



San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

CEQA GHG Guidance

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CEQA GHG Guidance - Agenda

- Mandate
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Mandate



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- In August 2008, the Governing Board has adopted the District's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)
- CCAP has directed the APCO to:
 1. **Provide guidance on addressing GHGs in CEQA**
 2. Investigate the development of a SJV Carbon Exchange program
 3. Facilitate reporting of GHG emissions as part of the existing emissions inventory process
 4. Administer Voluntary GHG Emission Reduction Agreements



CEQA GHG Guidance - Mandate

- The guidance on addressing GHGs in CEQA is intended to assist local land-use agencies, Valley businesses, and the District in complying with State and Federal mandates



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- CEQA requires Lead Agency to
 - Identify and quantify project environmental impacts
 - Assess project's significance
 - Identify mitigation measures to reduce project's impact



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Method



CEQA GHG Guidance - Method

- 4-phase process:
 - 1. Technical workgroups: input from stakeholders
 - 2. Develop District guidance
 - 3. Public workshops
 - 4. Governing Board approval



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1st Phase: Stakeholders Input

- Stakeholders input was obtained through a series of Technical Workgroups, and Subcommittee meetings
- Overall, more than 60 participants



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- 5 Technical Workgroup Meetings
- 12 Conference Calls
 - Project Scope: 4 conference calls
 - Significance Threshold: 6 conference calls
 - Mitigation Measures: 2 conference calls



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1st Phase Accomplishments



CEQA GHG Guidance – Accomplishments

Participation – Work

- Extensive research into GHG activities conducted by OPR, ARB, other Air Districts and agencies
- Improved mutual understanding of GHG issues and CEQA requirements
- Productive discussions and overall very positive attitude



CEQA GHG Guidance – **Accomplishments**

Documentation

- CCAP Draft Staff Report *(November 2008)*
- SJV Greenhouse Gas CEQA Guidance Issue Paper *(December 10, 2008)*
- Subcommittee Reports
 - **Characterization of GHG Emissions** *(February 10, 2009)*
 - **CEQA GHG Level of Significance** *(February 18, 2009)*
 - **Mitigation Measures** *(March 04, 2009)*



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Next Steps



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- GHG Guidance Development Phase
- Public Workshops
- Governing Board Approval



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Development Phase

- District will consider the work accomplished by the workgroups
- Recommendation will be prepared and presented to the District APCO
- District will prepare guidance for addressing GHG in CEQA



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Public Process

- 2 Workshops
- Early May 2009: First workshop
- End of summer 2009: Presentation to the District Governing Board for approval



Climate Change Action Plan

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Questions and Comments

