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Mary Nichols, Chairperson
California Air Resources Board
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Support for Woodstove Change Out Program in Second Investment Plan

Chairperson Nichols:

El Dorado County (EDC) Air Quality Management District (AQMD) supports the inclusion of a woodstove change out program in the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Second Investment Plan. EDC AQMD’s proactive incentive program has facilitated 467 stove replacements. This has reduced annual GHG emissions by over 700 tons and annual criteria pollutant emissions by over 116 tons. However, approximately 5,500 EDC residences still have old uncertified woodstoves.

Given the severity of the problem, described in AB 32 as:

_The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
(a) Global warming poses a serious threat to the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and the environment of California. The potential adverse impacts of global warming include the exacerbation of air quality problems, a reduction in the quality and supply of water to the state from the Sierra snowpack, a rise in sea levels resulting in the displacement of thousands of coastal businesses and residences, damage to marine ecosystems and the natural environment, and an increase in the incidences of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human health-related problems._

Proceeds should be expended on projects that produce maximum GHG reductions at the lowest cost. EDC’s woodstove change out incentive program’s GHG reduction cost effectiveness ranges from $0.20 to $0.36/pound. Thank you for considering investing in woodstove change out programs.

Respectfully,

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