

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # X.A.

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE April 14, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Passage of SB295 to Adjust the Timetable for Implementation of AB32 - the Global Warming Solutions Act

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a resolution supporting the passage of SB295 to adjust the timetable for implementation of AB32 - the Global Warming Solutions Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-236

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

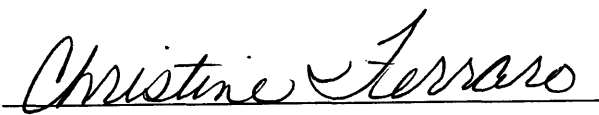
1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

SB 295 (Dutton) would extend the timeline for implementing AB 32 to allow the state to conduct the financial due diligence required by law in a systematic and well planned manner. The additional time proposed to implement the new regulations would serve to responsibly protect California's local governments, families and businesses from severe economic burdens that the current regulations would impose.

California's budget crisis is already causing severe financial hardships to local governments that must fund state and federally mandated services, with hundreds of millions in back payments owed by the state to local governments and agencies. The mortgage crisis and record high unemployment compound the problem by reducing property tax and sales tax revenues that Stanislaus County depends on. The immediate implementation of AB32 – the Global Warming Solutions Act - would add billions in new costs to local governments. The urgency with which AB32 is being enacted ignores the findings of the Legislative Analyst's Office and well respected peer reviewers that carbon reduction costs have been grossly underestimated, with the effect that the California Air Resources Board's AB 32 plan will have dire economic consequences for our state.

The states engaged in the Western Climate Initiative, the federal government, and nations across the globe are re-thinking their expenditures on greenhouse gas reductions, having recognized the need to re-build rather than further weaken their economies. California, under existing law, is moving forward with new regulations without having a clear idea of the economic impacts or environmental benefit. Examples of projected impacts include the following:

- \$11 billion a year in higher gasoline and diesel costs under CARB's proposed Low Carbon Fuel Standard
- 11% increase or higher in electricity costs
- 8% increase or higher in natural gas costs
- Increased costs of \$50,000 per home to comply with new green building standards
- Increased vehicle costs from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per vehicle to meet new fuel efficiency standards.

The California Air Resources Board's AB 32 Scoping Plan makes it clear that local government will be an "essential partner" in reducing carbon emissions. The cost of reducing emissions from municipal buildings, facilities, vehicles, wastewater, landfills and other government operations will require enormous expenditures by local governments that are already being forced to cut back services and lay off essential personnel.

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POLICY ISSUE:

This action is consistent with the Board's priorities to support the efficient delivery of public services and effective partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # X.A.

Resolution Supporting SB 295 (The AB 32 Regulatory Timeline Bill)

Whereas, California's budget crisis is already causing severe financial hardships to local governments that must fund state and federally mandated services, with hundreds of millions in back payments owed by the state to local governments and agencies; and,

Whereas, the mortgage crisis and record high unemployment compound the problem by reducing property tax and sales tax revenues that our cities and counties depend on; and,

Whereas, the state is proposing to add billions in new costs to implement AB 32 – the Global Warming Solutions Act – despite warnings by the Legislative Analyst's Office and well-respected peer reviewers that carbon reduction costs have been grossly underestimated and the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) AB 32 plan will have major economic consequences for our state; and,

Whereas, CARB's AB 32 Scoping Plan makes it clear that local government will be an "essential partner" in reducing carbon emissions; and,

Whereas, The cost of reducing emissions from municipal buildings, facilities, vehicles, wastewater, landfills and other government operations will require enormous expenditures by local governments that are already being forced to cut back services and lay off essential personnel,

Therefore be it resolved that the County of Stanislaus supports SB 295 (Dutton) which will adjust the timeline for implementing AB 32 to allow the state to conduct the financial due diligence not only required by law but critically needed to responsibly protect California's local governments, families and businesses from severe economic burdens that irresponsible rulemaking will impose.

ATTEST: **CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN**, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

