



# **Federal Climate Change Activities**

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# Topics for presentation

- Context of ARB and CA work in Washington
- Work with Congress, Agencies, other States, and the public
- California priorities in federal legislation and regulation
- Funding opportunities and other federal support
- The critical impact of California leadership

# California Engagement in D.C.

- California keeps a robust federal relations office in Washington
- Work actively with Congress on how federal legislation affects California
- Consult closely with federal agency staff in their development of initiatives and regulations
- Work with other States, industry, NGOs, and other stakeholders to develop and advocate policy positions
- Present California's policies and programs to industry and interest groups



# Energy and Climate Activities

## Congress

- House and Senate Climate legislation
- House and Senate Energy legislation
- The Recovery Act, “Jobs Bills,” annual appropriations and tax provisions

# Energy and Climate Activities

## Agencies

- U.S. EPA rulemaking on greenhouse gases
- U.S. Department of Energy programs for renewables and clean vehicles
- U.S. Department of Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce programs for renewables, transmission, and climate adaptation
- White House, Council on Environmental Quality, Office of Science and Technology Policy



# **Energy and Climate Activities**

## **State and Regional Partnerships**

- National Governors Association
- Western Governors' Association
- Governors' Energy and Climate Coalition
- State Voices

# Energy/Climate Legislation

- Waxman-Markey American Clean Energy and Security (ACES) Act
- Bingaman American Clean Energy Leadership Act (ACELA)
- Kerry-Boxer Clean Energy Jobs and American Power (CEJAP) Act
- Kerry-Lieberman-Graham developing next Senate bill
- U.S. EPA authority under the Clean Air Act

# California Priorities

- State-Federal partnership on climate and clean energy
  - Preserving State authority
    - Federal floor, states go further
  - Encouraging State leadership
    - Early Action Credit
    - Performance-based funding



# Governors' Energy and Climate Coalition

“States are where the green economy is being built. States are critical to implementing the clean energy policies necessary to help workers, consumers, businesses, and manufacturers prosper in this new economy by accelerating the deployment of energy-efficient and low-emission technologies, assisting industry to retool and workers to retrain, mitigating costs to consumers and businesses, engaging natural solutions from farms and forests, and preparing for the unavoidable impacts of climate change.”

- Statement of Principles, May 21, 2009

# Federal Support for States

- Recognizing early State action
- Recovery Act and federal funding
- Industry incubation
- Clean transportation and sustainable communities

# California Leadership

- Greenhouse gas policy pioneer
  - Vehicle standards
  - GHG reporting
  - Low Carbon Fuel Standard
  - Cap and trade regulation