

Below is a summary of the BAG meeting and the afternoon workshops held in Sacramento. Tracy Renee also attended and participated.

1) Welcome and Introductions. BAR announced that Dan Povey, Chief of Enforcement will be retiring at the end of the year.

2) DCA News and Updates. DCA indicated that they had been busy this year with automotive legislation (see legislative updates below). The Little Hoover Commission has released report with recommendations re: barriers to licensing. DCA expects bills to be introduced next year to implement recommendations. No time line with Breeze project which would allow for ARD's to renew registrations/licenses on-line.

3) Legislation Update. SB 778 (Oil Changes)-Vetoed; AB 873 (Minor Repairs)-signed by Governor but will not take effect because joined with SB 778; AB 1174 (Consumer Complaints)-Vetoed; AB 2167 (Towed Vehicles)-signed by Governor. AB 2153 (Lead Acid Battery)-Signed by Governor; AB 2387 (Supplemental Restraint Systems) signed by Governor; SB 1046 (Ignition Interlock Devices) signed by Governor. BAR indicated that they are planning on developing a regulation package that would address all the issues in SB 778; AB 873 and AB 1174 rather than have new bills introduced. BAR plans on beginning this regulation package soon and will seek the input of all stakeholders. The BAR will be hiring someone to specifically work on this regulatory package. We will have to monitor very closely.

4) Regulations Update. The Windshield Replacement regulations were approved and will take effect 1/1/2017. These regulations establish new standards for the installation of replacement windshields, including providing information on the estimate and invoice re: adhesive cure times. BAR to do outreach to educate ARDs on the new regulation. Mobile ARD Advertising regulations are with DCA pending review. Electronic Documents and Authorizations regulations are pending review with DCA. BAR-97 Specifications workshop after the meeting. (See below); Brake and Lamp Handbooks update workshop after meeting (See below). BAR certification of School and Instructor (non-technical training) requirements pending DCA formal review; Repair Assistance Program regulations are under development by BAR.

5) California Vehicle Inspection System Transition (Cal-VISTA). BAR has negotiated with current vendor of smog check maintenance program (SGS) for transfer of data system to state data OTech center and then will be issuing an RFP to contract with a

new vendor for support and maintenance the smog check program. The time line for release of RFP is next year.

6) OBD Criteria/Readiness Monitors. Starting August 7, 2016, BAR-OIS required vehicles to communicate basic OBD data appropriate to the vehicle. If a vehicle is OBD II, it must support certain OBD readiness monitor. BAR has identified some vehicle types that would fail for incomplete monitors at much higher rate than average and BAR has modified the VID to accommodate such vehicle issues. For more details please contact Paul Hedglin at 916-403-0223.

7) Referee Inspection Procedures for Specially-Constructed Vehicles. If a vehicle meets specified requirements for Specially Constructed Vehicles (SPCN) (i.e. private use, not for resale, not constructed by licensed manufacturer, etc) then allows owners to register and are exempt from smog check. These "kit cars" must pass Referee Inspection. BAR provided photos of vehicles that owners attempted to pass but were denied by Referee because they failed to meet requirements.

8) Auto Body Inspection Program. BAR offers consumers who had collision repairs a no-cost inspection of the repairs. BAR is now accepting salvage vehicles into the program. Consumers may file complaint for further BAR investigation or may choose to resolve through their insurance company or may choose to take no action. About 200 Inspections were requested for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

9) Enforcement Statistics Update. Consumer Complaint trends (percentages) are as follows; Engine repair and engine performance 33%; General Repair and Maintenance 18%; Auto Body 13%; Transmission 10%; Smog 9%; Used Car Transactions 4%; Unlicensed activity 3%; Vehicle Warranty 2%; Other 8%.

Next BAR Advisory Committee scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017

BAR-97 Update Workshop. The workshop provided an opportunity for public comment on the draft BAR-97 regulations. The changes to the BAR-97 include, among other things, requiring internet connection to VID; deletes modem requirements; updates operating system software (windows 7 or higher); replaces floppy drive with USB drive; revises referee prompts; changes smog check manual. The comments/concerns centered around the area of requiring smog check stations to update and purchase/lease new BAR-97 equipment to stay in the STAR program.

Lamp & Brake Inspection Handbooks Workshop. Last update took place in 2006. The regulations need updating due to change in technologies. New lamp technologies (HID, LED and directed lighting) and new inspection technologies (Laser aiming devices, optical aiming devices). New braking technologies. The BAR has consulted with subject matter experts, CHP, DMV, SEMA and FMVSS. BAR updating old images from Lamp and Brake handbook and creating new certificates. Non-controversial.