

**Statement by Dr. David Thompson
on behalf of California Interfaith Power and Light**

California Interfaith Power and Light is an interfaith environmental ministry dedicated to working with California's faith community to address the grave threat to humanity and all Creation posed by global warming. CIPL has more than 500 member congregations in California and is part of a national Interfaith Power and Light movement operating in 26 states.

In 2006, California Interfaith Power and Light worked for passage of AB 32. Our member congregations have prevented over 20 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions from entering the atmosphere through energy efficiency efforts.

California Interfaith Power and Light wants to make sure that implementation of AB 32 is just, fair, and effective. To that end, we urge the Air Resources Board to embrace the following elements in its final Scoping Plan and in any collaboration between California and the Western Climate Initiative:

1. Ensure that any plan to distribute carbon emission allowances and revenues is done in a fair and equitable manner.
2. Designate a portion of allowances, or revenues from allowance auctions, to assist low-income people in adapting to AB 32 through intensive energy efficiency programs, transportation alternatives, and bill payment assistance. *I was specifically asked to mention that CIPL does not support free giveaways of allowances. CIPL's position is that polluters should pay the full cost.*
4. Ensure that working people can transition to new green jobs, and that worker retraining is available for that purpose.
5. *Given that the Draft Scoping Plan includes working with the Western Climate Initiative partners on a cap-and-trade program, ensure that the WCI's scope includes transportation fuels in order to maintain the environmental integrity of WCI and to achieve the lowest cost economy-wide emissions reductions.*

