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Coalition Letter Urges Governor Newsom to Act on Diesel Prices

On October 7, CTA led a coalition of 37 other organizations in sending Governor Newsom a letter requesting immediate action to provide diesel fuel price relief. Signers include agricultural, retail, manufacturing, port, warehouse and trucking associations from across the state.

What the Letter Says

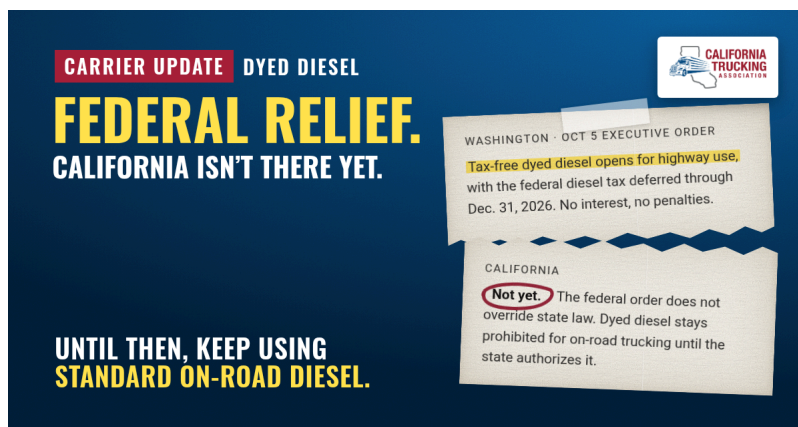
Diesel Prices - According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, California diesel averaged \$8.25 per gallon the week of September 21, 2026, more than \$3.26 higher than a year earlier.

Impact on the Economy - Nearly one-third of California's economy depends on goods movement. Rising diesel prices risk disrupting agriculture, construction and housing, retail, healthcare, manufacturing and more.

Precedent - In March 2022, when diesel peaked at \$6.29 per gallon, the Administration and the Legislature temporarily paused collection of a portion of the state sales tax on diesel and the annual inflation adjustment to excise tax rates.

The Request - The coalition asks the Administration to work with legislative leadership to consider all available options. California cannot control international events, but it can act on the taxes, regulatory costs and supply constraints within its jurisdiction. The letter was copied to Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón.

[Read the Letter](#)



President Trump's Dyed Diesel Executive Order

On October 5, the President issued an **Executive Order** that, according to the White House, “temporarily opens highway use of tax-free dyed diesel, deferring the federal diesel tax on that fuel through the end of the year — no interest, no penalties.”

Specifically, the Order directs the Secretary of the Treasury to use his authority to defer **(not waive)** federal diesel fuel tax payments without penalty or interest for the period of October 5 through December 31, 2026.

The Treasury Secretary is also directed to “explore avenues, including legislation” to forgive the deferred tax payments. The Transportation Secretary is directed to engage with state governments to coordinate policies.

What does this mean for California?

For California carriers, **the federal order does not override California's restrictions on the use of dyed diesel in on-road vehicles.** Dyed diesel remains prohibited for regular on-road trucking operations under state law.

California would need to separately authorize this use, such as through an executive order from the Governor temporarily suspending the state's restrictions on the on-road use of red-dyed diesel.

Until California authorizes this use, carriers should continue using standard on-road diesel fuel. CTA will notify members if the Governor issues such an order or exemption.

Carriers remain subject to enforcement by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, including fuel inspections at roadside inspection stations and fueling facilities. Unauthorized use can result in state penalties regardless of the temporary federal relief.

CARB Drive Forward Expo in Fresno

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Catalyst Mobility are sponsoring the free **Drive Forward Expo** (formerly known as the Zero-Emission Showcase + Ride & Drive) on November 18, 2026, at the Big Fresno, Fair 1121 S. Chance Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702.



What to expect:

- Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment.
- Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies.
- Past Ride and Drive events have featured over 70 Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment.

- Receive information on incentive opportunities and the Cal Fleet Advisor technical assistance program.
- CARB staff will be available to answer questions on programs including Advanced Clean Fleets applicable to state and local government fleets, Clean Truck Check, and Off-Road Diesel, among others.
- Free parking available for attendees
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Date: November 18, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Big Fresno Fair, 1121 S. Chance Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702

Register



WAIRE Mitigation Program Incentive Funding Window Opens

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will begin accepting applications for its WAIRE Mitigation Program tomorrow, October 13, 2026 at noon. Applications will be accepted through December 15, 2026.

For the first year of the program, approximately \$73.1 million is available to support the purchase of new zero-emission Class 4-8 trucks, off-road yard trucks, and associated zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure.

Eligible applicants include warehouse operators, fleet operators, and zero emission truck charging and fueling infrastructure providers serving warehouses.

Applications are reviewed in the order received on a first-come, first-served basis, and funds are awarded to applicants that meet all requirements of the program.

Applicants who previously drafted and saved an application in the system will need to return to the GMS and click the “Submit” button to formally submit their application for review.

For eligibility details and access to the grant funding portal, visit the [WAIRE Mitigation Program Webpage](#).

