

## **State of California Commitments for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from State Operations.**

The following recommendations, developed by the State Operations Group of the Climate Action Team (CAT), were adopted by the CAT at its June 23, 2010, public meeting. These policies commit the state to reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of its operations through gains in efficiency and adoption of sustainable business practices. These policies commit all Executive Branch agencies to actions leading to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

- Include both direct and indirect (as defined) emissions from Executive Branch agencies in the scope of emissions considered for reduction activities.
- Require each state agency to develop and implement a GHG reduction policy that reduces its GHG emissions by 30 percent by 2020, while allowing some flexibility for the agencies based on their individual characteristics, operations, and resources.
- Create a uniform GHG reporting protocol appropriate to state government operations, and establish and maintain a state-wide inventory of GHG emissions from State Government projects and operations based on this protocol.
- Establish a GHG emission goal (in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e) for state government projects and operations that is based on the findings of the inventory. (i.e., a State Operations “Cap”)
- Conduct a review of laws, regulations, policies and procedures to evaluate their effect on State agencies’ ability to manage GHG emissions.
- Implement existing Green Building Executive orders and reduce electricity purchased for buildings by 20 percent by 2015.
- Support the implementation of the Governor’s Information Technology Executive Order (S-3-10), which seeks a 30 percent reduction in energy consumption by IT and telecommunications equipment by 2012.
- Support ongoing efforts by DWR to reduce the carbon intensity of the electricity purchased for the operation of the California Water Project, and to increase the efficiency of pumps and motors used in its operation.
- Improve the efficiency and efficient use of vehicles in the state fleet.
- Reduce business related employee travel, and explore additional resources and infrastructure needed to facilitate this reduction in travel.
- Reduce emissions associated with employee commuting,
- Adopt Employee Best Practices throughout state government, aimed at reducing GHG emissions up the supply chain and improving overall sustainability of State government operations.
- Pursue greener lease terms and specify additional green requirements in new and renewed building leases.
- Require participation in CEC Energy Performance Rating (currently under development) by California State-owned buildings.