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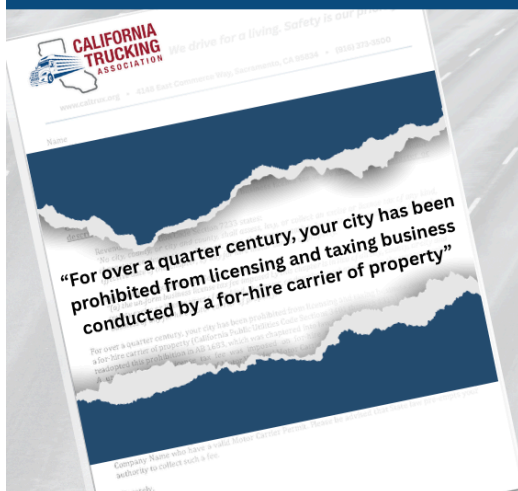
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SCAQMD Approves \$73 Million for ZE Trucks and Infrastructure

The **South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)** governing board **approved \$73.1 million** in funding for **zero-emission (ZE) and charging and fueling infrastructure** using fees collected by warehouse operators under the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Mitigation Program. Incentive projects will be prioritized in the communities where the warehouse fees were collected, reducing emissions in the areas most affected by warehouse-related pollution.

This first year of funding will support purchase of new **ZE Class 4-8 trucks, ZE yard trucks, and ZE charging or 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 [Program Announcement \(PA2027-1\)](#) for the [WAIRE Mitigation Program](#) is now available and provides detailed information on eligibility, program requirements, funding categories, funding amounts, and application procedures. Interested applicants should review the document in advance of the upcoming application period.

The online application portal will open for drafting applications on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.** through [South Coast AQMD's Grant Management System](#). Beginning on that date, applicants may create an application, enter project information, upload supplemental documentation, and save their progress prior to submission. Applicants may also contact South Coast AQMD staff with questions regarding the application process or program requirements (waire-incentives@aqmd.gov).

Applicants may begin submitting completed applications on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.** and will be considered on a **first-come, first-served basis**. The application period will remain open **through Tuesday, December 15, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.**, which is the final deadline for all application submittals.

Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update

That's a wrap! The California Legislature ended their 2025-2026 legislative session in the early morning of September 2. Please join the **Government Affairs** team for our **Webinar: Fall 2026 Government Affairs Update** to learn about the latest on legislation and regulations affecting the trucking industry.

You will learn about CTA's busy, productive year and our legislative wins:

- Killed the Governor's proposal to subsidize Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Incentive with diesel excise taxes
- Defeated multiple legislative attempts to pass different statewide indirect source rule proposals
- Negotiated amendments preventing the prohibition of in-cab cameras
- Narrowed a bill to exempt assessing fees for vehicles using existing commercial loading and unloading zones
- Supported a low-use NOx exemption for vehicles subject to Clean Truck Check
- Stopped a bill that would have eliminated in-depth economic analysis required for proposed "major regulations" in California that are expected to have an economic impact exceeding \$50 million
- Worked with stakeholders to preserve CTA's past negotiations preventing local jurisdictions from assessing fees on vehicles based on weight
- Limited a bill's overreach by eliminating a provision that would have required heavy-duty battery electric vehicles to include bidirectional charging capabilities for transmitting power from a vehicle's battery to the electrical grid.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about legislation and regulations

Free for Members

Tuesday, September 15th

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Register

September 2026 Legislative Summary



Dear Members:

California already has the most aggressive environmental and trucking regulations in the nation. After two attempts last year, lawmakers tried to add another layer of mandates to be imposed on trucks, warehouses, and the freight industry. Not once, but twice they tried again!

CTA's highest priority this year was killing Assemblymember Garcia's multiple attempts to hand over authority to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to regulate indirect sources that attract trucks such as warehousing or trucking terminals. AB 1777 and AB 914 would have opened the door to costly and duplicative regulations that could restrict the good movement industry and artificially increase operating costs. Your CTA advocacy team ensured these bills never made it out of the Assembly where they originated.

