

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Environmental Protection Agency works to restore, protect and enhance environmental quality. The agency coordinates state environmental regulatory programs and ensures fair and consistent enforcement of environmental law.

The Budget includes total funding of \$1.6 billion (\$42.4 million General Fund and \$1.5 billion other funds) for all programs included in this Agency.

AIR RESOURCES BOARD

The Air Resources Board has primary responsibility for protecting air quality in California as well as implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

OTHER CHANGE:

- Investing in Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions—The Cap and Trade program is a key element in the state climate plan. It sets a statewide limit on the sources of greenhouse gases (GHG) responsible for 85 percent of California GHG emissions. In 2012-13, through the Cap and Trade program, the Air Resources Board will begin auctioning GHG emission allowances as a market-based compliance mechanism authorized by AB 32. The auctions will generate substantial funds to support existing and new efforts to address the causes of GHG emissions. Proceeds from the Cap and Trade auctions are expected to be \$1 billion in the first year of the program.

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The Budget includes authority for the state to expend at least \$500 million in Cap and Trade auction proceeds consistent with AB 32.

DEPARTMENT OF TOXICS SUBSTANCES CONTROL

The Department of Toxic Substances Control protects California residents and the environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances through restoring contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation, and pollution prevention.

OTHER CHANGE:

- *Toxic Substances Control Account Reductions*—The Budget includes a decrease of \$9.1 million and 24 positions in 2012-13 and \$12.6 million and 59.8 positions ongoing to align expenditure authority with projected revenues. These actions will bring the account into structural balance while providing resources to implement high-priority activities under the Safer Consumer Products Program.