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**DRAFT Charter**  
Public Health Working Group  
Climate Action Team

The Public Health Working Group of the California Climate Action Team is established to address cross-cutting issues related to climate change and health, including issues specific to AB 32 implementation. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide a forum for communication, coordination, and education across agencies and with stakeholders.

The working group will be convened as an open forum, including but not limited to representation from:

- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- other California state agencies and departments including but not limited to: CalEPA, Resources Agency, Departments of Food and Agriculture, Fish and Game, CalFire, Pesticide Regulation, Water Resources, OEHHA, Energy Commission, Conservation, OSHA)
- Federal agencies (e.g., EPA, CDC)
- Local health departments
- Stakeholder organizations (e.g. NRDC, ALA, Coalition for Clean Air, PHI, PHLP, etc.)

The working group will provide a forum for consideration of the following:

- Climate change and health vulnerability assessments
- Climate change and health equity issues, including addressing needs of vulnerable communities
- Methods for assessing and analyzing the public health impacts of proposed regulations and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (pursuant to ARB Resolution 08-47)
  - Guidelines for Health Impact Assessments
  - Methods to identify vulnerable and impacted communities and populations
  - Includes analysis of individual AB32 measures such as cap and trade
- Identification of co-benefits mitigation and adaptation strategies, including strategies not incorporated in AB32
- Public health climate adaptation strategy implementation planning, with an emphasis on promotion of community resilience to minimize health impacts of climate change
- Climate change and health risk communication, public education, and outreach
- Community engagement and empowerment with regard to climate and health
- Surveillance of climate change impacts on health, risk and vulnerability factors, protective factors
- Public health preparedness and response
- Climate change and health research agenda
- Incorporation of public health issues as a strategy to strengthen climate action
- Other issues as agreed

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Public meetings of the CAT PH Workgroup will be held at least quarterly, but may be held more frequently as need dictates. Agendas will be developed by CDPH and CARB, mindful of the regulatory timelines for AB 32 implementation. Ad-hoc subcommittees will be formed as participants identify desire to do so. Effort will be made to host meetings at sites where webcast facilities are available. Meeting materials and notes will be electronically distributed to the Climate Change and Health e-mail list, which will be jointly updated and maintained by CDPH and CARB.