



GOVERNOR BROWN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced the following appointments.

Hector De La Torre, 44, of Los Angeles, has been appointed to the Air Resources Board.

John Farrell, 71, of Chula Vista, has been appointed to the California Veterans Board.

Alexander Tsao, 33, of North Hollywood, has been appointed to the California Veterans Board.

Todd Bland, 49, of Elk Grove, has been appointed deputy director of the Welfare to Work Division at the Department of Social Services.

Charlton "Chuck" Bonham, 43, of Albany, has been appointed to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Susan Britting, 52, of Coloma, has been appointed to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Barbara Emley, 69, of San Francisco, has been reappointed to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

J. Keith Gilles, 55, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Anita Gore, 53, of Dixon, has been appointed deputy director of the Office of Public Affairs at the Department of Public Health.

Brian Johnson, 56, of Pasadena, has been appointed deputy director for enforcement at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Dawood Khan, 19, of Union City, has been appointed to the California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Michael Miles, 41, of Eureka, has been appointed to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Caroll Mortensen, 46, of Sacramento, has been appointed director of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Nancy O'Malley, 58, of Alameda, has been appointed to the California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Jonathan Raven, 46, of Davis, has been appointed to the Corrections Standards Authority.

Jose Carlos Rivera, 32, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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California's Air Resources Board has unanimously adopted its cap-and-trade regulation on, the final and most critical piece of its landmark climate policy, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), which Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) co-sponsored.

We now have the beginning of the most comprehensive carbon market in North America, which underscores the fact that sensible climate policy is still within reach in the United States.

California's efforts come at a crucial time when other countries are leapfrogging the U.S. in the race to put policies into action that will give them an edge in the global, multi-trillion dollar energy market: Last week, Australia moved closer to passing a carbon tax that will swiftly transition to a national cap-and-trade system; China has planted the seeds for a domestic carbon market in its current five-year plan; and Europe's advocate general just issued a preliminary opinion saying the European

Union's cap-and-trade plan can cover aviation emissions, a major piece of the transportation puzzle.

California has the world's eighth largest economy and its carbon market will be the second largest in the world next to Europe's. It creates an economic incentive for polluters, innovators and emissions reduction project developers to find low-cost opportunities to cut pollution across California. The program also gives the state the opportunity to link to other sub-national, national and regional markets across the globe, including the Western Climate Initiative.

EDF champions the cap-and-trade approach because it is a proven method to reduce emissions and at low cost. This was documented most clearly when we worked with Pres. George H. W. Bush to get this country's first cap-and-trade program in place to reduce acid rain.

In addition to reducing climate change pollution and cleaning up our air, a cap-and-trade program improves our ability to compete and dominate the global clean energy market. Since California passed AB 32, the state has received more than \$9 billion in venture capital investments that have grown the state's clean energy economy. Between 2008 and 2009, its green sector grew three times as fast as other industry sectors and it has the largest domestic clean energy economy in the country.

There are no two ways about it: We have an economic powerhouse showing environmental leadership and political will by putting a price on carbon. California joins other forward-thinking countries that are adopting similar policies to secure their economic and energy futures.

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STATE'S CAP AND TRADE PROGRAM GETS FINAL APPROVAL

California's 'model' program ready to start on Jan. 1

California's plan to cap greenhouse gas emissions and put a price on carbon is set to take effect on Jan. 1 after the Air Resources Board voted Thursday to make final adjustments in the regulation.

The state board first passed the cap-and-trade program last December. But the board, which normally allows its staff to finalize details, took the unusual step of personally tying up the loose ends of the nation's only comprehensive limit on greenhouse gases. It is the last major regulation the board considered to meet the requirements of AB32, California's greenhouse gas reduction law passed by the Legislature in 2006.

The law requires the state to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The cap-and-trade element covers about 20 percent of that goal, with the majority of the other reductions coming from limiting the amount of carbon in fuel and requiring more efficient vehicles, renewable energy mandates and energy efficiency requirements.