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AB 32 – California Global Warming Solutions Act Manure Management Strategies Public Consultation Meeting

Invitation to Attend Public Consultation Meeting on Manure Management Strategies

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public consultation meeting to discuss manure management strategies as they relate to Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

Where and When is the Public Consultation Meeting?

This meeting will be held at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center in Modesto.

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2008
TIME: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
LOCATION: Harvest Hall
ADDRESS: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, California 95358

AB 32 & Manure Management Strategies Background

AB 32 creates a comprehensive, multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California, with the overall goal of restoring emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The AB 32 Scoping Plan will contain the main strategies California will use to reduce GHGs. ARB staff is evaluating a range of actions for the Scoping Plan including direct regulations, alternative compliance mechanisms, monetary and non-monetary incentives, voluntary actions, and market-based mechanisms such as a cap-and-trade system.

For more information on AB 32, visit the ARB's Climate Change website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>.

Manure Management Strategies is one of the GHG reduction measures being evaluated for the agriculture sector of the Scoping Plan. ARB staff recently began collecting background information on the efficacy and cost of various practices and technologies that are associated with manure management activities. At this public consultation meeting, ARB staff will present the information that we have gathered about 1) the cost of manure management practices and technologies; 2) research associated with manure management activities; and 3) examples of existing voluntary agreements

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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between government agencies and the agriculture industry to achieve emission reductions. ARB staff would like to solicit stakeholder input on these limited findings.

This is the second in a series of public consultation meetings ARB staff is conducting on potential GHG reduction strategies for manure management activities. For more information on the material presented at ARB's first public consultation meeting that was held on September 5, 2007, please visit the ARB's Manure Management Strategies website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ag/manuremgmt/meetings/090507/presentations.pdf>.

Workshop Materials

Workshop materials and an agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at the ARB's Manure Management Strategies website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ag/manuremgmt/meetings/meetings.htm>) and made available in hard copy at the meeting. At this website you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to manure management.

Can't Make it to the Meeting?

For those unable to attend the meeting in person, you may participate via teleconference. The toll free call-in number is (888) 324-8506, the pass code is 30799, and the leader name is Lea Yamashita.

Directions to Stanislaus County Agricultural Center

Directions to the Stanislaus County Agricultural center can be found on their website at http://cestanislaus.ucdavis.edu/Custom_Program/Map_&_Directions_to_Ag_Center.htm

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.

If you have questions about activities related to manure management strategies, please contact Ms. Lea Yamashita at (916) 708-1461 or via email at lyamashi@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Dan Weller at (916) 327-0481 or via email at sweller@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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