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Cal/EPA Secretary Matt Rodriquez Applauds Clean Cars Package

New rules will create jobs, save drivers money on fuel, cut smog and greenhouse gases

SACRAMENTO, CA. – California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Matt Rodriquez commended the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for continuing California's leadership role in setting ambitious standards for passenger cars. ARB unanimously approved the Advanced Clean Cars program during their board meeting in Los Angeles today.

"With this package, California will continue to lead the world in developing groundbreaking vehicle standards," said Rodriquez. "These rules will help clean our air, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, save consumers money at the pump, and drive innovation and job creation in our state. As Governor Brown reiterated during his recent State of the State address, it is due to policies like this that California is attracting billions of dollars in clean tech venture capital investments - making our state not only the leader in the nation, but in the world. Today's ambitious Clean Cars package will help us build on our success."

The Advanced Clean Cars program combines the control of soot, smog-causing pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions into a single coordinated package of requirements for model years 2017 through 2025. The new rules will clean up gasoline and diesel-powered cars, and deliver increasing numbers of zero-emission technologies, such as full battery electric cars, newly emerging plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell cars. The package will also ensure that adequate fueling infrastructure is available for the increasing numbers of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles planned for deployment in California.

Many of the technologies that reduce climate change emissions also significantly reduce the operating costs of passenger vehicles on a month-to-month basis for consumers. ARB analysis indicates that beginning in 2025, the advanced technologies used to achieve the new smog and greenhouse gas standards will save drivers \$6,000 in fuel costs over the life of the car.

Benefits of Advanced Clean Cars Program:

Consumer Savings:

- California drivers will save \$5 billion in operating costs in 2025. This will rise to \$10 Billion in 2030 when more advanced cars are on the road.
- When fully implemented, annual fuel costs to operate a car will be reduced by an average of 25 percent. The overall cumulative savings will total \$22 billion by 2025.

Create Jobs:

- Overall savings generated by the proposed rules will result in an additional 21,000 jobs in California in 2025, rising to 37,000 in 2030.

Fight Smog:

- The rules deliver a 75 percent reduction in smog-forming emissions by 2025 (compared to 2016 levels)

Fight Climate Change:

- Greenhouse gas emissions from cars will be cut 34 percent from 2016 levels.
- By 2025, greenhouse gases will be reduced by 52 million tons, the equivalent of taking 10 million cars off the road for a year.
- The package will result in a cumulative reduction of more than 870 million metric tons of greenhouse gases through 2050.

Deliver Next-Generation Cars:

- Zero-emission or plug-in hybrid vehicles will account for one in seven new cars sold in California in 2025 (15.4 percent).
- A total of 1.4 million zero-emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles will be on the road in California by 2025.

The greenhouse gas component of the package approved today builds on California's first-in-the-nation standard that was later adopted in 2009 by the federal government as part of a national program. The new rules strengthen the greenhouse gas standard for 2017 models and beyond. They were developed in tandem with the federal government over the past three years, including an unprecedented joint fact-finding process with shared engineering and technical studies.

For more information on Advanced Clean Cars, [click here](#).

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