

THE CARE COALITION WANTS TO KNOW...

Is the Cap-and-Trade program effective if it takes 80 years to see GHG reductions?

The California Department of Finance (DOF) recently concluded that the timeframe for estimated GHG reductions resulting from current California climate investments may take until 2095, as much as **80 years**.

The analysis conducted found that:

- \$2.6 billion in Cap-and-Trade revenue proceeds have been appropriated through 2015
- \$1.7 billion of those funds have been awarded
- \$912 million of awarded funds have been disbursed to:
 - 2,500 projects
 - 63,000 electric vehicle rebates concentrated in high income areas

“Awarded funds are anticipated to reduce GHG emissions by only 14.3 million MTCO₂e over the 80-year lifetime of implemented projects.”

– California Department of Finance

The 2016-17 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Expenditure Plan in Governor Browns State Budget calls for \$3.1 billion in spending of Cap-and-Trade auction revenues. There has been no thorough review conducted to show that these expenditures will in fact provide California with cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

CALIFORNIANS WANT ANSWERS

1. Are the proceeds of the Cap-and-Trade program, which are derived primarily from California consumers, achieving the AB 32 GHG emission reduction requirements?
2. What direct, near-term results will California consumers realize from the Cap-and-Trade revenues?
3. How much of the current GHG emission reductions are attributable to investments of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds?
4. Are GHG emission reductions real, quantifiable, and cost-effective?

As California policymakers move forward on the Governor’s 2016-17 budget and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Expenditure Plan, including billions in spending of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds, it is critical that the benefits and cost effectiveness of these programs are thoroughly reviewed, providing consumers and businesses with direct, near-term results while ensuring the legality of extracting billions of dollars from businesses and consumers without authority.

The CARE Coalition includes 150+ members who support development of a state plan that will meet our environmental goals and ensure affordable and reliable energy

Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy (CARE) is a broad-based coalition supported by the California Business Roundtable, small businesses, community groups, local officials, local business organizations, statewide associations, and energy consumers that are calling on policy-makers to ensure that we have a responsible energy plan that protects our state’s economy.



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