

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR AGENCIES THAT ADMINISTER CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS (CAP-AND-TRADE AUCTION PROCEEDS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the updates to the Funding Guidelines for Agencies Administering California Climate Investments.

DATE: July 26, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
California Air Resources Board
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., July 26, 2018, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on July 27, 2018. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before July 26, 2018, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Background

California Climate Investments is a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households.

The Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments (Funding Guidelines) are used by administering agencies as they design and implement programs to meet the State's statutory and policy objectives for appropriations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The Funding Guidelines ensure investments achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions; benefit disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income residents; and provide transparency and accountability of the funds.

CARB staff revised the Funding Guidelines to incorporate new legislative direction and feedback from early years of program implementation, including additional guidance for agencies to implement programs that are community-focused and provide better access to funding. CARB staff released a draft version of the updated Funding Guidelines in

April 2018 for public comment and participated in a series of community meetings.

In 2015, CARB staff developed the first Funding Guidelines as required by Senate Bill (SB) 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) to provide guidance for agencies administering California Climate Investments funded through the State auction proceeds from the Cap-and-Trade Program (title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 95800 et seq.).

In August 2017, CARB released Draft Funding Guidelines to reflect legislation passed in 2016 and incorporate public and agency comments on early years of program implementation. In September 2017, the Legislature approved and the Governor signed a Budget to appropriate Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 funds, which included new programs and project types not addressed in the August 2017 Draft Funding Guidelines. The Legislature also passed Assembly Bill 398 (Garcia, Chapter 135, Statutes of 2017), which identified priorities for future appropriations, necessitating further revisions prior to finalizing the Funding Guidelines.

The Governor and Legislature determine which State agencies and programs will receive GGRF appropriations to invest in projects that reduce greenhouse gases and provide other important economic, environmental, and public health benefits. California Climate Investments programs are administered by over 20 State agencies and each agency is responsible for administering its own program. To learn more about California Climate Investments, please visit www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov. For CARB guidance to administering agencies, including the Funding Guidelines, please visit www.arb.ca.gov/auctionproceeds.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present the Proposed 2018 Funding Guidelines at the meeting.

Copies of the Proposed 2018 Funding Guidelines may be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, on or before July 2, 2018. The report may also be obtained from CARB's website at www.arb.ca.gov/auctionproceeds.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m., July 23, 2018**, and addressed to the following:

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

Electronic submittal: <http://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, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Bailey Smith, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Climate Investments Policy Section, at (916) 324-5930 or (designated back-up contact) Cheryl Laskowski, Manager, Climate Investments Policy Section, at (916) 324-2828.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the Proposed 2018 Funding Guidelines and concluded that they are exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. CARB has also concluded the proposed Funding Guidelines are not a "project" subject to CEQA because they constitute the creation of government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The proposed Funding Guidelines provide guidance to agencies that administer programs funded from the GGRF, which holds proceeds from auctions of allowances to comply with the Cap-and-Trade Regulation. The Governor and Legislature appropriate money from the GGRF to administering agencies that use appropriations to implement a variety of programs throughout California. The Funding Guidelines provide direction to administering agencies to ensure they design and implement their programs in a way that meets statutory requirements and helps achieve the State's policy goals. Based on CARB's review it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Funding Guidelines, which are administrative in nature, may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; therefore, this activity is exempt from CEQA.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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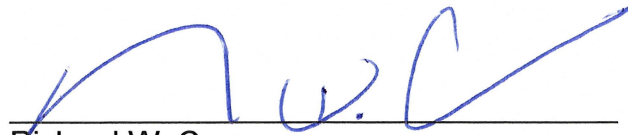
but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board meeting.
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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: *July 2, 2018*

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