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**Air Board Spending Vote Advances Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles and Clean Air**

SACRAMENTO—The California Air Resources Board (CARB) voted today to adopt a proposal for spending \$423 million of incentive money to substantially advance adoption of heavy-duty, zero-emission buses, trucks and tugboats.

The money is part of a \$1.2 billion the state received in a settlement agreement with Volkswagen following discovery of that the auto company cheated on emissions reporting on 85,000 diesel vehicles sold in California between 2009 and 2015.

The spending proposal was vetted through public workshops and comment periods before it was finalized and brought to the board for a vote. It can be found at:

[https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/vw\\_info/vsi/vw-mititrust/meetings/proposed\\_bmp.pdf](https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/vw_info/vsi/vw-mititrust/meetings/proposed_bmp.pdf).

**Statement from Kathryn Phillips, Sierra Club California Director:**

“The days of trucks and buses spewing pollution from tailpipes and stacks are slipping into the rearview mirror.

“The Air Board vote makes sure there will be plenty of motivation for agencies, school districts and trucking companies to buy advanced electric vehicles. It will help accelerate adoption of zero-emission vehicles that must happen for every Californian to be able to breathe clean air.”

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