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Gov. Schwarzenegger Praises Air Resources Board for Adopting Scoping Plan *Plan Will Protect Environment, Public Health and Spur Economy*

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued the below statement following the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) adoption of its scoping plan that lays out how California will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020:

“Adoption of the AB 32 scoping plan is a great moment for California’s environment and for our economy, and it also provides a roadmap for the rest of the nation to follow. When you look at today’s depressed economy, green tech is one of the few bright spots out there, which is yet another reason we should move forward on our environmental goals. Estimates show that California’s environmental policies will create hundreds of thousands of jobs and increase economic production by the billions. Today is the day we help unleash the full force of California’s innovation and technology for a healthier planet, a stronger and more robust economy and a safer and more secure energy future.”

California’s push to increase renewable energy and fight climate change will also boost our economy. According to an [economic study](#) released in October by the University of California at Berkeley and Next 10, California’s policies will create as many as 403,000 jobs in the next 12 years and household incomes will increase by \$48 billion. Also in October, the U.S. Conference of Mayors released its [Green Jobs Index](#) which projected 4.2 million jobs by 2038 in the emerging green technology sector, with more than 500,000 of those jobs in California.

And in September, CARB [released](#) an economic analysis that compared the costs of doing nothing with the costs of implementing [AB 32](#), California’s first-in-the-nation law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which showed that California’s law will boost the state’s economy by \$27 billion and create 100,000 new jobs. CARB also issued a report on the public health impacts which demonstrated that by 2020, with cleaner air, we will have 300 fewer premature deaths and 9,000 fewer incidences of asthma and lower respiratory symptoms and 53,000 fewer lost work days.

Governor Schwarzenegger has led California in establishing laws and policies to protect the environment while growing the economy:

- Last month, the Governor [signed](#) an executive order to streamline California’s renewable energy project approval process and announced his plans to propose legislative language to expand the state’s Renewable Portfolio Standard to 33 percent renewable power by 2020.

- In September, the Governor signed [SB 375](#) by Senator Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento), which enhances the state's ability to achieve our AB 32 goals by adding the nation's first law to control greenhouse gas emissions by curbing sprawl.
- In June, the Governor [announced](#) a new program that waives the sales tax on investment in new manufacturing equipment for Zero Emission Vehicles. This program was developed in conjunction with the State Treasurer and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority.
- In January 2007, the Governor announced the world's first [Low Carbon Fuel Standard](#) for transportation fuels that requires fuel providers to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels sold in California. This first-of-its-kind standard firmly establishes sustainable demand for lower-carbon fuels without favoring one fuel over another. To start, the standard will reduce the carbon intensity of California's passenger vehicle fuels by at least 10 percent by 2020 and more thereafter.
- In August 2006, the Governor signed his [Million Solar Roofs Plan](#) into law. Now known as the California Solar Initiative, it will provide 3,000 megawatts of additional clean energy and reduce the output of greenhouse gases by three million tons, equivalent to taking one million cars off the road. The \$2.9 billion incentive plan for homeowners and building owners who install solar electric systems will lead to one million solar roofs in California by the year 2018.

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