

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PREPARED FOR
PROPOSED FIRST UPDATE TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE SCOPING PLAN**

AND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Availability Date: March 14, 2014
Deadline for Public Comment: April 28, 2014
Public Hearing Date: May 22, 2014

This notice announces the availability for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Analysis prepared for the Proposed First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan (Proposed Update) in accordance with ARB's certified regulatory program (California Code of Regulation, title. 17, sections 60006-60008) to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Public Hearing

The Board will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider approving the Proposed Update. The Board will also consider the Environmental Analysis and staff's written responses to comments on the draft Environmental Analysis received during the 45-day comment period.

DATE: May 22, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

This item may be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., May 22, 2014, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on May 23, 2014. This item may not be considered until May 23, 2014. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 22, 2014, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background on the Proposed First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan:

The Proposed Update builds upon the successful framework established by the initial Scoping Plan by outlining priorities and recommendations for the State to achieve its long-term climate objectives. The Proposed Update describes actions for California to undertake to ensure it continues on a path toward a cleaner, more sustainable and prosperous future. This approach is designed to ensure the State is able to meet its long-term climate objectives that will achieve continual emissions reductions, while simultaneously supporting a range of economic, environmental, water supply, energy security, environmental justice, and public health priorities.

The Proposed Update was developed by ARB in collaboration with the Climate Action Team and reflects the input and expertise of a range of State and local government agencies; it also reflects public input and recommendations from business, environmental, environmental justice, and community-based organizations.

A discussion draft of the Proposed Update was released on October 1, 2013 and presented to the Board at a public meeting on October 24, 2013. The Proposed Update was released for public comment on February 10, 2014 and presented to the Board as an informational item at a public hearing on February 20, 2014. The Plan Update and its appendices are available on ARB's website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/document/updatedscopingplan2013.htm>.

Comments on the Plan Update and appendices will be accepted until April 28, 2014. To be considered by ARB, comments on the Plan Update must be received **no later than 5pm on April 28, 2014** and must be addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/2013comments.htm>

Environmental Analysis

ARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed Update, prepared a Draft Environmental Analysis (EA) in accordance with the requirements of its regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources. (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d).) The resource areas from the CEQA Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses that would implement recommended actions for each of the nine sectors discussed in the Proposed Update. The EA provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with recommended future actions in each of the nine sectors under each of the 17 environmental resource areas.

Collectively, across all sectors, the EA concluded implementation of these actions could result in the following impacts: beneficial impacts to agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, energy demand, greenhouse gases, hydrology and water quality; less than significant impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, energy demand, geology and soils, greenhouse gases, hazards and hazardous materials, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreational services, transportation/ traffic, and utilities and services systems; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems, primarily related to short-term construction related activities.

The EA is included as **Appendix F** to the Proposed Update and can be obtained from ARB's website at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/document/updatedscopingplan2013.htm>

Paper copies of the Draft EA may also be obtained from:

ARB's Public Information Office,
1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center,
Sacramento, California, 95814

After the close of the 45-day public comment period, ARB staff will prepare written responses to significant environmental issues raised in comments received on the EA as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the Proposed Update and the EA will be considered by ARB, only those comments relating to the EA will be responded to in writing in the supplemental response document. The supplemental response document containing staff's written responses to comments received on the EA will be posted on ARB's website before the public hearing scheduled for the Board to consider approving the Proposed Update.

Submittal of Comments:

ARB invites comments on the Draft EA during the 45-day public comment period that begins on **March 14, 2014** and ends on **April 28, 2014**.

To be responded to in writing and considered by the Board, written comments on the Draft EA must be received **no later than 5pm on April 28, 2014**, and must be addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and verbal comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: March 14, 2014