

***Meeting Announcement - April 23, 2008, 12 Noon - 2:30 pm***

***The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet on Wednesday, April 23 from Noon - 2:30 pm at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters, 700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6000. Lunch will be provided.***

- ***Water Industry's Role in Reducing Greenhouse Gases and Promoting Energy Savings***
- ***State Legislative Update***

***Water Industry's Role in Reducing Greenhouse Gases and Promoting Energy Savings***

***Fran Spivy-Weber, State Water Resources Control Board***

***Lorraine White, California Energy Commission***

***Mark Cowin, State of California Department of Water Resources***

***Jon Constantino, California Air Resources Board Office of Climate Change***

The California Air Resources Board, other state agencies and a vast number of stakeholders will be developing a scoping plan to implement AB 32's greenhouse gas (ghg) reduction goals in California. Members of the State's Water Energy Climate Action Team (WetCAT) will share with the Water Dialogue the strategies under consideration to help reach greenhouse gas goals. Those strategies include conservation, recycled water, urban water reuse (stormwater, dry weather runoff), water treatment, delivery systems efficiency, and renewable energy generated by water and wastewater utilities.

The first step for WetCAT has been for inter-agency climate action teams to develop strategies and methods for measuring ghg reduction from sectors such as water, energy, forestry, agriculture, land-use. The next step will be to refine the strategies and measures, particularly where issues arise in more than one sector. In May/June, CARB will begin the scoping process, convening workshops across the state and throughout the summer. In October/November, CARB will release its final document and approve the implementation path for AB 32. The agencies serving on WetCAT include DWR, SWRCB, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Department of Conservation, California Resources Agency, CalEPA, and CALFED.

***Legislative Update - Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative, MWD***

***Southern California Water Dialogue Mission Statement: Participants in the Southern California Water Dialogue meet voluntarily to explore water-related issues of vital interest to our region. The Dialogue serves as a clearinghouse and advocate for projects, activities, and processes that will improve the quality and reliability of Southern California's water supply and benefit the California Bay-Delta Authority (Authority). The Dialogue also is an avenue to represent Southern California's interests to the Authority and provide information about the Authority to our region.***

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