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AB 32 – California Global Warming Solutions Act Scoping Plan Program Design Technical Stakeholder Working Group Meeting

Technical Stakeholder Meeting on Reporting, Verification and Enforcement

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss issues related to reporting, verification and enforcement. This is the sixth in an ongoing series of program design technical stakeholder meetings. These meetings are being conducted to provide interested stakeholders the opportunity to provide specific technical input concerning the various analyses used to support the AB 32 Scoping Plan. The meetings are open to the public and full participation by all parties is encouraged.

Where and When is the Meeting?

This meeting will be held at the Cal/EPA Headquarters building in Sacramento and will also be web cast.

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2008
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Topic Details

The meeting will focus on the reporting, verification, and enforcement features needed to implement a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emissions. Reporting issues include the frequency of reporting and how to extend the 2007 Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting regulation to additional sources that would be included in a cap-and-trade system. Verification includes any concerns regarding accreditation of third party verifiers and the frequency of verification. Enforcement concerns penalties for failure to surrender sufficient allowances to cover verified emissions, enforcement problems which may arise if regional trading emerges, and how ARB should contend with the possibility of manipulation in the market for allowances and offsets.

Meeting Materials

Meeting materials and an agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/pgmdesign-sp/meetings/meetings.htm>. At this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Can't Make It to the Meeting?

This meeting will be webcast, and viewers can email questions during the session to ccplan@arb.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal. Written questions and comments can be submitted at any time to ccplan@arb.ca.gov.

Directions to Cal/EPA

There are many ways to arrive at the Cal/EPA Headquarters building but we encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. Use the following link for directions and information on public transit:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>

Due to construction, the northbound lanes and ramps of I-5, from the Capitol City Freeway /U.S. Highway 50 interchange to Richards Boulevard, will be closed to all traffic during the week of June 1st. If at all possible we encourage stakeholders to find alternate modes of travel to attend the meeting. For specific information visit FixI5.com

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

To place your request for disability services, please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at 916-323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711. For interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at 916-323-7053.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Zaragoza, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 322-7648 or mzaragoz@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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