



## Air Quality Team

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### 1. AIR QUALITY ATTAINMENT TARGETS

**Requested Actions:**

- Provide \$2 million to support regional State Implementation Plan development;
- Provide \$9 million to enhance regional Air District wood stove change-out programs; and
- Ensure prior year CMAQ funding levels are maintained for the region.

### 2. FEDERAL AIR QUALITY GRANTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES

**Requested Action:**

- The EPA 2010 budget provide funding for state and local air quality grants \$50 million above the FY2008 appropriated level of \$220.3 million, to a total funding level of \$270.3 million.

### 3. BIOMASS WASTE TO ENERGY; NATIONAL FOREST WATERSHED TREATMENT PROJECTS

**Requested Action:**

- Federal support (\$1.5 million) is requested to promote the development of a biomass waste to energy facility to economically utilize biomass waste byproducts from forest management projects within the Tahoe National Forest and associated watersheds, which are at high risk for severe wild land fires. The funding will augment and accelerate efforts to develop the required partnerships and logistical details and will build upon existing technology and feasibility assessments being conducted through on-going federally supported projects.

### 4. STATE AND LOCAL FLEXIBILITY IN DEVELOPING RESPONSES TO GREENHOUSE GASES; LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

**Requested Actions:**

- Encourage measures that foster long-term technological innovation aimed at addressing energy, security, and climate change challenges as well as long-range sustainability objectives;
- Advocate the use of market-based mechanisms and common-sense regulations which “level the playing field” for all to compete and harmonize efforts across the U.S.; and
- Advance California’s leadership efforts through grant funding that encourages innovation and technology exchange **and through initiatives that maintain state and local flexibility in developing responses to reduce Greenhouse Gases.**

### 5. TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION FUNDING FOR LAND USE; TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC MODELING TOOLS

**Requested actions:**

- Funding from Transportation Reauthorization: Total budget \$40 million over five (5) years for new land use transportation economic modeling tools; and
- Focus: Implement the most advanced nation-leading land use transportation economic modeling tools for California Metropolitan Planning Organizations in cooperation with local governments to ensure that the 2009 federal transportation reauthorization guides Greenhouse Gases reduction planning within regional and general plans, transportation plans, and economic and housing initiatives. These advanced models ensure strong scenario analysis tools for use by all stakeholders. ***This initiative will have strong co-benefits for federal criteria pollutant reduction, sustainable development, and multi-modal transportation planning.***