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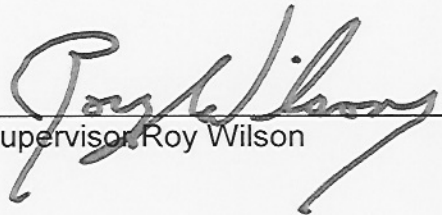
**FROM:** Supervisor Roy Wilson

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** March 20, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Chairman's Letter Urging Continuation of CARB Zero Emissions Technologies Program

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairman to send the attached letter to the California Air Resources Board urging them not to abort their efforts to move motor vehicle technology toward zero emission vehicles.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 27, CARB will consider eliminating the zero emissions vehicle program that has been forcing new technologies in electric and hybrid vehicles. Although the automotive industry has had problems with battery technology and the range of these vehicles, much advancement has been made in new technology development as a result of the CARB mandates. The attached letter urges that CARB continue its efforts towards improving zero emission technologies.

  
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Supervisor Roy Wilson

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March 21, 2003

Clerk of the Board  
Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject:** Comments on the proposed amendments to the ZEV Regulation to be considered by the California Air Resources Board on March 27, 2003

The air quality in Riverside County is severely impacted by particulate and ozone air quality. Due to the shortfall in our AQMP emission reductions in the mobile sector, ARB needs to move forward with all technologically feasible controls for mobile sources. Therefore, the California Zero Emission Vehicle Regulation needs to be significantly strengthened.

The ZEV Regulation has generated significant emission reductions and accelerated the development of zero and near-zero emission vehicle technology. Riverside County believes that this progress is threatened by the significantly weakened staff proposal and that the ZEV Regulation needs to be strengthened in the following areas:

- Continue the requirement for battery EVs.
- Require more advanced technology fuel cell vehicles.
- Credit should not be granted in California for vehicles placed in other states. Automakers should be encouraged to place ZEVs in areas of California that are most severely impacted by poor air quality.

Riverside County is not satisfied with the significantly weakened amendments proposed by staff and appreciates consideration of our need and desire for a strong ZEV Regulation.

Sincerely,