# Office of the Ombudsman 2012 Annual Report

# Presented by La Ronda Bowen March 2013

#### Outline

- Ombudsman mandates connect SBiz to AB 32.
- Small business models and definitions.
- Government Code El Monte call report.
- 1990 CAA Amendments Section 507.
- Connections and networks.
- OMB regional assignment map.
- Anticipating small business needs.
- 2013 goals.



# Ombudsman Mandates Connect Small Business, AB 32, and Other ARB Interests

- Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI).
- California Government Code.
- Clean Air Act Amendments Section 507.
  - Small Business Technical & Environmental Compliance Assistance Program.
- AB 32 "Consider overall societal benefits."









#### 3 Common Small Business Models

- In business with the intention of staying for the long haul.
  - Concerns: survival, growth, employee retention, \$.
  - > ARB Interest: technology diffusion, sustainability.
- In business with the intention of providing for self and family.
  - Concerns: Access to credit, marketing, sales.
  - ➤ ARB Interest: next generation behavior.
- In business with the intention of growing into a profitable enterprise and getting out.
  - Concerns: Policy, market, commercialization, \$.
  - > ARB Interest: new technologies, investment.



### **Small Business Defined**

- US EPA 507: 100 or fewer employees and not a major source.
- US Small Business Administration: <500 employees and \$14 million sales over 3 years.
- CA DGS: domiciled in CA, 100 or fewer employees, \$14 million sales over 3 years except manufacturing/no sales limit.
- ARB rule for small fleets is 3 vehicles or fewer.
- CPUC: 20kW electrical demand.







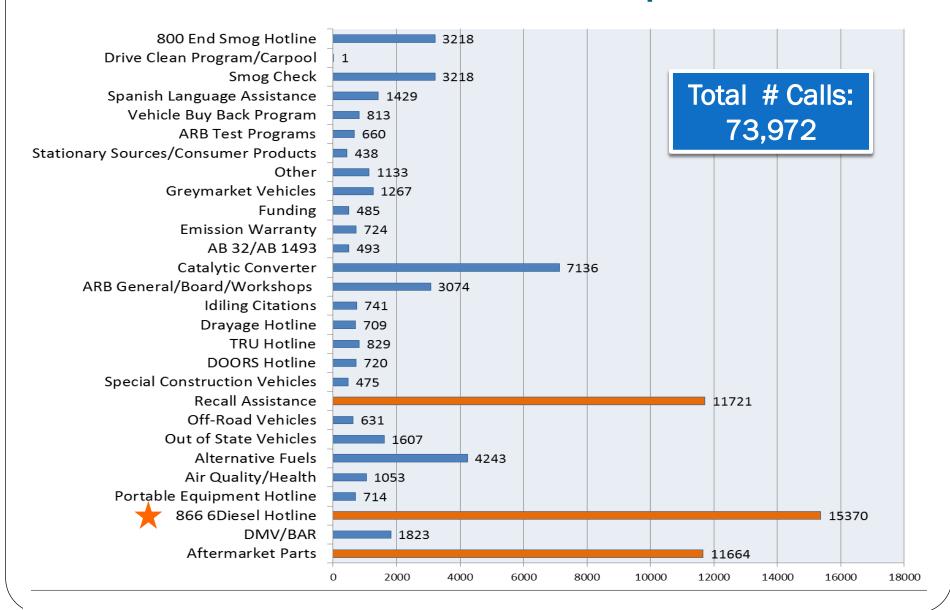
#### California Government Code

- Facilitate communication on air regulatory issues.
- Investigate & resolve complaints.
- Report and make recommendations on small business concerns.
- Assist Agency to achieve procurement goals.





## El Monte 2012 Call Report



# 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments Section 507

- Three part compliance assistance
  - ➤ Ombudsman Communication, plain language, "connecting wire" for program, statewide report to National EPA Ombudsman for Congress.
  - ➤ Technical Assistance Permitting, rule interpretation, compliant technologies.
  - ➤ Compliance Advisory Panel Small business voice, support to state, information dissemination.





