Notice of Availability

**Notice of Public Availability of Draft Environmental Analysis Prepared for the Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation (Proposed Project)**

**Project/Location:** Statewide

**Project Description**: CARB is currently developing a regulation that would require forklift fleets to transition spark-ignited forklifts (e.g., propane and gasoline forklifts) to zero-emission technology. The proposed Zero-Emission Forklift (ZEF) Regulation (Proposed Regulation) seeks to advance zero-emission technology in forklifts to reduce emissions and to facilitate further technology development and zero-emission infrastructure expansion. The measure is intended to help California achieve the emission-reduction goals outlined in the 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan, 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan, 2016 Mobile Source Strategy, 2020 Mobile Source Strategy, and Sustainable Freight Action Plan, as well as the zero-emission technology-deployment goals set forth in Governor’s Executive Order N-79-20.

Specifically, the Proposed Regulation would target spark-ignited forklifts with a lift capacity of 12,000 pounds or less (hereinafter “affected forklift”). Starting in 2026, the measure would both restrict the sale and purchase of new affected forklifts in California and require existing fleets to phase out affected forklifts over time. CARB is proposing this measure because many forklift applications are well-suited for zero-emission technology, and because transitioning spark-ignited forklifts to zero emission would reduce emissions that contribute to unhealthy regional ozone and particulate matter and to climate change.

**Document Availability:** The public review and comment period starts March 7, 2023 and ends on April 6, 2023. Copies of the Environmental Analysis (EA), the Proposed Project, public notices, and other related documents may be accessed on CARB’s website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2022/locomotive>. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at Chris.Hopkins@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-9564 if you need physical copies of the documents. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board’s offices have limited public access. Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (b), upon request to the aforementioned Regulations Coordinator, physical copies would be obtained from the Public Information Office, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, First Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814. Written comments must be received by 11:59 pm on April 6, 2023 either electronically at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php> or by postal mail at: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street / P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**Public Review Period:** The public comment period is March 7, 2023 to April 6, 2023.

**Project Impacts:** The EA will evaluate the potential for impacts on the environmental resource areas found in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed project would have beneficial impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, including direct combustion emissions from vehicles in the State, and emissions from fuel production activities occurring both in and out of California. Potential adverse impacts would be associated with the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses related to the proposed project, which may include but are not limited to: the introduction of new zero-emission vehicles; new charging, fueling, and electrical infrastructure; battery second life applications; battery recycling or disposal; and water consumption due to hydrogen production.

The reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the proposed Zero-Emission Forklift Rulemaking could potentially adversely or beneficially affect several resource areas, including but not limited to the following, which will be further evaluated in the EA: Aesthetics; Agricultural and Forest Resources; Air Quality and Odors; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Energy; Geology, Seismicity, and Soils; Greenhouse Gases; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Mineral Resources; Noise; Transportation and Traffic; and Utilities and Service Systems.

Potential cumulative impacts and potential for growth inducement will be evaluated in the EA, as well as alternatives, including the No Project Alternative.

**Public Hearing:** The Proposed Project and EA will be presented to the Board at the Board Meeting on April 6, 2023, which will be webcast at: <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>.

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