



AB 32 Implementation Group



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

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The Honorable Mary D. Nichols, Chair
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Members, California Air Resources Board
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Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

Questions raised during your most recent Air Resources Board meeting indicated that perhaps some Board members are unsure of the goals and mission of the AB 32 Implementation Group and the types of groups we represent.

Co-sponsored by the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Manufacturers and Technology Association, the AB 32 Implementation Group (AB 32 IG) was formed after AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act) became law. We represent more than 185 business, taxpayer and employer groups. Our mission has been and will continue to be a constructive voice to ensure that AB 32 emission reduction goals are achieved while maintaining the competitiveness of California businesses and protecting the interests of consumers and workers.

We firmly believe AB 32 should be implemented consistent with these eight principles:

1. Provide Regulatory Certainty
2. Adopt Policies that Keep Jobs in California and Achieve
Global Emission Reductions (Leakage)
3. Use Sound Scientific Methods of Review
4. Impose Only Cost-Effective & Technologically Feasible Regulations

5. Promote Innovation and Market-Based Strategies
6. Minimize and Fairly Allocate Compliance Costs
7. Link to Regional and National Climate Policy Initiatives
8. Coordinate AB 32 with Existing Air and Environmental Quality Standards

Keeping AB 32 on track over the many years of implementation will require continuing public support for the policy, equitable treatment of regulated entities, and a healthy business climate in California to encourage new investments. The AB 32 IG has provided productive comments at every stage of the implementation process and our members have dedicated time and resources to advisory committees and workshops in an effort to assist in implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act.

At times we have been critical of CARB, but only when we believed our coalition principles were being ignored or compromised. These criticisms were made in the spirit of making AB 32 a successful venture for the state, and to serve as a model for the rest of the nation. We hope our efforts will help you find the right balance of policies for AB 32 implementation.

The AB 32 IG meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Sacramento. Please consider this letter an open invitation for you to attend a meeting so you may learn more about the group, our members and our efforts as implementation of AB 32 moves forward. You will also find all of our materials and correspondence with CARB on our website: www.ab32ig.com.

If you have any further questions or would like to schedule a date to attend one of the AB 32 IG meetings, please contact Shelly Sullivan at (916) 858-8686.

Sincerely,



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