### Green Business Network Data

		2,664 Businesses (2012)	Goal: 10k-20k Businesses (2020)	Goal: 40k+ Businesses (2050)
	Hazardous Waste Reduced (lbs)	1,800	6,757 – 13,514	27,027
	Hazardous Waste Reduced (gal)	6,245	23,442 – 46,884	93,769
	GHG Emissions Saved (tons)	171,677	644,432 - 1,288,863	2,577,726
	Solid Waste Diverted from LF (tons)	106,308	399,054 - 798,107	1,596,215
	Energy Saved (kWh)	38,254,747	143,598,757 – 287,197,513	574,395,026
	Water Saved (Gal)	30,362,771	113,974,252 – 227,948,503	455,897,007



## Sacramento Regional Connections





































































































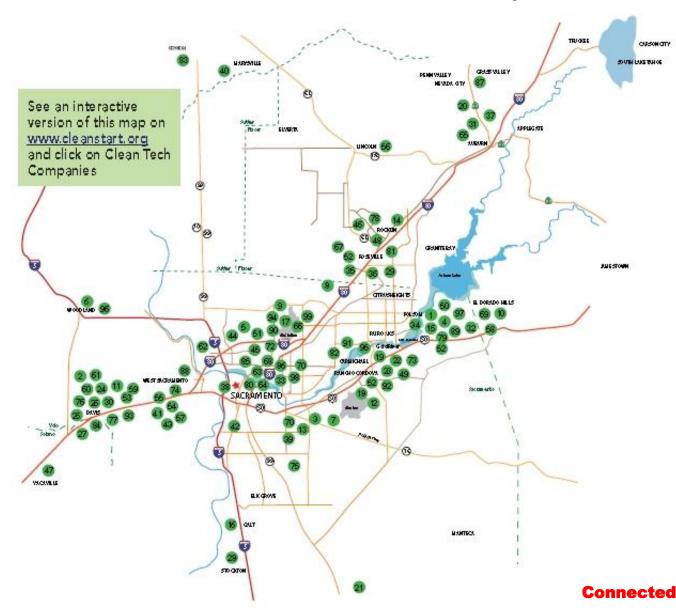




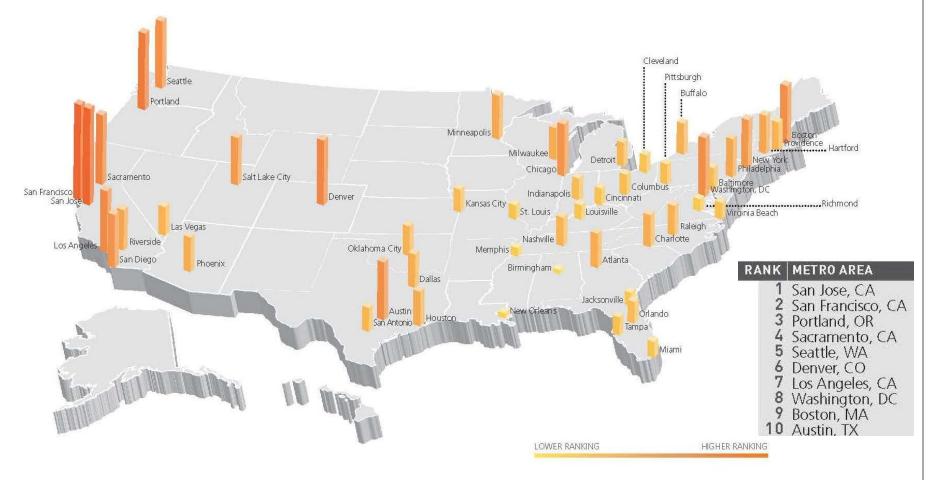




#### Sacramento's Clean Tech Companies 2013



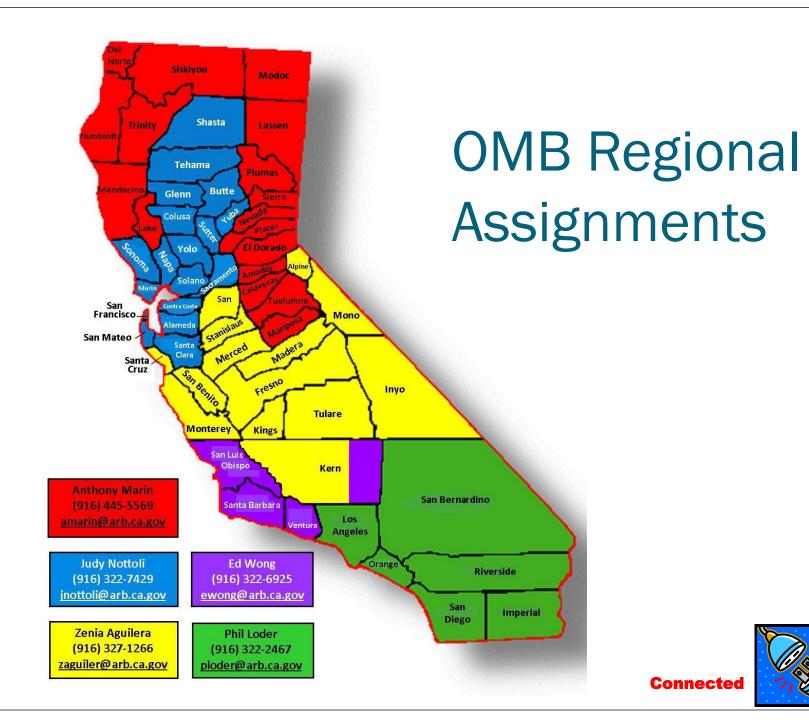
# Top Clean Technology Cities



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# Anticipating Small Business Needs

