Sierra Club California Praises California’s Commitment to 100 percent Zero Emission Vehicles by 2050

SACRAMENTO – The State of California joined with 12 other states and nations to commit to a zero-emission future for passenger vehicles in their jurisdictions by 2050.

In a statement released at the United Nations climate change action negotiations in Paris, the International Zero-Emission Vehicle Alliance, which includes California, said “We will strive to make all passenger vehicle sales in our jurisdictions ZEVs as fast as possible, and no later than 2050.”

Statement by Sierra Club California Director Kathryn Phillips in response:

“California’s commitment to an all-ZEV passenger fleet by 2050—and likely earlier—is both necessary and achievable.

“We need this to stop the worst effects of climate change. And we can do this. The technology is available and the progress made in just the last few years has shown that a world without polluting internal combustion engines in cars and buses is just around the corner.

“The California Air Resources Board has waged a decades-long push to give Californian’s pollution-free tailpipes. And Governor Brown has elevated that possibility with his leadership in pushing this strong ZEV commitment.”

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