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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Notice of Public Workshop on Cost Containment and Offsets in the California Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Program

Public Workshop on Cap-and-Trade Program Development

Staff from the Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University invite you to participate in a workshop as part of the development of the California greenhouse gas (GHG) cap-and-trade program.

This workshop will focus on cost containment mechanisms, including offsets and linkage, in a California cap-and-trade program. At the workshop, the Nicholas Institute will facilitate a discussion of options for containing costs within the cap-and-trade program. In addition, ARB staff will provide an update on the continued development of the offsets and linkage programs, followed by a discussion of offset supply led by the Nicholas Institute. We welcome and encourage your participation in this event.

Workshop Time and Location

We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. The public workshop will be held at the following location and will also be webcast:

Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Cal/EPA Headquarters,
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95812
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

Background

The AB 32 Scoping Plan, California's blueprint for reducing GHG emissions, incorporates a range of measures to reduce emissions in California, including the creation of a GHG cap-and-trade program. On November 24, 2009, ARB released a Preliminary Draft Regulation (PDR) for the cap-and-trade system after a year-long public process including over 20 workshops on program design elements. ARB staff is now conducting additional public meetings to describe staff's current thinking on the program design and invite any input before releasing additional regulatory language.

The PDR provided a conceptual regulatory framework for many areas of the system such as offsets and linkage. The PDR also presented options for cost containment

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mechanisms but did not provide staff recommendations in a regulatory framework to allow staff to continue technical analysis and consider additional stakeholder input. Based on the input received since the release of the PDR, ARB will discuss current staff thinking on trade-offs between the different options for cost containment. Staff will also discuss the continued development of the offsets program.

For further information on this event, please contact the ARB Office of Climate Change at (916) 322-2037.

Workshop Materials and Written Comments

The workshop materials and agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm#publicmeetings>. At this website, you may join our electronic mailing list to receive notices of ARB activities and public meetings. This website may also be used to submit written comments on the workshop. Please submit written comments by July 13, 2010.

Video/Audio Webcast

A live video/audio webcast will be available for the workshop at the following link: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. ARB recommends that you not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal. You can also submit your questions and comments during the workshops to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact the Office of Climate Change at 916-322-2037 as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

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