

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Date of the Public Meeting has changed, and the Public Comment Period has been Extended

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE 2017 CLIMATE CHANGE SCOPING PLAN UPDATE: THE PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING CALIFORNIA'S 2030 GREENHOUSE GAS TARGET AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This notice announces the availability of The 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update: The Proposed Strategy for Achieving California's 2030 Greenhouse Gas Target (Proposed Scoping Plan) and a Draft Environmental Analysis (Draft EA) for public comment as well as three public Board Meetings.

Public Board Meetings:

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will hold public meetings at the times and locations noted below to consider the Proposed Scoping Plan.

First Hearing:

DATE: January 27, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814**

WEBCAST: www.cal-span.org

Second Hearing:

DATE: February 16 and 17, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814**

WEBCAST: www.cal-span.org

Third Hearing: **Board Hearing Date Has Changed**

DATE: **June 22 and 23, 2017**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

WEBCAST: www.cal-span.org

The January hearing is an informational meeting; the public may present comments, but the Board will not vote on the Proposed Scoping Plan. The February hearing is also an informational meeting; the public may present comments, but the Board will not vote on the Proposed Scoping Plan. For the June hearing, this item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., June 22, 2017 and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on June 23, 2017. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before June 22, 2017, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background on the Proposed Scoping Plan:

In 2006, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Nunez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006). AB 32 created a comprehensive, multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. AB 32 required ARB to develop and approve a Scoping Plan that describes the approach the State will take to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. In 2016, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 32 (SB 32) (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016), which codifies a 2030 GHG emissions reductions target of 40 percent below 1990 levels. With SB 32, the Legislature passed companion legislation Assembly Bill 197 (AB 197) (Garcia, Chapter 250, Statutes of 2016), which provides additional direction for developing the Scoping Plan.

The initial Scoping Plan was developed in 2008 and, per AB 32, must be updated at least once every five years. The 2014 First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan (2014 Update) defined ARB's climate change priorities for the subsequent five years and laid the groundwork to start the transition to the post-2020 goals set forth in Executive Orders S-3-05 and B-16-2012. The 2014 Update recommended establishing a 2030 mid-term GHG reduction target to ensure the State stays on course and expands upon the successes achieved to date to meet the long-term 2050 goal.

Executive Order B-30-15 directed ARB to update the Scoping Plan to chart the path to achieving the 2030 target. The mid-term target of 40 percent below 1990 levels, set by

Executive Order B-30-15 and codified by SB 32, is critical to help frame the additional suite of policy measures, regulations, planning efforts, and investments in clean technologies and infrastructure needed to continue reducing GHG emissions in California.

The Proposed Scoping Plan builds upon the successful framework established by the initial Scoping Plan and the 2014 Update by outlining priorities and recommendations for the State to achieve its long-term climate objectives. The Proposed Scoping Plan describes actions for California to undertake to ensure it continues on a path toward a cleaner, more sustainable and prosperous future. This approach is designed to ensure the State is able to meet its long-term climate objectives that will achieve continual emissions reductions, while simultaneously supporting a range of economic, environmental, water supply, energy security, environmental justice, and public health priorities.

The Proposed Scoping Plan and its appendices are available on ARB's website at: www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm

Draft Environmental Analysis:

ARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed Scoping Plan, prepared a Draft Environmental Analysis (Draft EA) in accordance with the requirements of its regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources. (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d).) The resource areas from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the direct and reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the recommended measures in the Proposed Scoping Plan.

The Draft EA provides an analysis of both beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the recommended measures. The Draft EA concluded that implementation of these measures could result in the following short-term and long-term beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial long-term impacts to air quality, energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions; less than significant impacts to air quality, energy demand, resources related to land use planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, and recreational services; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, resources related to land use planning, noise, recreational services, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. The potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts are primarily related to short-term, construction-related activities. This explains why some resource areas are identified above as having both less-than-significant impacts and potentially significant impacts. For example, the Draft EA identifies some resource areas with potentially significant

short-term impacts but less-than-significant long-term impacts. Please refer to the Draft EA for further details.

The Draft EA is included as Appendix F to the Proposed Scoping Plan and can be obtained from ARB's website at: www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm

Copies of the Draft EA may also be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Submittal of Comments: Comment Period has been Extended

ARB invites comments on the Proposed Scoping Plan and Draft EA during the public comment period that begins on January 20, 2017, and ends on April 10, 2017. Comments on the Draft EA must be received no later than April 10, 2017, to be responded to in writing. Comments should be submitted using the address or web page listed below. Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the January public hearing listed above.

After the close of the public comment period, ARB will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the Proposed Plan and the Draft EA will be considered by ARB, only those comments relating to the Draft EA received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2017, will be responded to in writing in the supplemental response document which will be posted on ARB's website before the third scheduled Board meeting.

Written comments on the Proposed Scoping Plan and the Draft EA must be submitted to one of the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this item should be directed to Ms. Rajinder Sahota, Assistant Division Chief, Industrial Strategies Division, at (916) 323-8503, or (designated back-up contact) Ms. Trish Johnson, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-3365.

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Date: February 24, 2017