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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Public Meeting to Discuss Cap Setting in a California Cap-and-Trade Program

Topic and Purpose: The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in the second public meeting on setting the emissions cap for the California cap-and-trade program. We held our first cap-setting meeting on April 28, 2009. ARB is examining how to set the emissions cap for each year from 2012 to 2020 so that emission reductions expected within the capped sectors will be both technologically feasible and cost-effective. This meeting will provide a forum to discuss issues relating to trends in historical emissions data, projections of future emissions levels, appropriate levels of allowance and offset limits. We will also discuss the relationship and interaction with the Western Climate Initiative.

The ARB's Scoping Plan established a path to meet the AB 32 goal of reducing statewide emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The California cap-and-trade program, which is one component of the plan, will place a declining cap on approximately 85 percent of the State's greenhouse gas emissions. The emissions allowed under the cap-and-trade program, plus expected emissions from sources not included under the program's cap, must be no greater than the 2020 emissions goal outlined in the Scoping Plan to ensure that the statewide emissions target is met.

ARB staff will present illustrative cap levels at this meeting to describe the relationships between the compliance instruments (allowances and offsets) expected in the cap-and-trade system and recent past levels of emissions. In addition, staff will discuss the relationship between the calculation of surrender obligation for transportation fuels and the level of the cap.

ARB staff will be accepting public comment on this topic during and after the meeting and requests that comments be provided no later than December 14, 2009.

Where and When is the Meeting?

This meeting will be held at Cal/EPA Headquarters in Sacramento and will also be webcast.

Date: Monday, November 16, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

[WEBCAST LINK](#) (see details below)

More Information on Public Meetings

ARB is scheduling other public meetings to discuss cap-and-trade program design issues. ARB will post these meetings on the ARB website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>.

Meeting Materials

ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to the workshop at

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meeting/meetings.htm>. At this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

Can't Make It to the Meeting?

ARB will webcast this meeting. Viewers can email written comments or questions during the session to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

Directions to Cal/EPA

There are many ways to arrive at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building. We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. Use the following link for directions and information on public transit:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAldg/location.htm>

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Sam Wade at (916) 445-1952 or swade@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We Value Your Input

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Wade, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 445-1952 or swade@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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