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## Local Government Assistance to Reduce GHG Emissions Public Workshop An Overview of ARB Programs Related to AB 32 and SB 375

Providing cost-effective strategies to assist local governments in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will be an integral part of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). Please join us on March 9, 2009 to participate in a public workshop to learn about ARB's efforts related to local governments reducing GHG emissions. California's Climate Change Scoping Plan encourages local governments to adopt GHG reduction goals consistent with statewide targets to reduce emissions by about 15 percent from today's levels. In addition, SB 375 sets out a process for achieving GHG reductions through better land use and transportation planning. Achieving these goals will take a combination of state, regional, local, and individual efforts.

During the public workshop, ARB staff will provide an overview the Board's local government related climate change activities and how they contribute to the statewide goals of AB 32 and SB 375 implementation. Specific focus will be given to A Local Government Toolkit and a Climate Leadership Recognition Program. The toolkit is a compendium of guidance and resources to assist local governments to reduce GHG emissions and save money. Included in the toolkit is information on cost-saving actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, green transportation, green building, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, recycling and reuse, and environmentally preferable purchasing. The toolkit will also include financial resources and case studies that highlight California local governments that have successfully and profitably reduced GHG emissions.

### Workshop Location

The workshop will be held at the following time and location and will also be webcast.

Date: Monday, March 9, 2009  
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Pacific Time)  
Location: Coastal Hearing Room  
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters  
1001 I Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Directions: [www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.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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**Workshop Materials**

A workshop agenda and presentation will be posted prior to the workshop meeting at ARB's website ([www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localaction/meetings/meetings.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localaction/meetings/meetings.htm)), and made available in hard copy at the meeting. More information on local government activities will be available at ARB's Local Action for Climate Change Emission Reductions website at: [www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localaction/localaction.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localaction/localaction.htm)

Notification of future activities related to local government will be broadcast via our Climate Change electronic mailing list. You may join the list via the link (see Join Email Lists) at our Climate Change website at: [www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm). This website also includes notices of other ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32 and SB 375.

**Video/Audio Webcast**

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet webcast with audio and video will be available at [www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast). During the webcast, the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions and comments by e-mail.

**Special Accommodations or Language Assistance**

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Rebecca Boyer as soon as possible, via phone at (916) 322-4560, or email at [rboyer@arb.ca.gov](mailto:rboyer@arb.ca.gov). TTY/TDD/Speech-to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact any of the following ARB staff responsible for specific local government projects.

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Sincerely,

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