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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AB 32 – California Global Warming Solutions Act
Draft Scoping Plan
Public Input Workshops

Public Workshops on Draft Scoping Plan
The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to provide comments on the Draft Scoping Plan (Draft Plan) by attending the workshops listed below. These workshops will provide the public an opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the Draft Plan, which will be released on June 26, 2008 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting. We welcome and encourage your participation in this significant effort. For more information, please contact Mary Farr, ARB Office of Climate Change, at 916-445-8290.

All three workshops will follow the same format and have the same staff presentations. Each section will consist of a brief presentation followed by public comments.

Workshop Locations
We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. The public workshops will be held at the following locations and will also be webcast:

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: SCAQMD, Auditorium
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182
Directions: http://www.aqmd.gov/map/dir2.html

Date: Monday, July 14, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Fresno City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd floor
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721
Directions: http://www.fresno.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8842470F-E8D0-43FC-AC43-16F1012D0F38/0/downtownshuttlemap.pdf

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters, Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 “T” Street
Sacramento, CA 95812
Directions: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm
Scoping Plan Background
The development of this Plan is a key step in the implementation of AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32 requires ARB to prepare and adopt a Scoping Plan that provides strategies to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. ARB must approve the Plan no later than January 1, 2009.

ARB worked closely with the Climate Action Team (CAT), CAT sector Subgroups, and staff from other government agencies to develop the Draft Scoping Plan. ARB has conducted a number of public workshops and other public meetings to receive comments and recommendations from stakeholders while developing the Draft Scoping Plan, and will continue this effort with these next three workshops.

Workshop Materials
The Draft Plan will be available on the ARB website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm on Thursday, June 26, 2008. The workshop materials and agenda will be posted prior to the workshops at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/meetings/meetings.htm. At this website, you may join our electronic mailing list to receive notices on ARB activities and public meetings.

Video/Audio Webcast
A live video/audio webcast will be available for each workshop at the following links:

  - July 17, 2008 workshop: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1

You can also submit your questions and comments during the workshops to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

On or after June 26, 2008, you are encouraged to submit your comments on the Draft Scoping Plan at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/spcomment.htm. (Click on the “Submit Comments” icon.) The comment period begins June 26, 2008. ARB requests comments by August 1, 2008.

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.

Sincerely,

/s/

Edie Chang, Chief
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