December 5, 2008

Mary Nichols  
Chair, California Air Resource Board  
Sacramento, California  
Via email

Subject: AB32 Advisory Committees’ Initial List of Joint Recommendations

Dear Chairwoman Nichols:

We are writing in response to your request during the November 20th/21st Board meeting that the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC) and the Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee (ETAAC) work together to provide you with joint recommendations. Both of these two committees created by AB32 (AB32 Advisory Committees) share a strong commitment to the goals of AB32. These goals include achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas reductions; maximizing air pollution co-benefits for California including EJ communities; and also promoting innovation and economic benefits for California.

Due to the short amount of time available prior to the AB32 scoping plan adoption hearing on December 11th, this letter focuses on an initial short list of joint principles and recommendations based on prior work by the two committees. As the AB32 Advisory Committees have not had time to jointly consider the full range of recommendations regarding the AB32 scoping plan, we may wish to provide additional recommendations and address additional topics in the future.

Both AB32 Advisory Committees agree that the broad efforts necessary to address Climate Change require a variety of approaches including performance standards, a price on carbon, and targeted incentives. Attached is an initial list of joint recommendations in sectors including transportation, power, industry, recycling, and water. The attached initial list of joint recommendations also includes financing and incentive measures that would support the goals of AB32. It is important that a portion of the revenue generated from AB32 implementation should be dedicated to the Environmental Justice community for adaptation and emission reduction measures. Some of the AB32 Advisory Committee joint recommendations are included in the proposed scoping plan, which we appreciate and recommend carrying forward into the final scoping plan. We advise that CARB include our other joint recommendations in the final scoping plan as well to achieve the maximum feasible GHG reductions and the other goals of AB32. We appreciate the tremendous efforts by you, your fellow Board members and CARB staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alan Lloyd  
Chair, ETAAC

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