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**Climate Change Advocacy Group
Feedback on Draft Climate Change Scoping Plan
Talking Points Delivered to ARB on September 2, 2008**

1. The USGBC-NCC supports the ARB in the development of the AB 32 implementation scoping plan.
2. We support the Green Building Community as a major stakeholder in the continuing development of the scoping plan with ARB research sub-group
3. Each of the major industry sectors should quantify the portion of their GHG emissions which is indirectly attributable to existing buildings and new construction.
4. The ARB should work towards an eventual single building protocol for evaluating GHG. Comprehensive statewide report quantifying GHG. Build off the gains of the statewide Zero Net Energy (ZNE) residential and commercial new construction goals.
5. Consider the development of incentives for energy and other improvements to existing buildings. The state must incentivize Green Buildings using tax credits and other financing tools.
6. That while efficiencies and offsets are valuable tools towards reducing GHG emissions, conservation should be prioritized as the most cost effective and permanent reduction available.
7. The ultimate goal should look beyond 2020 towards a fundamentally stable climate.
8. Explicitly require ongoing measurement, verification and centralized reporting of energy GHG reductions by Green Buildings.
9. The GHG cap and trade market should ultimately include individual building owners as direct owners of their GHG credits
10. Training of workforce and all relevant market actors, i.e. Building Departments
11. Incentivize Smart Growth.
12. Focus on existing building infrastructure as well as new construction