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WORKSHOP NOTICE
Regional Public Workshop for
The 2013 Update to AB 32 Scoping Plan

The Air Resources Board (ARB), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) invite you to participate in a regional public workshop to discuss the 2013 Update to the AB 32 Scoping Plan (2013 Update). This workshop follows the June 13, 2013, Sacramento “kick-off meeting” for the 2013 Update and is intended to be a regional forum to solicit input for the 2013 Update. Other regional forums are being held in the San Francisco Bay Area and the San Joaquin Valley.

The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Place: South Coast Air Quality Management District Office
        Auditorium
        21865 Copley Drive
        Diamond Bar, California 91765

At the workshop, ARB, SCAQMD, and SCAG will provide background on AB 32 and the 2008 AB 32 Scoping Plan; discuss California’s vision for the 2013 Update; discuss the integration of State, local, and regional policies, planning tools, and programs developed and used to assist California in transitioning to achieve its post-2020 goals and adapting to climate change impacts; and additional preliminary concepts for updating the Scoping Plan. Staff will present a regional focus on air quality, local issues, concerns, and priorities for the next five years.

The Scoping Plan update focuses on six major sectors where the challenges and rewards of successful future climate action are most compelling: 1) transportation and fuels (including infrastructure and land use); 2) energy generation (including transmission infrastructure and efficiency); 3) waste; 4) water; 5) natural lands; and 6) agriculture. Each of these sectors has cross-cutting themes, integrating our strategic objectives for the health and prosperity of California with the goal of carbon pollution reduction. Staff will provide a brief overview of each sector and summarize some of the major obstacles that we face as we move towards our long-range goals.
The workshop will also include a regional stakeholder panel, comprised of business and utility representatives, environmental groups, and government, to provide a regional perspective for the 2013 Update.

This workshop is one of several public forums that will be held throughout that State to solicit public input during the development of the 2013 Update and to identify local and regionally-specific issues, concerns, and priorities. The agenda, staff presentation material will be distributed prior to the public meeting. Staff’s presentations and any associated documents will be posted in advance on ARB’s website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm.

The meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at: https://www.aqmd.gov/aqmd/webcast/webcast_calendar.htm. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Additional information regarding the 2013 Update can be found on ARB’s website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm.

If you require a special accommodation, please contact one of the staff members listed below as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this public meeting. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (916) 322-6026 or via e-mail at mtollstr@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. David Mallory, Air Resources Supervisor, at (916) 445-8316 or via e-mail at dmallory@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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