

Form Letter 1 for Comment 26 for California Cap-and-Trade Program (capandtrade10) - 45 Day.

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Subject: Please protect CA's forests

Comment:

As my friend Jim Feichtl, Forest Protection Committee Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club, states below, please save our forests.

Jim's comments:

In overwhelmingly rejecting Prop 23, California voters have given a historic mandate for immediate action to reduce global warming pollution. However, the proposed cap and trade rules weaken the impact of our climate bill by giving away the vast majority of pollution allowances. Seize the mandate for bold, meaningful action and remove the massive allowance giveaways outlined in the current rules. One of the worst parts of the cap and trade rules being considered is the inclusion of clearcutting as an improved "forest management" method under the Forest Project Protocols version 3.2 recently OK'd by the Climate Action Reserve. CAR essentially admits that they do not take into account, critical elements of clearcutting methods (soil ripping, herbicide applications, disposal/burning of dead standing and lying wood) which would greatly affect the amount of carbon that is actually sequestered. Clearcutting turns a forest from a carbon sink into a carbon emitter for at least the next 20 years, precisely the time period where we need to see true reductions in carbon emissions. The protocols also give 100-yr credit for carbon in wood products. Anyone who has replaced a wooden deck, fence or roof knows that these products do not last anywhere near 100 years. They begin decomposing and releasing CO2 as soon as they are installed. Please protect the integrity of California's forests (the lungs and filters of our air and water), by: a) eliminating from the offset program clearcutting of our forests as a way of sequestering carbon and by b) adding provisions to assure that forest projects DO NOT result in the conversion of naturally managed (uneven aged) forests into clearcut plantations (even aged "forests").

Thank you for your attention and awareness.

For our children's children,
Denise Minter

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**Form Letter 2 for Comment 26 for California Cap-and-Trade Program
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Subject: AB 32 - Cap and Trade

Comment:

Chairman Nichols and Members of the Board:

I am excited to see that CARB is moving forward on implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32). As the overwhelming defeat of Prop 23 this last November showed us, the public is ready for government to take the necessary steps to reduce our contributions to climate change.

While I agree with many of the steps outlined in the AB 32 Scoping Plan, I am concerned and disappointed by the details of the cap and trade component. By giving away the vast majority of pollution allowances, your proposal would financially reward the biggest polluters. This provides a clear disincentive for polluting businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and therefore, would weaken the impact of California's landmark climate bill.

Please take advantage of the favorable public climate that California currently enjoys around addressing climate change and implementing AB 32 by taking much-needed bold actions and removing the massive allowance giveaways outlined in the current rules. Thank you.

Elizabeth Gunston

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