



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department County of Santa Barbara Legislative Program Committee
Director(s):
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SUBJECT: Potential Advocacy Position of Legislation: SB 32 (Pavley) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Option 1:

- A. Take an advocacy position of support, watch, or oppose on SB 32 (Pavley): California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit; and
- B. Direct staff to forward, and authorize the Chair to sign a letter stating the Board's decision to the legislative author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, and appropriate committee chairs; and
- C. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Option 2:

- A. Take no position on SB 32 (Pavley): California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit; and
- B. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to consider taking a position on SB 32 (Pavley): California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit. On May 4, 2015, the Legislative Program Committee directed staff to bring SB 32 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and

following Planning and Development's hearing on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Threshold of Significance.

Background:

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020 and to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum, technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions.

SB 32 would require that GHG emissions be limited to 80% of 1990 levels by 2050.

Key provisions of the legislation as outlined in the attached Bill Analysis include but are not limited to the following:

1. Requires ARB to approve in a public hearing a statewide GHG emission limit of 80% below the 1990 level of GHG emissions, to be achieved by 2050 and based on the best available scientific, technological, and economic assessments, and requires the limit include short-lived climate pollutants, as defined.
2. Authorizes ARB to approve 2030 and 2040 interim GHG emission targets, consistent with the 2050 limit.
3. Specifies that the 2050 limit remain in effect and be used to maintain and continue emissions reductions beyond 2050.
4. Requires ARB to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on how to continue GHG emissions reductions beyond 2050.
5. Specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature for the Legislature and appropriate agencies, in achieving the 2050 GHG emissions limit, to adopt policies that ensure those long-term emission reductions advance all of the following:
 - a. Job growth and local economic benefits in the state.
 - b. Public health benefits for Californians, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
 - c. Innovation in technology and energy and resource management practices.
 - d. Regional and international collaboration to adopt similar GHG emission reduction policies.

Registered Support and Opposition can be found in the attachments.

Attachments:

Attachment A: SB 32 Fact Sheet

Attachment B: SB 32 Legislative Counsel's Digest

Attachment C: SB 32 Bill Analysis

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