- **Technology**: What are the obstacles to bringing clean technologies to demonstration & commercialization?
- **Financing**: Where are the financing gaps?
- **Climate**: How do small businesses affect community resiliency after climate-related natural disasters?
- **Climate**: Are businesses that adopt energy efficiency and sustainable business practices more resilient than their counterparts?



## Education and the Environment







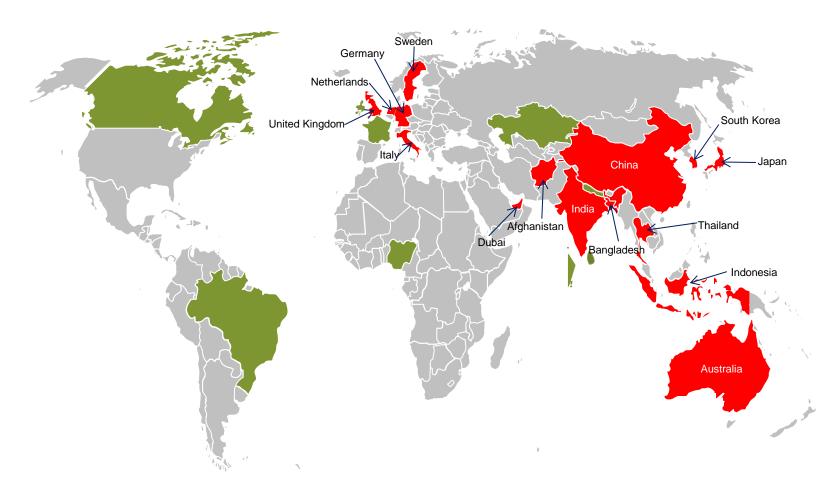








# Countries Visiting ARB in 2012





#### 2013 Goals

- Identify financing, resources, partners, and strategies to meet needs.
- Further educate ourselves on small business and climate resiliency.
- Implement the Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel.
- Strengthen all networks.





### Peter Drucker on Entrepreneurs

"An entrepreneur searches for change, responds to it and exploits opportunities."





# **Questions or Comments**

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