WORKSHOP NOTICE

Regional Public Workshop for
The 2013 Update to AB 32 Scoping Plan

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) and Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) invite you to participate in a regional public workshop to discuss the proposed 2013 Update to AB 32 Scoping Plan (2013 Update).

The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2013
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Place: Hotel Nikko, San Francisco
        Monterey and Carmel Rooms, 3rd Floor
        222 Mason Street
        San Francisco, California 94102

The workshop will include a morning open house with an opportunity for attendees to interact with ARB staff, BAAQMD staff, and staff from other participating State and federal agencies. Additionally, BAAQMD staff will display key regional activities, innovations, and issues that relate to the 2013 Update.

In the afternoon, state agency staff will provide background on AB 32 and the 2008 AB 32 Scoping Plan, discuss California’s vision for the 2013 Update, and present preliminary concepts for updating the Scoping Plan. Following each discussion topic, a local expert will provide a regional perspective of Bay Area challenges and opportunities.

The Scoping Plan update focuses on six major sectors where the challenges and rewards of successful future climate action are most compelling: 1) transportation and fuels (including infrastructure and land use); 2) energy generation (including transmission infrastructure and efficiency); 3) waste; 4) water; 5) natural lands; and 6) agriculture. Each of these sectors has cross-cutting themes, integrating our strategic objectives for the health and prosperity of California with the goal of carbon pollution reduction. Staff will provide a brief overview of each sector and summarize some of the major obstacles that we face as we move towards our long-range goals.

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.
This workshop is one of several public forums held throughout the State to solicit public input during the development of the 2013 Update and to identify local and regionally-specific issues, concerns, and priorities. The agenda and staff presentation material will be distributed prior to the public meeting. Staff’s presentations and any associated documents will be posted in advance on ARB’s website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scopingplan.htm.

If you require a special accommodation, please contact one of the staff members listed below as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this public meeting. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (916) 322-6026 or via e-mail at mtollstr@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. David Mallory, Air Resources Supervisor, at (916) 445-8316 or via e-mail at dmallory@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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