CTA is strongest when amplifying our members' voices. Case in point, the Governor proposed robbing Diesel Excise Tax Revenue to fund a Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax incentive that only one company was eligible to use. Truckers are the largest contributors to diesel excise taxes, and these funds are constitutionally reserved for transportation funding like highway projects, maintenance and repair. In response to our grassroots campaign, CTA members messaged nearly every member of the Legislature voicing their opposition. Your action ensured this terrible idea never materialized in the budget.

Your voice matters!

Highlights from 2026:

- Defeated two separate attempts to establish a statewide indirect source rule, protecting the trucking industry from another costly layer of regulations
- Secured amendments protecting the continued use of in-cab cameras as an important tool for safety, driver training and defending motor carriers against fraudulent claims
- Prevented the Governor's proposed Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax incentive from being included in the budget, which

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SB253 Corporate GHG Reporting Guidance

CARB released **guidance for Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reporting** on September 1, 2026. The [guidance document](#) goes over key definitions, reporting requirements for **reports due by November 10, 2026**, and reporting requirements for 2027 and beyond. This regulation **applies** to entities that **do business in California** and generate over **\$1 billion in annual revenue**.

For more information about the program, refer to the [California Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reporting and Climate Related Financial Risk Disclosure Programs](#) website.

Virtual Fall Executive and Policy Committee Meetings

Please join us virtually for our Fall Executive and Policy Committee Meetings on Zoom Wednesday, October 14 to Thursday, October 15. Participants are welcome to register for one, some of, or all of the committee meetings on [CTA's website](#).

Wednesday, October 14

9:00 am - 10:15 am: Environmental Policy Committee
11:00 am - 12:15 pm: Safety Policy Committee
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Allied Conference Meeting

Thursday, October 15

9:00 am - 10:15 am: Kingpin Committee
10:30 am - 11:45 am: Highway Policy Committee
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Here is a preliminary agenda of what expect from each policy committee meeting:

Kingpin Committee - CTA staff will review the success of our annual California Trucking Day, provide a grassroots update on our advocacy efforts, and take a look forward into the upcoming 2026 general elections in the California State Legislature.

Safety, Security, and HR Policy Committee - The meeting will cover pressing topics such as FMCSA's Final Rule on non-domiciled CDLs, the English Language Proficiency out-of-service criteria codification, updates on the electronic medical examiner's certificate rule, and a legislative update.

Highway Policy Committee - The Highway Policy Committee will be joined by the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), the leading agency behind the planning of the LA28 Olympics, for a presentation on route closures followed by a roundtable discussion and finally a review of 2026 legislative priorities.

Environmental Policy Committee - The Environmental Policy Committee meeting will review CARB's repeal of the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation, EPA MY 2027 proposed rulemaking, the latest on Transport Refrigeration Unit (TRU) regulations, and a review of environmental legislation.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of impactful discussions about our Association and hear updates on this year's legislative session and top industry issues!

[Register](#)

ATRI Top Industry Issues Survey

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)**, the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization has launched the next **Top Industry Issues Survey**. The annual survey asks trucking industry stakeholders to rank the top issues of concern for the industry along with potential strategies for addressing each issue.



ATRI's annual analysis not only ranks the issues overall, but shows how motor carriers and professional drivers rank critical topics differently. The report allows trucking stakeholders to track issues over time and better understand which are rising or falling in criticality. See below for the Top 10 issues from the last batch of survey results.

We encourage our members to take part in this valuable survey to help shed light on the issues affecting you most. Just a few minutes of your time will provide valuable information. Please complete the survey by clicking here. **The survey will remain open through October 2.**

Please also share this survey with industry peers and colleagues at your organization, and ask them to share their input on top industry issues. We would like to see California receive the most responses in order to shed light on these critical issues.

