



AB 32 Implementation Group



Working Toward Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions
And Enhancing California's Competitiveness

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COALITION URGES FULL INVESTIGATION OF EARLY ACTIONS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES

SACRAMENTO – How will the proposed actions to reduce carbon in transportation fuels impact supplies and prices for gasoline? What new infrastructure will be required to supply these fuels and how and when will it be complete? Are these early actions technologically feasible and cost effective as required by AB 32?

These were among the questions leaders of the AB 32 Implementation Group asked members of the California Air Resources Board today in a hearing to consider the impact possible early actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would have on consumers and the state's economy.

The Board is required, under AB 32 (The Global Warming Solutions Act), to adopt "discrete early actions" before July 1. Suggested early actions discussed at a workshop today included a low carbon fuel standard and a ban on auto refrigerants.

"The Board can mandate early actions to achieve emission reductions," said Dorothy Rothrock, vice president of government relations for the California Manufacturers & Technology Association, "but the early actions must be supported by credible research and sound criteria to ensure cost effectiveness. Otherwise, consumers will be hit with higher prices and we will hurt jobs and the economy."

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The AB 32 Implementation Group urged the California Air Resources Board to adopt early actions that are market-based, cost-effective, technologically feasible and based on sound science. The group also urged solutions that provide regulatory certainty and minimize compliance costs.

Concerning suggested early actions Dominic DiMare, vice president of government affairs for the California Chamber of Commerce, testified, “California needs to be sure as we implement climate change policies that we don’t inadvertently disrupt or limit critically needed supplies of energy.

“For instance, the Energy Commission has reported the state will increasingly rely on imports of crude oil and fuels. Yet, recent events indicate that obtaining approvals for modified or expanded facilities such as marine terminals, storage tanks and pipelines necessary for handling these products will be difficult to obtain.”

The Board is expected to adopt “discrete early actions” at a June hearing.

More information about the AB 32 Implementation Group is at www.AB32IG.com.

The group’s members include the California Manufacturers & Technology Association, California Chamber of Commerce, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Ass’n of Home Appliance Manufacturers, Bay Area Council, California Ass’n for Local Economic Development, California Building Industry Ass’n, California Business Roundtable, California Citrus Mutual, California Cotton Ginnery and Growers Ass’n, California Forestry Ass’n, California Grocers Ass’n, California Independent Petroleum Ass’n, California Poultry Federation, California Retailers Ass’n, California Small Business Alliance, California Taxpayers’ Ass’n, Center for Energy & Economic Development, Western Plant Health Ass’n, Western States Petroleum Ass’n, Wine Institute and more than a dozen local chambers of commerce and farm bureaus.