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To: All Interested Parties

Topic: **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING TO DISCUSS MANURE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public consultation meeting to discuss manure management activities as they relate to Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32; Statutes of 2006, chapter 488). The meeting will be divided into three parts. The first part will provide background information on AB 32. The second part will cover staff's investigation of potential manure management measures. Wrapping up the day, staff will discuss the development of ARB's manure management protocols. The public consultation meeting will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE:	Wednesday, September 5, 2007	
TIME:	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	
	9:30 am to 10:00 am	(AB 32 Background)
	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	(Measures)
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	(Protocols)
LOCATION:	Cal/EPA Headquarters Building Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, California 95814	

AB 32 Background

AB 32 creates a comprehensive, multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California, with the overall goal of restoring emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The Act recognizes that such an ambitious effort requires careful planning and a well thought out set of strategies. Accordingly, ARB has identified specific actions to be developed into regulatory or non-regulatory GHG measures. These include

discrete early regulatory actions, additional GHG reduction strategies anticipated to include regulations and other non-regulatory measures, and conventional air pollution control measures that are expected to yield GHG emission reduction co-benefits. Voluntary and educational efforts are examples of non-regulatory measures that can deliver GHG emission reductions. Staff plans to explore all of these options as a means to achieve the goals of AB 32.

During the first part of the meeting (9:30 am to 10:00am), staff will discuss background information about AB 32. For more information on AB 32, visit the ARB's Climate Change website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm.

Manure Management Measures

Manure Management is one of many GHG reduction measures that are part of the State's strategy for achieving GHG reductions under AB 32.

The second part of the meeting (10:00 am to 12:00 pm) will cover manure management measures. Staff will solicit stakeholder input on the development of potential GHG reduction measures for manure management activities. For more information on manure management measures, visit the ARB's Manure Management Measures website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ag/manuremgmt/measures/measures.htm.

Manure Management Protocols

The development of manure management protocols is part of the State's strategy for achieving voluntary GHG reductions under AB 32. The Act requires that the ARB adopt methodologies that will be used for calculating voluntary GHG reductions. The California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) recently adopted a protocol that provides the methodologies for quantifying baseline manure emissions and the emission reductions resulting from the installation and operation of a manure digester.

The third part of the meeting (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) will cover manure management protocols. Staff will solicit stakeholder input on the CCAR protocol. Staff plans to conduct a series of public consultation meetings on the CCAR manure digester protocol with the goal of presenting it to the Board for approval in 2008. For more information on the CCAR Livestock Project Reporting Protocol, visit the CCAR website at http://www.climateregistry.org/. For more information on manure management protocols, visit the ARB's Manure Management Protocols website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ag/manuremgmt/protocols/protocols.htm.

Additional Information

Materials for the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting at the ARB's Manure Management website (http://www.arb.ca.gov/manure) and made available in hard copy at the meeting. At this website you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to manure management. For those unable to attend the workshop in person, the public consultation meeting will be broadcast on the internet at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service

Directions to Cal/EPA Headquarters and public transit information can be found at the Cal/EPA's website at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm.

If you have questions about activities related to manure management measures, please contact Ms. Lea Yamashita of the Stationary Source Division at (916) 323-1079 or via email at lyamashi@arb.ca.gov. If you have questions about activities related to manure management protocols, please contact Mr. Kevin Eslinger of the Planning and Technical Support Division at (916) 445-2151 or via email at keslinge@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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