[Complete the Survey](#)

In Case You Missed It
Webinar: California Clean Fuel Reward
Incentive Program



The California Trucking Association and representatives from the California Clean Fuel Reward program hosted an informative webinar covering the latest incentives available for eligible battery-electric commercial vehicles from Class 2b through Class 8.

If you were unable to attend, or would like to review the webinar again, you can access the recording using the link and passcode below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/umD_0FZJxL-GbqBlscU-ndsxjWXoSzn576XHRVWz5nzn5Uiiv_Ei0cu3IN5m6n.rCaiHE0bzHAY06o4

For complete program requirements, eligibility criteria, incentive amounts, and application details, please review the [California Clean Fuel Reward Program Guide](#) before applying.

EDUCATION



Virtual Safety Seminar: Vehicle Maintenance Programs

Discover how to build and maintain an effective, FMCSA-compliant vehicle maintenance program, including inspection requirements, recordkeeping, and strategies to reduce Vehicle Maintenance BASIC violations.

Wednesday, September 9 at 1:00

CTA Member:\$99

Non-Member: \$149

[Register Here](#)



Southern CA Safety Day

Join us for an in-depth **Safety Training Event** hosted by CTA, FMCSA, and the California Highway Patrol Commercial Industry Education Program

Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Lunch Included

SoCal Gas Innovation Hall, Downey, CA

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Non-Member: \$20

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A Look Back at AMC 2026

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register above for 2027 so you don't
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Do you know anyone with 50 years in the industry?



Nominations are now being accepted for the longtime trucking professionals to be honored in the **Golden Jubilee Club**. Members of this distinguished group meet every other year at CTA's **Annual Membership Conference** to hail the pioneers of our industry and introduce new members.

Eligible candidates are either working with or retired from CTA member organizations and have served a minimum of 50 years in the trucking industry.

Recipients will be honored at the CTA Golden Jubilee Club Breakfast on **January 22** during **CTA's Annual Membership Conference (AMC27)** at the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2026, no application fee

Completed applications or questions should be directed to Tina Ferguson at tferguson@caltrux.org or [916-373-3528](tel:916-373-3528).

Golden Jubilee Nomination Form



Sponsorships Open for Driver of the Month Banquets

Drivers are the heart of this industry, so consider sponsoring the event to honor drivers across California! Click the date below for more information on either banquet.

[November 7: Northern California Banquet](#)

[November 14: Southern California Banquet](#)

LOCAL EVENTS



On Wednesday, **September 16**, the **Intermodal Association of North America (IANA)** will host a [Professional Truck Driver Appreciation Day](#), a dedicated program recognizing you, the professional truck drivers who keep freight moving and make the intermodal supply chain possible.

This takes place in conjunction with the **IANA Intermodal EXPO at the Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, California**.

The event will feature:

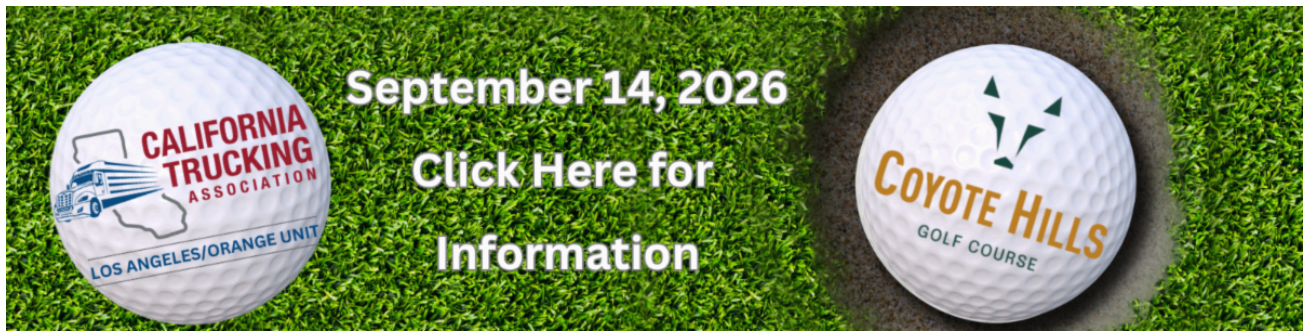
- Discounted EXPO Wednesday admission for professional truck drivers
- Networking opportunities with motor carriers, logistics providers, and industry leaders
- Career exploration and industry resources
- Access to the EXPO show floor and special learning opportunities
- Recognition of the critical role drivers play in the supply chain
- Lunch and closing reception included

