Enterprise Way  
Modesto, CA 95356  
Bakersfield Office VTC Room  
34946 Flyover Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: Hilton Garden Inn  
Wintu Room  
5050 Bechelli Lane  
Redding, CA 96002

**SAN DIEGO**
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: San Diego Community College District  
Educational Cultural Complex Theatre  
4343 Ocean View Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92113

**BAY AREA**
Date: May 6, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
Place: Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
Yerba Buena Room  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

For questions regarding the Sacramento or Central Valley meetings, please call (559) 230-6000; for the South Coast or San Diego meetings, please call (833) 894-7267; for the Northern California and Bay Area meetings, please call (415) 749-8660.

Public comments may be submitted during the workgroup meetings or after until May 12, 2019. Following the public comment period, solicitations will be developed for each of the project categories and are anticipated to open later this year.
Background

The Trust is a component of partial settlements with VW resulting from its use of illegal defeat devices—software designed to cheat on emissions tests—in certain 2009 to 2016 model year diesel cars that were sold in California. The Trust provides funding opportunities for specified eligible actions to mitigate the excess nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions caused by the subject VW vehicles. The Trust is enumerated in the first of two Partial Consent Decrees as Appendix D.

In addition to the requirements outlined in the Consent Decree, Senate Bill 92 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2017) was passed in June 2017, which further directs how California’s Mitigation Trust funds in Appendix D are to be spent. The legislation directs the designated Lead Agency for the Mitigation Trust to strive to ensure that 35 percent of California’s allocation benefit low-income or disadvantaged communities that are disproportionately impacted by air pollution. It also requires the Lead Agency (CARB) to strive to ensure that the expenditures align with the state’s priorities and provide for public transparency before approval.

In March 2017, the Court appointed Wilmington Trust, N.A., as Trustee to administer the Trust for all eligible beneficiaries (states and tribes). The Trust became effective in October 2017.

In May 2018 CARB approved the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (Plan) that describes California’s plan for spending the State’s allocation, including the overall goals for the use of the funds, the eligible mitigation action categories to be funded with a priority on providing benefits to disadvantaged or low-income communities, the allocations for each proposed category, and the estimated emission reductions. The Plan includes information about:

- Eligible mitigation action categories to be funded.
- Funding allocations for each proposed category.
- Emission reduction quantification and estimates.
- Administrative process for implementation.

A copy of the plan is available at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/californias-beneficiary-mitigation-plan

Public Comments

We welcome and encourage your participation and will be accepting public comments on the program during the meetings. You may also submit comments electronically for each project category at:

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