

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**LETTER REQUESTING GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S CONSIDERATION TO SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT (AB 32) OF 2006**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

When AB 32 was signed into law in late 2006, California's unemployment rate stood at 4.8%. Now the State is in the middle of implementing the associated regulations, and unemployment stands at 12.4%. Even though AB 32 has intentions to protect the environment, the negative impacts it will have on consumers and businesses will only exacerbate our economic woes.

Mandatory caps on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will begin in 2012 for significant GHG sources. AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to measure the greenhouse gas emissions of the industries it determines to be significant GHG sources. Manufacturers, cement plants, oil refineries, utilities and other industries will be asked to start lowering their emissions or pay for the carbon they emit to meet the 2020 goals. Electricity rates and gasoline bills will go up when the expenses of oil companies and utilities rise to comply with the law. Given California's economy and many people struggling, now is not the time to introduce costly new regulations.

AB 32 gives the Governor the ability to suspend the emissions caps and regulations for up to one year in case of an emergency or significant economic harm. Staff recommends that the Council consider sending a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger urging him to suspend implementation of AB 32 until the economy has recovered.

Attachment: Draft Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger

**Recommended Action:**

That the Town Council Send a Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger Requesting Suspension of Implementation of AB 32.

**Proposed by:** Linda Mayfield

**Item Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**T. M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgeted Item**  Yes  No  N/A



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*A Better Way of Life*

February 23, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Town of Apple Valley is requesting your consideration of suspending implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) of 2006 until the economy has recovered.

The Town of Apple Valley supports sensible implementation of AB 32 to lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, but at the same time is sensitive to the significant negative economic impacts AB 32 will have on consumers and businesses. We are very concerned about the potential impacts of the full implementation of AB 32 and believe that now – during the worst economic climate since the Great Depression – is not the appropriate time. The economy will not improve and create new jobs by requiring businesses to comply with new regulations.

AB 32 was signed into law during a robust economy; however, implementing it during these challenging times will only exacerbate our economic woes. AB 32 mandates will lead to higher energy costs at a time when we can least afford them. Given the state of California's economy, Californians are struggling to keep their homes and provide for their families. Now is not the time to introduce costly new regulations.

The Town of Apple Valley appreciates your consideration of the issues facing local governments. The Apple Valley Town Council urges you to exercise your power to suspend further implementation of AB 32 until the economy has recovered. We look forward to working with you to build an economically viable California.

Sincerely,

Peter Allan  
*Mayor, Town of Apple Valley*

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cc: Senator George Runner  
Assemblyman Anthony Adams