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Notice of Decision

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- Project Title:** First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan
(SCH# 2014032037)
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Date:** May 22, 2014; Agenda Item #14-4-3
- Project Description:** As required by AB 32, ARB developed the initial Scoping Plan in 2008. AB 32 requires the scoping plan to be updated at least every five years. The First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan builds upon the initial Scoping Plan with new strategies and recommendations. The First Update defines ARB's climate change priorities for the next five years and lays the groundwork to start the transition to achieve California's longer-term climate goals. It highlights California's progress toward meeting the near-term 2020 GHG emission reduction goals defined in the initial Scoping Plan and evaluates how to align the State's longer-term GHG reduction strategies with other State policy priorities, for water, waste, natural resources, agriculture, clean energy, transportation and land use.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above project on May 22, 2014.

ARB prepared a programmatic level environmental analysis (EA), in accordance with the requirements of its certified regulatory program under CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd, (d)), to analyze and disclose the reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment that could result from implementation of the recommendations in the *First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan* (Update). The EA, included as Appendix F of the Update, concluded that implementation of the recommendations may result in significant adverse environmental impacts. The EA includes the types of mitigation measures that could typically be required to reduce the significant environmental impacts identified, but the authority to determine project-level impacts and require project-level mitigation lies with the lead agency with authority over those particular projects. The Board made CEQA findings and adopted a statement of overriding considerations for this project.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the 45-day comment period that raised significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. The written responses to the EA comments are included in the document entitled *Responses to Comments on the Draft Environmental Analysis for the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan*. Before taking final action, the Board considered and approved the written responses to these comments as required by ARB's certified regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, § 60007, subd. (a).)

