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Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Public Workshop to Discuss Funding Guidelines for Agencies Administering Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Programs

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to provide input on the draft Funding Guidelines for agencies administering Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund programs. This Los Angeles workshop follows the June 22nd workshop held in Sacramento on the draft Funding Guidelines.

| Date and Time | Workshop Location |
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| Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Los Angeles Carmel Room Auditorium Junipero Serra Building 320 W 4th St (at Broadway), Los Angeles, CA 90013 |

Purpose of Workshop:

The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund holds the State’s portion of auction proceeds, generated by California’s Cap-and-Trade Program. Each fiscal year, the Governor and Legislature determine which State agencies and programs will receive appropriations from this Fund, to invest in projects that reduce greenhouse gases. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund programs are administered by a dozen State agencies and each agency is responsible for administering its own program. To learn more about the agencies and their programs, please visit www.arb.ca.gov/auctionproceeds.

State law requires ARB to develop guidance for all State agencies that receive appropriations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, including guidance on reporting, quantification methods, and maximizing benefits to disadvantaged communities. To comply with this law, ARB is developing Funding Guidelines to help these agencies use their appropriations in a way that reduces greenhouse gases, furthers the purposes of Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), maximizes benefits to disadvantaged communities, and meets the other statutory requirements. At the workshop, ARB staff will discuss a draft version of the Funding Guidelines for public comment.

The draft Funding Guidelines are available at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/fundingguidelines.htm>.

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>.

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Background:

The State proceeds from the Cap-and-Trade Program (title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 95800 et seq.) provide an opportunity for California to invest in climate action, with an emphasis on our most disadvantaged communities. These investments are financing programs and projects that further the objectives of AB 32 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the State; delivering benefits to disadvantaged communities; and maximizing, where feasible, economic, health, and environmental co-benefits.

On June 22, ARB staff held a public workshop in Sacramento to receive input on the draft Funding Guidelines.

Next Steps:

The formal comment deadline on the draft Funding Guidelines was June 29, 2015, however the electronic comment log will remain open until July 12, 2015 for additional comment submissions. The draft Funding Guidelines comment log is available here: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=ggrf-guidelines-ws&comm_period=1.

On July 13, 2015, ARB will close the workshop comment log and make the Board item comment log available for electronic comments on the Funding Guidelines proposed for Board consideration. The Board item comment log will be available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>.

On July 23, 2015, the Air Resources Board will hear public testimony and consider approval of the proposed Funding Guidelines. Comments on the proposed Funding Guidelines may be submitted electronically **no later than 5:00 pm, on, July 21, 2015**.

Special Accommodation Request:

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma;
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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