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California Air Resources Board Approves Updated Scoping Plan and Funding for Clean Vehicles

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) on Dec. 14 adopted the [2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update](#). *For more, see Page 2.*



Call for Session Proposals Open for 2018 Annual Conference & Expo

The League of California Cities® is currently soliciting session proposals for the 2018 Annual Conference & Expo, which will be held Sept. 12–14 in Long Beach. *For more, see Page 2.*



Registration Open for the 2018 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo

Don't miss the chance to register early to attend the 2018 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo, which is scheduled for March 28–30 in Monterey. Register [online](#) and reserve your hotel by Tuesday, Feb. 27. *For more, see Page 2.*

Originally approved in 2008 after passage of AB 32, the scoping plan establishes a framework of action for California to meet the climate target of a 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 compared to 1990 levels (SB 32). The plan reflects policy measures, regulations, planning efforts, and investments in clean technologies and infrastructure the Administration believes will help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

This update follows the Cap-and-Trade extension the Legislature passed with a two-thirds majority vote and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in July. Part of the extension required that the scoping plan analyses incorporate additional information, including cost metrics, GHG and air quality benefits, and cost savings of avoided damage.

The League has submitted comments throughout the process reflecting its ongoing commitment to working collaboratively with ARB to find solutions to achieve the GHG emission reduction goal, without putting undue regulatory or fiscal strain on cities.

Clean Transportation Funding

In addition to adopting the updated scoping plan, ARB also approved a \$663 million low-carbon transportation plan to facilitate the switch to cleaner cars, truck, buses, and freight. This action allocates funding to a number of incentive programs:

Heavy-Duty Vehicles and Off-Road Equipment

- \$188 million to promote the sale of clean trucks and buses through voucher incentives, driving the continued deployment of hybrid, low-NOx (nitrogen oxides), and zero-emission trucks and buses.
- \$190 million for advanced-technology freight-related investments that will bring the cleanest vehicles and equipment to California's most impacted communities, transportation corridors and freight hubs.
- \$20 million to make loans for clean trucks more widely available.

Passenger Vehicles and Transportation Equity

- \$140 million to the [Clean Vehicle Rebate Project](#), which offers up to \$5,000 in vehicle rebates for the purchase or lease of new, eligible zero-emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- \$125 million to transportation equity projects focused on disadvantaged communities and low-income consumers. These include programs to scrap and replace older vehicles with up-to-date clean cars, cleaner school buses, and more electric car-sharing projects in disadvantaged communities.

ARB received this funding from an appropriation by the Legislature earlier this year. Cap-and-Trade auction revenues are deposited throughout the year into the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The Legislature appropriates GGRF annually to priorities that reduce the state's GHGs. The \$663 million approved by ARB constitutes part of a \$1.5 billion GGRF expenditure plan that the Legislature passed and the Governor signed in September.

The League weighed in during the Legislative process to ensure that the final package considered cities' funding priorities.

The ARB [news release](#) includes additional information on the update.

League members are interested in sessions that address the challenges that cities face and cutting-edge solutions at the local level.

This three-day conference is the League's largest event each year and attendees include mayors,

council members, city managers, city clerks, finance officers, city attorneys, fire chiefs and other city staff and decision makers.

Session Proposal Submission Process

Jan. 8 is the deadline to [submit](#) proposals for consideration by the Annual Conference Program Planning Committee.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new or significant information. Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Whiting](#).

For more information please visit the Annual Conference [webpage](#).

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Designed for professionals of all career levels, this institute offers education on the latest developments in public works, leadership, managing transportation, infrastructure, water, waste programs and more.

This year's conference includes:

- A general session entitled Lessons Learned from the 2017 Oroville Dam Incident;
- Two-and-a-half days of educational sessions — full agenda will be released soon;
- Wednesday reception with expo, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

The full announcement with schedule and complete session information will in the mail early next week.

For questions about this event, please contact [Katie Sacco-Pebler](#) at (916) 658-8251.
