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Notice of Decision

- Project Title:** 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality
(SCH# 2021070468)
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Date:** December 15, 2022; Agenda Item #22-16-1
- Project Description:** The 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality (2022 Scoping Plan) lays out a statewide path to achieve the state's climate goals. The 2022 Scoping plan includes proposed actions and outcomes to achieve aggressive reductions in fossil fuel combustion by deploying clean technologies and fuels, continuing to ratchet down on short-lived climate pollutants, supporting sustainable development, increasing action on natural and working lands to reduce emissions and sequester carbon, and incorporating actions to capture and store carbon by implementing a strategy that achieves a balance of cost-effectiveness, health benefits, and technological feasibility. The 2022 Scoping Plan also highlights the all-of-government approach needed for success and the importance of local government actions to help realize the transition to a clean energy future.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above project on December 15, 2022.

CARB prepared an environmental analysis (EA) in accordance with the requirements of its certified regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd, (d)). The EA, included as an appendix to the 2022 Scoping Plan, concluded implementation of the project may result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of approval, since CARB lacks the jurisdiction needed to implement them, as discussed in the CEQA findings and in the EA. However, the EA includes recommended mitigation measures for each resource area with significant impacts that should be adopted by agencies with jurisdiction over the specific activities leading to those impacts. The Board made CEQA findings and adopted a statement of overriding considerations for this project.

Staff prepared written responses to comments received during the noticed CEQA comment period that raised significant environmental issues pertaining to this item. The written responses to these environmental comments are included in the Response to Comments and Supplemental Response

to Comments on the Environmental Analysis prepared for the 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality, which the Board considered prior to taking final action.

The EA and all other related documents, including the Response to Comments are available for public inspection on the CARB program webpage at: [2022 Scoping Plan Documents | California Air Resources Board](#)

These documents may also be examined at:

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