



## EDITORIAL: AIR BOARD FACES DECISION DAY ON CARBON TRADING

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, The California Air Resources Board is expected to approve the most disputed and litigated element of California's climate crusade – a cap-and-trade system for reducing greenhouse gases. With this action, California will be the first state in the nation to limit emissions linked to global warming that spring from electric utilities, the transportation sector, major manufacturers and other industries. It also will be the first to establish a trading system so businesses

can consider what options are most cost-effective in reducing emissions.

Cap and trade is just one tool the board is using to bring greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020. Its "clean cars" program, now adopted on a national level, is a big part of the overall strategy, along with investments in energy efficiency and alternative fuels. But the cap-and-trade system is getting all the attention, and for good reason.

If California gets this right, it could serve as a model for other states and nations to

transition away from coal, petroleum and other polluting fuels. If we get it wrong, it could set back the larger worldwide effort.

Cap and trade is complex, and it comes with a mixed record. It worked well in reducing acid rain emissions in the Northeast, but was initially bungled overseas when a consortium of European countries attempted to use it to reduce greenhouse emissions.

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## Governor Brown Asks CPUC to Take Action Following Legislature's Failure to Reauthorize Public Goods Charge

From Governor Brown's Website: In a letter sent late last week, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. requested that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) take action to ensure that critical clean energy programs, like those supported by the Public Goods Charge, are instituted.

The full text of Governor Brown's letter is copied below:

Dear Commissioner Peevey:

Earlier this month, the Legislature failed to reauthorize the Public Goods Charge which supports many important efficiency and clean energy programs. In light of this failure, I request that you take action under the Commission's authority to ensure that programs like those supported by the Public Goods Charge are instituted – and hopefully at their current levels.

As the Commission goes forward, please take into account the constructive ideas for program reform that were identified during the legislative process as well as ways to create jobs swiftly through investment in energy savings retrofits.

We cannot afford to let any of these job-creating programs lapse.

Sincerely,  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.

**AB 900 (Buchanan D) Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/27/2011

**Status:** 9/27/2011-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would enact the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 and establish specified judicial review procedures for the judicial review of the EIR and approvals granted for a leadership project related to the development of a residential, retail, commercial, sports, cultural, entertainment, or recreational use project, or clean renewable energy or clean energy manufacturing project. The act would authorize the Governor to certify a leadership project for streamlining pursuant to the act if certain conditions are met. The bill would repeal the act as of January 1, 2015. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**SB 292 (Padilla D) California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial review procedures: City of Los Angeles: stadium.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/27/2011

**Status:** 9/27/2011-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would establish specified administrative and judicial review procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the EIR and approvals granted for a project related to the development of a specified stadium in the City of Los Angeles. Because the lead agency would be required to use these alternative procedures for administrative review of the EIR if the project applicant so chooses, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the lead agency and applicant to implement specified measures, as a condition of approval of the project, to minimize traffic congestion and air quality impacts that may result from spectators driving to the stadium. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

## Interactive Map Shows Your new Political Districts

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How has the California Citizens Redistricting Commission reshaped the districts of legislators and members of Congress? This new interactive map allows you to enter a California address and see the new boundaries and political make-up for Assembly, Senate and congressional districts.

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