



California Groundwater Association

May 15, 2017

The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SENATE BILL 41 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Galgiani:

The California Groundwater Association supports your legislation, SB 41, which will allow owners of eligible diesel trucks operating with the Cleaire Long-Mile System to operate their vehicle without a substrate until 2023.

All diesel trucks, as per current law, must comply with the Air Resources Board's 2009 Particulate Matter (PM) emission requirements by 2023. In the interim, fleet owners were encouraged to upgrade existing engines by installing a verified PM filter retrofit or upgrade to newer vehicles. However, due to problems with the PM filters, especially concerning the emissions of sparks, these filters can no longer be used. Water well drilling rigs and associated equipment are used primarily in rural areas where range fires are a very real hazard. Also, drilling produces some gasses that are flammable, which could be ignited by the PM device.

The five-year extension to 2023 will help the owners of water well drilling rigs to adjust to the target date, especially in light of the PM filter debacle. Water well drilling rigs are highly specialized pieces of equipment that cost great deals of money and have long service lives. In addition, these vehicles are not driven on the road as much as delivery and transport trucks because the primary mission of the rigs is to drill water wells at stationary locations. If SB 41 does not pass, this vital equipment will be out of compliance on August 16, 2017.

The California Groundwater Association is a trade organization comprised of all segments of the groundwater industry in California. Our members include water well drilling and pump contractors, hydrogeologists, engineers, hydrologists, manufacturers and suppliers, government employees and others working in the groundwater field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ronald Hedman'.

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President

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