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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Public Meeting to Discuss Reviewing and Approving Offsets in a Cap-and-Trade Program

Topic and Purpose: The Air Resources Board (ARB) seeks your input on the development of a compliance offset program as part of the cap-and-trade rulemaking process. In an offset program, parties may develop projects to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions or removals from activities in sectors not subject to an emissions cap. These projects can generate “offsets,” i.e. verified reductions of emissions whose ownership can be transferred and used for compliance in the capped sectors. The cap-and-trade rulemaking will establish appropriate rules for use of offsets.

At this public meeting, ARB staff seeks your comments on our preliminary approach for reviewing and adopting offset protocols, including existing board approved voluntary protocols and new offset protocols in a cap-and-trade program. Staff will also discuss preliminary thinking on the criteria for prioritization of eligible offset project types, as well as the process for reviewing and approving offset projects in the system.

ARB staff will be accepting public comment on this topic and requests that comments be provided no later than June 19, 2009.

Where and When is the Meeting?

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

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

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

All Interested Parties

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More Information on Public Meetings

This meeting initiates a discussion of reviewing and approving offsets in a cap-and-trade program. ARB is scheduling other public meetings to discuss cap-and-trade program design issues including but not limited to reporting, market operations, cap setting, and allowance distribution. 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/EPAbldg/location.htm>

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Brienne Aguila at (916) 324-0919 or baquila@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 Brienne Aguila, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 324-0919 or baquila@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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