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AB 32 - California Global Warming Solutions Act Scoping Plan Workshop Series — Policy Scenarios —

Invitation to Attend Public Workshop on Policy Scenarios

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss ARB's approach for evaluating policy options being considered for the Scoping Plan (Plan). This workshop will include a discussion of the planned structure of the draft Plan that will be released in late June, ARB's criteria for program design decisions, and the economic, emissions and other analyses that will inform those decisions. ARB staff will also provide an overview of the status of the economic modeling work, including presentation of some preliminary results of the economic modeling efforts.

Where and When is the Public Workshop?

This workshop will be held at Cal/EPA Headquarters in Sacramento and will also be webcast.

Date: Monday, May 19, 2008 (REVISED DATE!)
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Scoping Plan Background & Workshop Details

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) requires ARB to develop the Plan to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. ARB must approve the Plan no later than January 1, 2009. ARB is directed to "evaluate the total potential costs and total potential economic and noneconomic benefits of the plan for reducing greenhouse gases to California's economy, environment, and public health, using the best available economic models, emission estimation techniques, and other scientific methods." (H&S Code §38561(d)).

At this workshop ARB will present its approach to analyzing the economic, environmental and public health effects of the Plan. The broad policy scenarios being evaluated include various mixes of available policy tools, such as direct regulations and market-based mechanisms. In the scoping plan these scenarios will be refined and compared to determine how best to achieve the required greenhouse gas reductions.

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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Staff will present the status of the economic modeling for policy scenarios at the workshop. A draft description of proposed scenarios was presented at the February 6, 2008, Program Design Work Group Meeting. The draft description is available at the "Policy Scenarios" link at the Program Design Stakeholder Process web page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/pgmdesign-sp/pgmdesign-sp.htm>. Because it has taken longer than anticipated to develop a working reference case and the necessary policy scenario files, preliminary results will only be available for a limited set of these initial scenarios. Analytic work will continue through the spring and summer, and additional opportunities for review and comment will be provided.

Workshop Materials

Workshop materials and an agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>. At this website you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

Can't Make it to the Workshop?

This workshop will be webcast, and viewers can email questions during the session to ccplan@arb.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal. Written questions and comments can be submitted at any time to ccplan@arb.ca.gov.

Directions to Cal/EPA

There are many ways to arrive at Cal/EPA Headquarters Building but we encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficient vehicles whenever possible. Use the following link for directions and information on public transit: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

To place your request for disability services, please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at 916-323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711. For interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at 916-323-7053.

Upcoming AB 32 Scoping Plan Workshops

July 2008	Workshops on Draft Scoping Plan	July 8: Southern California July 14: Fresno July 17: Sacramento
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We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Wade, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 324-5931 or swade@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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