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South Coast AQMD Approves \$73 Million for Zero-Emission Trucks and Infrastructure

Diamond Bar, CA — Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board approved \$73.1 million in funding for zero-emission trucks and charging and fueling infrastructure using fees paid by warehouse operators under the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Mitigation Program.

The funding will help to get zero emission trucks on the road and the supporting infrastructure needed to fuel these trucks serving warehouses throughout the region. Projects will be prioritized in the communities where the warehouse fees were collected, reducing emissions in the areas most affected by warehouse-related pollution.

“The goal of WAIRE has always been to reduce emissions, not simply collect fees,” said Governing Board Chair Michael A. Cacciotti. “When warehouses choose the mitigation-fee option, we have a responsibility to ensure those dollars are turned into projects that improve air quality. By investing these funds in zero-emission trucks and infrastructure, we can make sure the money collected is delivering meaningful benefits back to the affected communities.”

The \$73.1 million first-year funding opportunity will support:

- Zero-emission Class 4–8 trucks
- Zero-emission yard trucks
- Electric truck-charging infrastructure
- Hydrogen-fueling infrastructure

Eligible applicants include warehouse and fleet operators, as well as operators of truck charging and fueling infrastructure serving warehouses. Funding may be combined with other eligible incentive programs, subject to program requirements.

The online portal will be available at the end of September and will provide information on the application process and requirements. Application period will open on October 13, 2026, and close December 15, 2026. Projects will be funded based on a first-come, first-served basis.

The WAIRE Program was established under South Coast AQMD's Warehouse Indirect Source Rule, which applies to approximately 4,000 warehouses across the region. Warehouse operators have several options for meeting WAIRE requirements, including paying mitigation fees in lieu of completing specific actions. So far, less than five percent of WAIRE participants choose to pay mitigation fees. These fees are then used for projects designed to reduce emissions associated with warehouse activity.

The program was developed through a public process that included stakeholder meetings, public webinars, written comments and other outreach, with input from community groups, industry representatives and environmental organizations.

Warehouses are a major destination for heavy-duty trucks and other sources of emissions like cargo handling equipment, which can contribute to local pollution. Emissions associated with warehouses produce as much smog-forming nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions as all of the refineries, power plants and other stationary sources in the South Coast Air Basin combined.

For more information about the [WAIRE](#) Mitigation Program, please visit: [Program Announcement for Zero-Emission Trucks and Infrastructure for Year 2026 WAIRE Mitigation Program](#).

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