

Cap-and-Trade Bill Amended

Assemblywoman Shannon Grove introduced AB 333 earlier this year to prevent the California Air Resources Board (CARB) from imposing greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements on facilities located in counties with high unemployment (7 percent or greater), a recognition that AB 32 (the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) will impose new costs that could further harm the local economy and stall job growth.

The bill has been amended to remove this strict prohibition and instead ensure development of a cost-effective cap-and-trade program to protect the economy in all regions in the state.

AB 333 now requires CARB to report to the legislature information the CARB Board is scheduled to receive from CARB staff by July 31, 2011 regarding status and readiness of the cap and trade market to begin January 1, 2012.

This will bring legislators into the information loop on this major program and provide an opportunity to request additional data to inform decision-making on this and other government policies. If CARB reports that more time is needed to finalize many elements of the program, the bill would allow CARB the flexibility to move the program start date to January 1, 2013. It may be necessary to test the market systems or allow participants more time to prepare for the market opening.

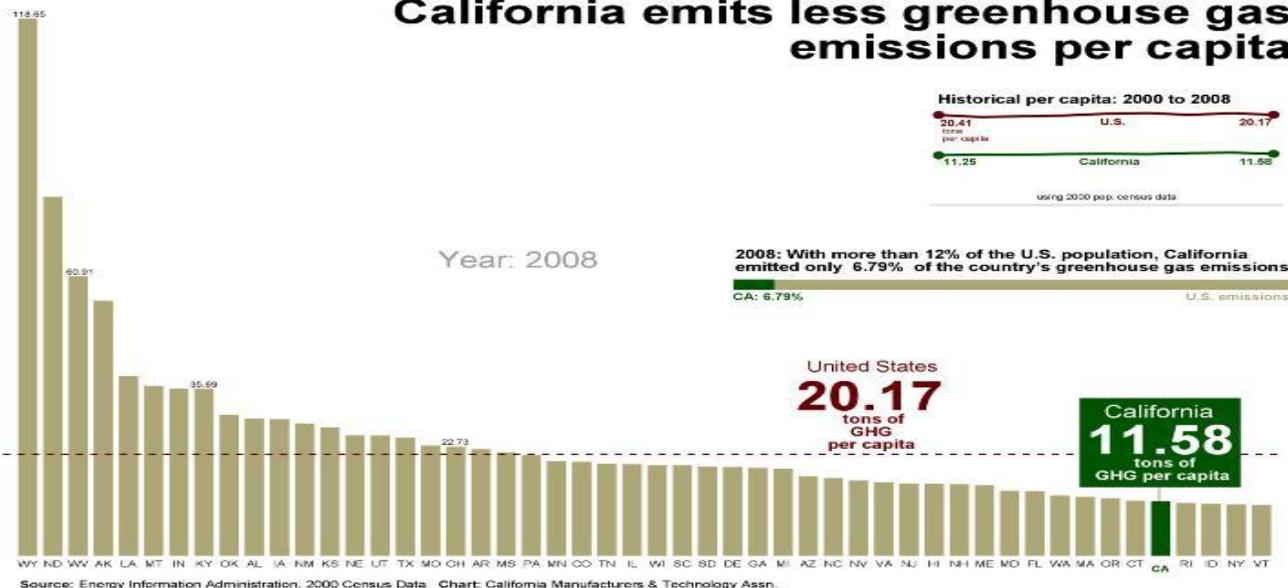
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California is, and has been, carbon efficient

As reported by MPowered Blog on May 13, numbers were updated this week for California greenhouse gas emissions per capita versus the rest of the country. Looks like California is, and has been for a long time, much more efficient than other states.

California emits less greenhouse gas emissions per capita





Governor Brown Announces Appointments

Earlier this month, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. announced the following appointments.

Ashutosh Bhagwat, 46, of Moraga, has been appointed to the governing board of the California Independent System Operator. Bhagwat is a Democrat.

Angelina Galiteva, 44, of Fountain Valley, has been appointed to the governing board of the California Independent System Operator. Galiteva is a Democrat.

A. Eugene Huguenin, 68, of Rancho Murieta, has been appointed to the Public Employment Relations Board. Huguenin is a Democrat.

Peter MacDougall, 71, of Santa Barbara, has been appointed to the board of governors of the California Community Colleges. MacDougall is a Democrat.

Dr. Deborah Malumed, 55, of Long Beach, has been appointed to the board of governors of the California Community Colleges. Malumed is a Democrat.

Anita Martinez, 58, of Oakland, has been appointed member and chair of the Public Employment Relations Board. Martinez is a Democrat.

M. Suzanne Murphy, 58, of Lafayette, has been appointed general counsel of the Public Employment Relations Board. Murphy is registered decline-to-state.

Henry A.J. Ramos, 51, of Creston, has been appointed to the board of governors of the California Community Colleges. Ramos is a Democrat.

Deborah Raphael, 51, of San Rafael, has been appointed director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Raphael is a Democrat.

~ DEMAND RESPONSE ~

JOINT ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING AND SCOPING MEMO

Commission Decision (D.) 09-08-027, approving 2009-2011 Demand Response (DR) activities and budgets for Southern California Edison Company (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), required SCE, SDG&E, and PG&E (collectively, the Joint Applicants) to file applications by January 30, 2011 for approval of DR activities and budgets for 2012-2014. D.10-12-024, which provides a consistent method for estimating the cost effectiveness of demand response activities, revised the deadline for filing of the

applications to not later than March 1, 2011. On March 1, 2011, the Joint Applicants each filed an application for approval of DR programs, activities, pilots, and budgets for 2012-2014 (Applications). Assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Kelly A. Hymes issued a Ruling on March 30, 2011, consolidating the three Applications into one proceeding, A.11-03-001 et al., and setting a pre-hearing conference (PHC) for May 3, 2011. The assigned ALJ also emailed the service list on March 31, 2011 clarifying that due to the consolidation of the

three Applications, protests and responses would be due on April 4, 2011. Parties filed timely protests and responses to the Applications on April 1, 2011 and April 4, 2011. In a related matter, ALJ Hymes issued a Ruling on April 29, 2011 that incorporated by reference into the record of this proceeding the Statewide Joint Investor-Owned Utility Study of Permanent Load Shifting³ (PLS Study) and its associated comments and reply comments. The Ruling also provided further guidance to the Joint Applicants for revising estimates of the cost

effectiveness of proposed PLS activities in the Applications. On May 3, 2011, a PHC was held to determine parties, scope, schedule and other procedural matters. In addition, the assigned ALJ entertained questions and comments on the April 29, 2011 Ruling regarding the PLS Study. We have filed our protest jointly with DACC.
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