For more information and to register, visit: 🖱️ <https://intermodal.org/intermodalexpo/trucker>

IANA thanks you, the professionals who keep intermodal freight moving, and looks forward to seeing you in Long Beach!

Network & Golf at the LA/Orange Unit Golf Tournament

Single, Foursome, Dinner Only, or Sponsorship tickets available- click below!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: Truck Driver Appreciation Event Info Now Available

Click the image to view CTA's Event calendar and sign up to volunteer at your local inspection facility.

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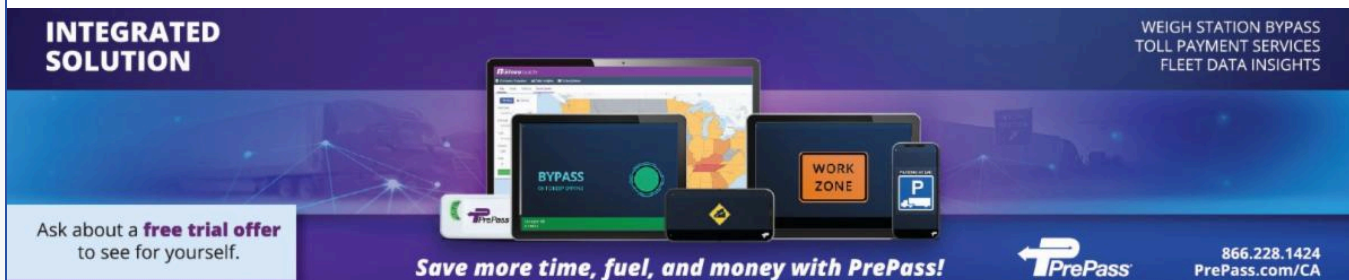
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Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



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Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

Scope of the problem
Risk & consequences
Rules & regulations
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
Work zone safety

Scope of the problem
Contributing factors
Risks & consequences
Laws & testing procedures
Strategies to drive-drug free

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EVENT CALENDAR

[September 9: Central Valley & San Joaquin Units Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 9: Virtual Seminar: Vehicle Maintenance Programs](#)

[September 14: Cottonwood Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 14: Los Angeles/Orange Unit Golf Tournament](#)

[September 15: Cordelia Sacramento Unit Truck Driver Appreciation](#)

[September 15: Fall Government Affairs Update](#)

[September 17: Kern Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Event- Grapevine](#)

[September 21: Coastal Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Event- Fremont](#)

[September 22: Coastal Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Event- Gilroy](#)

[September 23: Southern California Safety Day](#)

[October 9: Kern Unit Sporting Clay Shoot](#)

[October 14: Virtual Seminar: CA BIT Inspections & Audit](#)

[October 14-15: Virtual Fall Policy Committee Meetings](#)

[October 15: Virtual Executive Committee Meetings](#)

[November 4: Virtual Seminar: 6 Audit Factors](#)

[November 7: Northern CA Driver of the Month Banquet](#)

[November 14: Southern CA Driver of the Month Banquet](#)

[December 9: Virtual Seminar: Data Q's, Contesting Preventability, SMS & FMCSA Portal](#)

[January 19 - 22: CTA's 73rd Annual Membership Conference](#)

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