



# AB 32 Scoping Plan

*This page last reviewed November 22, 2013*

Assembly Bill 32 ([AB 32](#)) required the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) to develop a Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) to achieve the goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The Scoping Plan was first considered by the Board in 2008 and must be updated every five years. ARB is currently in the process of updating the Scoping Plan. Details regarding this update are outlined below.

## Scoping Plan Update

- [Discussion Draft](#) (posted October 1, 2013)
- [News Release](#) (en español)
- [View Comments](#)

**Archived Plan**

## 2013 / 2014 Schedule New!

- June: Kickoff Public Workshop
- June/July: Regional Workshops
- Oct. 1: Release [Discussion Draft](#)
- Oct. 15: Public Workshop
- Oct. 24: Board Update
- Late-Jan: Release Draft Proposed Plan & Environmental Analysis
- Feb. 20-21: [Board Update](#)
- Spring 2014: [Board Hearing](#) to Consider Final Plan Update

## Resources

- [View Public Comments](#)
- [Updated Timeline](#) New!
- [Environmental Justice Advisory Committee \(EJAC\)](#)
- Stay in touch, [sign up for the climate change](#)

## AB 32 Scoping Plan Update

The Scoping Plan Update (Update) builds upon the initial Scoping Plan with new strategies and recommendations. The Update identifies opportunities to leverage existing and new funds to further drive GHG emission reductions through strategic planning and targeted low carbon investments. The Update defines ARB's climate change priorities for the next five years and sets the groundwork to reach California's post-2020 climate goals set forth in Executive Orders [S-3-05](#) and [B-16-2012](#). The Update will highlight California's progress toward meeting the near-term 2020 GHG emission reduction goals defined in the **initial Scoping Plan**. It will also evaluate how to align the State's longer-term GHG reduction strategies with other State policy priorities for water, waste, natural resources, clean energy, transportation, and land use.



### What are the key focus areas for the Update?

ARB plans to focus on six key topics areas for the post-2020 element. These include: (1) transportation, fuels, and infrastructure, (2) energy generation, transmission, and efficiency, (3) waste, (4) water, (5) agriculture, and (6) natural and working lands.

### What recent activity has occurred in 2013?

In June 2013, ARB held a kickoff [public workshop](#) in Sacramento to discuss the development of

the Scoping Plan Update, public process, and overall schedule. In July 2013, subsequent [regional workshops](#) were held in Diamond Bar; Fresno; and the Bay Area, which provided forums to discuss region-specific issues, concerns, and priorities. In addition, ARB accepted and considered [informal stakeholder comments](#) from June 13, 2013 through August 5, 2013. ARB also reconvened the [Environmental Justice Advisory Committee](#) to advise, and provide [recommendations](#) on the development of, this Update. On October 1, 2013, ARB released a [discussion draft](#) of the Update to the AB 32 Scoping Plan for public review and [comment](#). On October 15, 2013, ARB held a public workshop and provided an update to the Board at the October 24, 2013 Board Hearing. Extensive public comment and input was received at the October Board Hearing. In addition, over 115 comment letters were submitted on the discussion draft.

### **What activities are planned for 2014?**

In late-January 2014, ARB plans to release the draft proposed Scoping Plan Update and Environmental Assessment. In February 2014, ARB will have a Board meeting discussion that will include additional opportunities for stakeholder feedback and public comment. In Spring 2014, ARB will hold a Board Hearing to consider the Final Scoping Plan Update and Environmental Assessment.

### **What is the status of AB 32 implementation?**

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 ([AB 32](#)) has been implemented effectively with a suite of complementary strategies that serve as a model going forward. California is on target for meeting the 2020 GHG emission reduction goal. Many of the GHG reduction measures (e.g., Low Carbon Fuel Standard, Advanced Clean Car standards, and [Cap-and-Trade](#)) have been adopted over the last five years and implementation activities are ongoing. California is getting real reductions to put us on track for reducing GHG emissions to achieve the AB 32 goal of getting back to 1990 levels by 2020.

## **Video: AB 32 Now and in the Future**

---

## **Background**

---

The initial [AB 32](#) Scoping Plan contains the main strategies California will use to reduce the greenhouse gases (GHG) that cause climate change. The initial Scoping Plan has a range of GHG reduction actions which include [direct](#)

**November  
2008**

[regulations](#), alternative compliance mechanisms, monetary and non-monetary incentives, [voluntary actions](#), market-based mechanisms such as a [cap-and-trade](#) system, and an [AB 32 program implementation fee regulation](#) to fund the program. Those initial measures were introduced through four [workshops](#) between November 30, 2007 and April 17, 2008. A draft scoping plan was released for public review and comment on June 26, 2008 followed by more workshops in July and August, 2008. The [Proposed Scoping Plan](#) was released on October 15, 2008 and [considered](#) at the Board hearing on December 12, 2008. In August 2011, the initial Scoping Plan was [re-approved](#) by the Board, and includes the [Final Supplement to the Scoping Plan Functional Equivalent Document](#).

## Chairman Nichols on AB 32 Scoping Plan



For questions or comments regarding the AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan,

please contact: [David Mallory](#) at (916) 445-8316

### Search Engine:

Please enter the keywords you want to search, and then click on the "Find" button.

Search For:  in Climate Change