

MAYOR DELLUMS, STATE, AND PORT ANNOUNCE TWO-WEEK IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD FOR TRUCKERS AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND

OAKLAND – Averting a planned work stoppage by Port of Oakland truck drivers, Mayor Ron Dellums, the California Air Resources Board, Bay Area Air District and the Port of Oakland announced a two-week implementation period for truckers serving the Port. The implementation period will allow them time to access additional retrofit funds freed up by the state and the air district last week.

"I greatly appreciate the responsiveness of the Governor's office, ARB and BAAQMD to my request that they work with my office, truck driver groups, and other stakeholders to problem-solve the implementation barriers for complying with the new port truck requirements," said Mayor Ron Dellums. "The State's identification of \$11 million within a week to assist the Port of Oakland truck drivers demonstrates their commitment to Oakland and the effective implementation of environmental regulations. Today's announcement shows that we can balance environmental, economic, and equity interests by working collaboratively and in good faith with the key stakeholders. I am pleased that my office was able to facilitate the problem-solving effort. The two week implementation period provides time to work out the details for financing the new program, getting the truck drivers whose original applications were rejected into the ARB and BAAQMD systems, and identifying other funding resources."

Officials discussed the recently allocated \$11 million, which will be distributed to truckers who previously applied for funding, but were denied when an initial \$22 million in funds ran out. The new funds were identified by the state after Mayor Dellums requested assistance from the state and other officials to prevent the loss of work for over 1,300 Port of Oakland truck drivers.

Mayor Dellums said he remained committed to working with the federal government to go after additional resources from the United States Department of Transportation and the Department of Labor. The mayor also said we have to explore creative ways to find additional dollars, including working with our banks and other financial institutions to provide more funds for the truckers.

"It is my belief that these partnerships will address the economic interests of the port, the interests of the community and public health, our commitment to preserve this planet by taking an aggressive stance to preserve the integrity of our environment and that we reach out to our fellow human beings who are workers, have families, and whose humanity needs to be respected."

Air quality officials laid out a five-step process for people who were previously denied retrofit funding for trucks serving the Port of Oakland:

- Come to the Bay Area Air District's trucker's information center office at 11 Burma Road in Oakland between 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily between Jan. 4 and Jan. 8;
- Express continued interest in receiving funding to Air District staff, at the \$5,000 level. This information will be recorded and placed in the applicant's file;
- Be prepared to submit any additional required information to the Air District (ownership records, device quotes, proof of mileage, proof of port visits, etc.), before Jan. 22, if required;

- Be prepared for a truck pre-inspection to confirm eligibility; and
- Be prepared to quickly line up the additional funding or financing to purchase a soot filter that complies with the port truck rule and that works on your truck.