

MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BRIAN C. CRAWFORD, DIRECTOR

January 12, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Marin Energy Authority Update and Contract Review

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION

In September 2007 your Board approved the Marin GHG re-inventory which resulted in the completion of ICLEI's milestone #5. Compliance with AB32, California's 2006 Global Warming Solutions Act, is estimated to require an investment of approximately \$393 million, based on a study by Varshney and Associates available on the California Air Resources Board website. This study estimated a cost of \$3,857 per household.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Weisz
Principal Planner

Excerpt of 2+
page letter

http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cleanenergy/clean_fs.htm

FACTS ABOUT

Setting the Record Straight on AB 32

California's plan to reduce greenhouse gases and move toward a clean, green economy

The facts about AB 32

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed landmark legislation to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions in 2006. The Global Warming Solutions Act, or AB 32, will not only protect and preserve California's natural resources but will also grow our economy and promote clean, renewable jobs. But big polluters are waging a highly organized misinformation war against AB 32 to repeal the emissions law.

- FACT: The Varshney & Associates study that generated the \$46,900 cost to small businesses has been thoroughly discredited by every reputable academic and consultant who has examined them, with descriptions ranging from "the worst examples of shlock science" to "daydreams of disaster." (Thornberg and Haveman of Beacon Economics; Dr. F. Ackerman, Tufts University)
- FACT: AB 32 is more likely to save households money. This is another example of flawed conclusions from a discredited study that has been roundly criticized by reputable economists.



Marin Clean Energy

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The Rationale for MCE: Reduction of GHG & Associated Costs

- CA AB32, passed in 2006, requires reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020
 - This is a reduction of 55,100,000 tons CO₂e
 - This is a reduction of 25% by 2020
- Cost of AB32 compliance estimated at \$394 million* in Marin without MCE
- MCE will result in a 17% reduction in GHG emissions, achieving two-thirds of Marin's AB32 compliance

*Source: California Air Resources Board, study by Varshney & Associates, September 2009

MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

2. In 2006, the State Legislature adopted AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, which mandates a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 to 1990 levels. The California Air Resources Board is promulgating regulations to implement AB 32 which will require local government to develop programs to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Mary D. Nichols, Board Chairman, California Air Resources Board

----- Original Message -----

From: [Jim Phelps](#)

To: mnichols@arb.ca.gov

Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2012 4:13 PM

Subject: CARB and local government

Hi Mary --

I recently read "CARB is promulgating regulations to implement AB32 which will require local governments to develop programs to reduce GHGs." Is this true? I thought AB 32 was specific to large industry sources such as refineries, power plants, etc.

Thanks for your clarification,

Jim Phelps

----- Original Message -----

From: [Nichols, Mary D. @ARB](#)

To: [Jim Phelps](#)

Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2012 4:21 PM

Subject: Re: CARB and local government

We are not preparing any regulations that would require local governments to reduce emissions of global warming gases. The only possible factual basis for such a claim could be that a city- owned power plant is required to reduce it's emissions just like an investor-owned utility (so LA DWP and Southern. California Edison are under the same cap.)

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What is Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)?

Aggre-what? We know—it's a terrible name for a relatively simple concept called group purchasing: in this case, electricity.

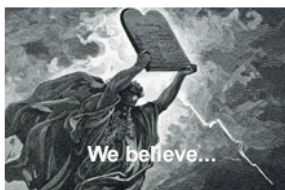
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CCA BY STATE

Seven states – California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, New York and Rhode Island – have CCA legislation enabling local governments to aggregate the electricity loads of residents, businesses, and municipal facilities.

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