

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE SENATE BILL 350 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING ELECTRICITY SECTOR GREENHOUSE GAS PLANNING TARGETS**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting to consider the approval of Senate Bill (SB) 350 Integrated Resource Planning Electricity Sector Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Planning Targets. CARB hereby invites comments on the Draft Staff Report and Draft Environmental Analysis (EA).

The Draft Staff Report and Draft EA is posted on CARB's website at:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb350/sb350.htm>.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** that the hearing for this item will be determined at a later date. Once a future meeting date has been determined, a Notice with the scheduled date and location will be electronically mailed and posted to CARB's website at:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb350/sb350.htm>.

#### **Background**

On October 7, 2015, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed SB 350 into law. SB 350 requires load-serving entities under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and qualifying publicly owned utilities (jointly, retail electricity providers) to develop Integrated Resource Plans that meet GHG emission reductions planning targets established by CARB in coordination with CPUC and the California Energy Commission. The GHG planning targets are to be developed for the electric sector as a whole and for each retail electricity provider.

#### **Environmental Analysis**

CARB, as the lead agency for the SB 350 Integrated Resource Planning Electricity Sector Greenhouse Gas Planning Targets (Proposed Targets), prepared a Draft EA in accordance with the requirements of its regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources. (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d).) The Draft EA assesses the potential for significant adverse and beneficial environmental impacts associated with the proposed actions and provides a succinct analysis of those impacts. The Draft EA also provides a programmatic environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses that could result from implementation of the Proposed Targets.

The resource areas from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the direct and reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Proposed Targets. The Draft EA provides an

analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the recommended Proposed Targets.

The Draft EA concluded implementation of these Proposed Targets could result in the following short-term and long-term beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial impacts to energy demand and greenhouse gases; less-than-significant impacts to air quality (odor), energy demand, hazards and hazardous materials, land use planning, mineral resources, population employment, and housing, public services, and recreation; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, recreation, transportation/traffic and utilities and service systems. The potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts are primarily related to short-term, construction-related activities. This explains why some resource areas are identified above as having both less-than-significant impacts and potentially significant impacts. Please refer to the Draft EA for further details.

The Draft EA is included as Appendix C to the Draft Staff Report and can be obtained from CARB's website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb350/sb350.htm> \_

### **Proposed Action**

CARB invites comments on the Draft Staff Report and Draft EA during the public comment period that begins Friday, April 27, 2018, and ends on **Monday, June 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** After the close of the public comment period, CARB will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the Draft Staff Report and the Draft EA will be considered by CARB, only those comments relating to the Draft EA received no later than 5 p.m. on June 11, 2018, will be responded to in writing in the response to comments document which will be posted on CARB's website before the scheduled Board meeting

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the Board meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the Board meeting must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on **Monday, June 11, 2018**, and addressed to the following

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated

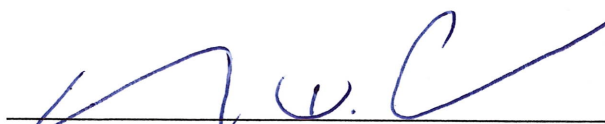
contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this item should be directed to Jakub Zielkiewicz, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-6018, or (designated back-up contact) Rachel Gold, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 327-1517.

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