



March 26, 2009  
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Mr. Sam Wade  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 94814

**RE: RECOGNIZING VOLUNTARY EARLY ACTIONS UNDER A CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM**

Dear Mr. Wade;

I attended the March 10, 2009 California Air Resources Board Workshop on the Cap-and-Trade program under AB32 on behalf of the Sonoma County Water Agency. I would like to follow up on my remarks at the workshop with the following written comments.

1. The Importance of local government in achieving the goals of AB32. We see significant opportunities to reduce carbon emissions through programs that can be implemented by local government in California. As examples consider the following programs now underway in our service area:

Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) has a plan and is on track to achieve carbon-free water supply operations by 2015 through a combination of renewable power, electric vehicles and energy efficiency programs. This should cut local carbon emissions by more than 15,000 tons per year.

SCWA and local entities developed an agreement with Nissan to procure up to 1000 electric vehicles for local governments and county residents.

Sonoma County is initiating an AB 811 voluntary assessment program to facilitate energy efficiency and renewable power and water conservation retrofits by homeowners and businesses and has identified up to \$100 million for a revolving fund for the program. The program opened on March 24, 2009. The importance of this effort lies in its ability to involve a broader cross-section of society, including lower income communities, in the effort to reduce carbon emissions at the home owner and business owner level.

Sonoma County and SCWA are installing a large-scale, combined heat and power fuel cell projects at the Main Adult Detention Center and at the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District.

SCWA has submitted applications to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to develop up to 100 MW of wave energy off the Sonoma Coast.