

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING AND PROJECT PROTOCOLS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, URBAN FORESTRY, AND LIVESTOCK MANURE DIGESTERS**

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the adoption of greenhouse gas reporting and project protocols for quantifying and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from local government operations, urban forestry, and manure digesters.

DATE: September 25, 2008  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Auditorium  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

This item will be considered at one-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 25, 2008. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before September 25, 2008, to determine the order of agenda items.

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The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) creates a comprehensive program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. AB 32 encourages voluntary efforts to reduce GHG emissions by California businesses and local governments. Under AB 32 Board adoption of methodologies for the quantification of voluntary GHG reductions is an action that is exempt from the formal rulemaking process.

During the Board meeting, ARB staff will propose the Board adopt three GHG protocols designed to assist local governments in quantifying their GHG emissions and assist businesses in quantifying GHG emission reduction projects. One protocol is for the accounting and reporting GHG emissions from local government operations. The second protocol is designed to quantify the GHG reductions associated with project

activities from urban forestry. The third protocol addresses the quantification of GHG reductions from projects involving livestock manure digesters. Finally, staff will also present a status on other protocols being developed, including the update of the forest GHG accounting and reduction protocols.

ARB staff will discuss the development of the three protocols, and how each of these protocols contributes to voluntary GHG reduction efforts. A staff report summarizing the major elements of each protocol, including an appendix of the protocols, will be available for review. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990. The report may also be obtained from ARB's internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/protocols/protocols.htm> .

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 24, 2008, and addressed to the following:

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

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

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

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The Board requests, but does not require, 30 copies of any written submission. Also, ARB requests that written and e-mail statements be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed Webster Tasat, Manager, Emission Inventory Analysis Section, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, at (916) 323-4950.

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September 11, 2008

/s/  
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