



LOS ANGELES AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 5, 2026

SCAQMD Governing Board
South Coast AQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California

RE: Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement Support

Dear Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber), the largest business organization in the Los Angeles region, I am writing to express our strong support of the proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement negotiated by South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Goods movement is the economic engine of the Southern California region and the nation. The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles (San Pedro Bay ports) move hundreds of billions of dollars in cargo every year, supporting a vast workforce across the supply chain and supporting businesses in every sector of our regional economy. The San Pedro Bay ports have also consistently demonstrated leadership in achieving historic emission reductions resulting in cleaner air for our communities.

The proposed Addendum builds on the collaborative framework established by the existing Cooperative Agreement by advancing comprehensive zero-emission infrastructure planning while establishing new incentive programs to accelerate cleaner vessels and zero-emission trucks. It also provides a significant investment in regional charging and fueling infrastructure that will help support the transition to cleaner freight movement. These efforts are in addition to the industry leading strategies that have helped the San Pedro Bay ports become the cleanest ports in the world, reducing diesel emissions by over 90% over the last two decades.

The Chamber recognizes that our region's economic future depends on supporting jobs and goods movement while also ensuring a healthier, more sustainable future for our region. For these reasons, the Chamber respectfully urges your support for the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement.

Sincerely,

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Chief Policy Officer