For any questions, contact SCAQMD staff at waire-incentives@aqmd.gov.

WAIRE Mitigation Program

San Joaquin Unit Meeting With Caltrans District 10

Caltrans District 10 will be providing an update on the **Stockton Channel Viaduct - CMGC Project Kiewit project**, in relation to subsequent detours and analysis of traffic impacts from the project. Caltrans is seeking your feedback to ensure they are evaluating the best suitable option for all parties.

Join the **San Joaquin Unit Meeting** with CalTrans at **JSG Trucking Co. Register Today for Free** to provide a headcount to the San Joaquin Unit!

The meeting is on **October 20, 2026 at 11:30 AM** at **19400 N Hwy. 99 Acampo CA 95220**.

For more information contact **San Joaquin Unit Chair Rachel Crusenberry** at (209) 642-6800 or rcrusenberry@jsgtrucking.com.

Register Today!

Fall 2026 Executive and Policy Committee Meetings Final Chance to Register for Thursday Meetings

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

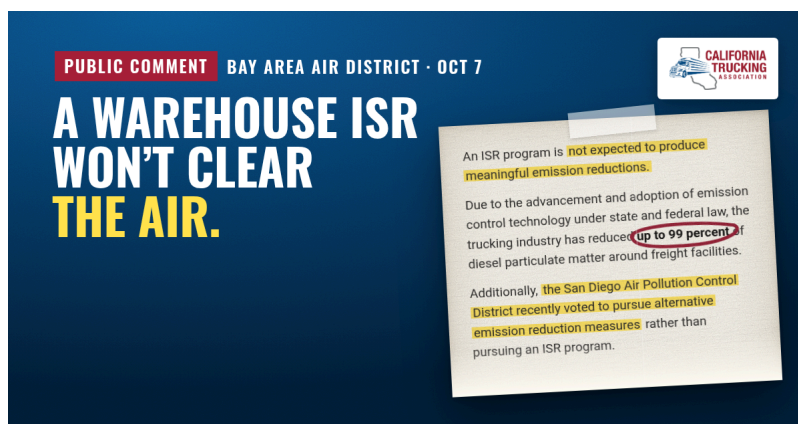
Committee Agendas

[Kingpin Committee](#)

[Highway Policy Committee](#)

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



CTA Addresses BAAD Warehouse Indirect Source Rule

Last week, at the Bay Area Air District, Nick Chiappe, our Vice President of Government Affairs, urged the Board to send a proposed warehouse indirect source rule back to committee.

A warehouse ISR makes the places that store and ship our goods answer for the trucks that serve them. The evidence says it won't deliver meaningful emission reductions in return.

Nick made three points:

The U.S. EPA under the Biden Administration did not give South Coast AQMD emission reduction credit for its warehouse ISR, because those reductions were already counted under existing state and federal rules.

Emission control technology has already cut diesel particulate matter around freight facilities by up to 99 percent.

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District recently chose alternative emission reduction measures over an ISR.

There are better tools. Zero-emission truck incentives and equipment replacement programs like the Carl Moyer Program take older equipment off the road and replace it with the cleanest technology available.

[Listen to Public Comment](#)

EDUCATION



Virtual Safety Seminar: CA BIT Inspections & Audit

Prepare for California's Basic Inspection of Terminals (BIT) program with tips on 90-day inspections, terminal audits, documentation, and passing CHP reviews successfully.

Wednesday, October 14 at 1:00

CTA Member:\$99

Non-Member: \$149

[Register Here](#)

Central Valley Safety Day November 4 in Tulare

CTA's highly popular CHP CIEP Safety Training is coming to the Central Valley on November 4. This event is open to carrier members and carrier companies looking to join. Get answers to your compliance questions straight from the source.

Allied members- consider sponsoring a display table to show your product to all attendees.

Registration & Sponsorship Information



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NOVEMBER 4, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | TULARE, CA

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

TOP ISSUES GETTING ATTENTION ON CALIFORNIA ROADS

At CTA's recent Safety Day, CHP and FMCSA shared what carriers and drivers need to be prepared for:

- LANE VIOLATIONS
- HOURS-OF-SERVICE (HOS)
- CARGO SECUREMENT & STRAPPING
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (INCLUDING DDS)
- CHP ROADSIDE INTERVIEWS

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KNOWING HOW THEY'RE
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EVENTS & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



AMC 2027 Registration Now Open!

Details, Sponsorship, & Registration

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).



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



San Joaquin Unit Meeting with Caltrans District 10

Join the San Joaquin Unit October 20, 2026 at 11:30 am at JSG Trucking in Acampo, CA to meet with Caltrans District 10 and discuss the Stockton Channel Viaduct project.

Free to attend!

[Registration & Information](#)


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Risk & consequences
Rules & regulations
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
Work zone safety

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

[Learn More](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

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

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

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

[October 20: San Joaquin Unit Meeting with Caltrans](#)

[October 23: LA/ Orange Unit President's Event- Prado Olympic Shooting Park](#)

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

[November 4: Central Valley Safety Day](#)

[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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