



State Proposes Funds for Anti-Pollution Efforts **Ports of Long Beach, L.A. would receive \$98 million for cleaner trucks**

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The California Air Resources Board will consider awarding the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles \$98 million in Proposition 1B funding to help reduce diesel pollution from port operations following a series of public workshops.

The ARB is hosting workshops throughout the state to discuss preliminary recommendations for the distribution of \$221 million in statewide funding to reduce air pollution from transportation activities. Under the recommendations, the Los Angeles/ Inland Empire region would receive \$122 million for anti-pollution efforts connected to goods movement. The funds are to be used as financial incentives for private businesses to upgrade to cleaner technologies.

"We are extremely pleased that the ARB has recommended a significant amount of funding for the greater L.A. region," said Port of Long Beach Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "This will provide much needed funding for projects such as our Clean Trucks Program that are aggressively reducing air pollution and public health risks in the community."

The ARB is hosting five public workshops throughout the state in late April and early May. One of the workshops will be at the Long Beach City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 29.

The public is invited to offer input on how the funds should be distributed among 19 regional project proposals.

The funding is part of \$1 billion approved by California voters to reduce air pollution and health risks from transportation activities along state trade corridors.