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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Public Meeting to Discuss Linking California's Cap-and-Trade Program to Other Greenhouse Gas Trading Programs

Topic and Purpose: The Air Resources Board (ARB) will discuss linking California's planned cap-and-trade program with other greenhouse gas trading programs. Linkage can be the primary way by which states (and provinces) work together to create a regional program. Linkage with other programs would allow entities with a compliance obligation in California's program the flexibility to use allowances or credits from other programs to meet their compliance obligations. As such, linkage can serve a cost containment purpose. The cap-and-trade rulemaking will establish appropriate rules for using allowances and credits from other linked programs.

At this meeting, staff will summarize options for linking along with their possible implications. ARB staff will also seek your comments regarding programs to which California should link, and rules governing such linkages. As noted in the Scoping Plan, California is actively working with our partners in the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) to design a regional market that would be created through linking the individual partner programs. Options include potential links to programs such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS).

ARB staff requests that comments on this topic be provided no later than August 21, 2009. Comments on cap-and-trade public meetings may be viewed and submitted via this webpage: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/comments.htm>.

Where and When is the Meeting?

This meeting will be held at Cal/EPA Headquarters in Sacramento and will also be webcast.

Date: July 27, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

[WEBCAST LINK](#) (see details below)

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>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

All Interested Parties

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More Information on Public Meetings

This meeting initiates a discussion of linking California's cap-and-trade program to other greenhouse gas mitigation programs. ARB is scheduling other public meetings to discuss cap-and-trade program design issues including but not limited to reporting, market operations, cap setting, and allowance distribution. ARB will post these meetings on the ARB website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>.

Meeting Materials

ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/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.

Can't Make It to the Meeting?

ARB will webcast this meeting. Viewers can email written comments or questions during the session to ccworkshops@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.

Directions to Cal/EPA

There are many ways to arrive at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building. 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>.

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Stephen Shelby at (916) 327-8228 or sshelby@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We Value Your Input

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Shelby, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 327-8228 or sshelby@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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