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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. This workshop will include a discussion of the criteria that ARB will use in making program design decisions in the Scoping Plan, a description of the economic and non-economic analyses that will inform those decisions, and presentation and discussion of 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 web cast.

Date: Monday, May 5, 2008
(Please note that this is a change from the originally scheduled date of April 17, 2008)
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Scoping Plan Background and Workshop Details

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) requires ARB to develop the Scoping Plan to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2020. ARB must approve the Scoping 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)).

ARB has developed a comprehensive scenario approach, combining both economic and non-economic analysis, which will be presented at this workshop. The policy scenarios being evaluated include various mixes of available policy tools—such as direct regulations and market-based mechanisms. These scenarios will be compared to

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assess the consequences of various approaches that may be employed to achieve the required greenhouse gas reductions.

Staff will present preliminary economic modeling results for an initial set of policy scenarios at the workshop. A draft description of these 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>. ARB is refining these scenarios, and will provide a description of the specific scenarios used for the preliminary modeling work before this workshop. Subsequent work will include non-economic analysis, evaluation of additional scenarios and refinement of the initial scenarios.

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 efficiency 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

May 5, 2008	Workshop on Policy Scenarios	Sacramento
July 2008	Workshops on Draft Scoping Plan	Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, Southern California

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Wade, Air Resources Board, Office of Climate Change, at (916) 445-1952 or swade@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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