

# Notice of Availability

## **Notice of Public Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Analysis Prepared for the Proposed Amendments to the Regulation for the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms**

**Project/Location:** Statewide

**Project Description:** The suite of Proposed Amendments works collectively to ensure the program provides the long-term price signal, appropriate incentives, and regulatory certainty to support the economy-wide deep decarbonization needed through mid-century. Most significantly, staff propose to revise allowance budgets through 2045 to support achieving the legislative GHG targets for 2030 and 2045. These proposed changes to allowance budgets would increase the stringency of the Program, intensifying incentives for covered entities to invest in GHG emissions reduction activities in the near-and long-term. The package of Proposed Amendments is informed by AB 1207, AB 1279, the 2022 Scoping Plan Update, the existing 2030 GHG emissions reduction target enacted through SB 32, evolving State policy, and implementation experience.

**Document Availability:** The public review and comment period starts January 23, 2026, and ends on March 9, 2026. Copies of the Draft EIA, the Proposed Amendments, public notices, and other related documents may be accessed on CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2026/cap-and-invest2026>. Please contact Lindsay Garcia, Regulations Coordinator, at [lindsay.garcia@arb.ca.gov](mailto:lindsay.garcia@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 546-2286 if you need physical copies of the documents. Written comments must be received by 11:59 pm on March 9, 2026 either electronically at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php> or by Postal mail at: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street / P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**Public Review Period:** The public comment period is January 23, 2026, to March 9, 2026.

**Project Impacts:** The Draft EIA addresses and discloses potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the Proposed Amendments, including direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts. As described in Chapter 4, the Draft EIA discloses potential environmental impacts, the level of significance prior to mitigation, mitigation measures, and the level of significance after the incorporation of mitigation measures. The Proposed Amendments may have potentially significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impacts on the following resource areas: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems and wildfire.

**Public Hearing:** The Proposed Amendments and Draft EIA will be presented to the Board at a meeting commencing on May 28, 2026, at the Byron Sher Auditorium, CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA and webcast at <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>. Please consult the agenda for any updates, available 10 days in advance, to confirm the meeting time and date at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/board-meeting-dates>.