

Haagen-Smit Declaration

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These are priority actions needed to meet AB 32 goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation and land use and are recommendations from the Haagen-Smit Symposium for ARB consideration as it develops the AB 32 Scoping Plan

Set Targets. Establish quantitative targets on a regional or local level. Targets will be emissions based considering population (i.e., per capita).

Use the Blueprint Framework with Local Accountability. Implement the Blueprint model in the major urban areas. Encourage development of local Climate Action Plans and local targets. Link these local plans and targets back to regional Blueprints.

Promote High-quality, Low-impact Communities. Establish a variety of mechanisms that support building large-scale, low-carbon footprint, livable, innovative projects and communities. These mechanisms could include regulatory actions, targeted incentives, and targeted funding to demonstrate the market for these types of projects and communities.

Secure Funding. Secure new and continuous funding. Make better use of existing funds. Funding is needed to support the enabling infrastructure to make the Blueprints happen and incentivize the desired high-quality, low-impact projects.

Use CEQA to Mitigate Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Establish statewide significance thresholds and improve the CEQA process to support low-impact development.

Adopt Proven Measures. All levels of government pursue proven emission reduction strategies, such as indirect source rules and other measures. Strategies with co-benefits should be a high priority.

Rethink Zoning. Remove the barriers to mixed-use projects in California's existing zoning and eliminate the incentives for sprawl.

Improve Measurement through Partnerships. Develop local government quantification protocols, improve VMT estimation tools, and develop more refined land use and transportation models that reflect the benefits of high-quality development. Use these tools for planning and to measure progress.

Exert State Leadership. The State builds, operates, and coordinates across all levels of government in a way that promotes low-impact development and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.