



August 5, 2014

**Public Workshops  
Investment of Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds  
to Benefit Disadvantaged Communities**

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and Air Resources Board (ARB) invite you to participate in public workshops to discuss investment of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds in disadvantaged communities, the identification of disadvantaged communities, and the criteria for determining benefits to disadvantaged communities in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statute of 2012).

Date	Time	Workshop Location
Wednesday, August 20, 2014	6 pm – 8 pm	Elihu M. Harris, State Office Building Conference Room 1 1515 Clay Street Oakland, California 94612
Monday, August 25, 2014	6 pm – 8 pm	Hugh Burns State Building, Room 1036 2550 Mariposa Mall Fresno, California 93721
Tuesday, August 26, 2013	6 pm – 8 pm	Junipero Serra Building, Carmel Room 320 West Fourth Street Los Angeles, California 90013

**Background:** AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32); Nunez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) is a comprehensive, multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. ARB has adopted a Scoping Plan and, together with other State and local agencies, has developed and implemented numerous regulations and programs, including the Cap-and-Trade Program to reduce emissions to meet AB 32 goals.

Any expenditure of State proceeds from the Cap-and-Trade auctions must comply with legislative requirements. State law directs CalEPA to identify disadvantaged communities for investment of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds. SB 535 requires that 25 percent of the proceeds be invested in projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and at least 10 percent be invested in projects located within those communities. State law also directs ARB to develop guidance for State agencies on approaches to maximize benefits to disadvantaged communities.

CalEPA selected CalEnviroScreen as the tool to identify disadvantaged communities. In April 2014, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment released CalEnviroScreen Draft Version 2.0, <http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html>, which ranks communities based on numerous indicators that reflect pollution burdens and population characteristics.

We are seeking input on:

- The identification of disadvantaged communities for priority investments of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds. Information about approaches to identifying disadvantaged communities will be available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/auctionproceeds> by August 15.
- Interim guidance for State agencies to maximize benefits in disadvantaged communities including criteria to determine which projects benefit disadvantaged communities. ARB draft concepts will be available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/auctionproceeds> by August 15.

**Written Comments:** You may provide written comments on both of these topics from August 20 to September 9 via electronic submittal at:

[http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=sb-535-guidance-ws&comm\\_period=1](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=sb-535-guidance-ws&comm_period=1)

**Notices for Future Meetings and Materials:** If you would like to receive notices of future meetings and the availability of materials, please sign up for our list serve at:

[http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv\\_ind.php?listname=auctionproceeds](http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=auctionproceeds)

**Special Accommodation:** If you require language interpretation services at any of the workshops, require a special accommodation, or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Malinda Dumisani at [EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

**Questions:** If you have any questions for CalEPA on identification of disadvantaged communities, please contact Ms. Malinda Dumisani at [EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov) or (916) 445-9480. For questions regarding the development of SB 535 guidance, please contact Mr. Matthew Botill, Manager, ARB, at [mbotill@arb.ca.gov](mailto:mbotill@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 324-2828.