

Report Summary – July 2013

Semi-Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on Assembly Bill 32

(Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006)

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. AB 32 set a goal for California to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and to maintain and continue reductions beyond 2020. The law tasked ARB with quantifying this goal, implementing a mandatory emissions reporting system, and adopting a Scoping Plan that describes the measures and other actions planned to achieve the target.

AB 32 also highlights the need to continue GHG reductions beyond 2020. In March 2012, Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-16-2012 establishing zero-emission vehicle benchmarks and affirming a long-range climate goal for California to reduce GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Legislative Direction. The Supplemental Report of the 2012 Budget Act item 3900-001-0001 requires ARB to provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee with multiple reports on its activities and resources to implement AB 32. The required reports include AB 32 program updates semi-annually and AB 32 fiscal information annually to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. In addition, Senate Bill 1018 (Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 39, Statutes of 2012), requires ARB to provide semi-annual updates to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee about Western Climate Initiative, Incorporated (WCI, Inc.).

In January of this year, ARB provided the first Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee which included both the annual and semi-annual reports on AB 32 and WCI, Inc. The Annual Report may be downloaded from the ARB's website, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/jlbcreports/jlbcreports.htm>.

This report provides the required semi-annual updates including:

- (1) Semi-annual AB 32 update on key climate programs, including recent developments and upcoming milestones;
- (2) Semi-annual report on any actions proposed by WCI, Inc. that affect California State government or entities located within the State, as well as advance notification of any planned ARB payments to WCI, Inc. over \$150,000.

This report can be viewed at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/mandrpts/mandrpts.htm>. To order a hard copy of this report, please contact Ms. Jennifer Gress at (916) 322-8520 or via email at JGress@arb.ca.gov.