

Multi-State

On July 18, 2007 the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Board of Directors passed a climate change resolution. It urges Congress to ensure that any climate change legislation is economy-wide, transparent, and flexible, and that any such legislation not preempt any existing State programs. Also, it states that potential legislation should not adversely impact electric and natural gas system reliability nor impose undue cost burdens on ratepayers.

<http://www.naruc.org/displayindustryarticle.cfm?articlenbr=34162&startrec=1>

On August 22, 2007 the **Western Climate Initiative** (WCI) set an overall regional goal of reducing greenhouse gases by 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. The goal does not replace the partners' existing goals. British Columbia, Manitoba and Utah have joined WCI. In addition, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Sonora, and Wyoming are observers.

GHG Reduction Goal Statement: [Click here for a copy](#)

On May 8, 2007 the **Climate Registry** was formed. The registry is a tool to measure, track, verify and publicly report GHG emissions accurately, transparently and consistently across borders and industry sectors. This is a critical first step in developing robust programs to reduce GHG emissions. The Registry will support voluntary, market-based and regulatory GHG emissions reporting programs. Western state and provincial members include: Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

www.theclimateregistry.org

Western Regional Climate Action Initiative

<http://az.gov/webapp/portal/displaycontent.jsp?id=5419&contenttype=news>

On February 26, 2007, the governors of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington announced the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative. The governors agreed to: "collaborate in identifying, evaluating and implementing ways to reduce GHG emissions in our states collectively and to achieve related co-benefits. This collaboration shall include, but is not limited to:

- Setting an overall regional goal, within six months of the effective date of this initiative, to reduce emissions from our states collectively, consistent with state-by-state goals;
- Developing, within eighteen months of the effective date of this agreement, a design for a regional market-based multi-sector mechanism, such as a load-based cap and trade program, to achieve the regional GHG reduction goal; and
- Participating in a multi-state GHG registry to enable tracking, management, and crediting for entities that reduce GHG emissions, consistent with state GHG reporting mechanisms and requirements."

The governors also extended an invitation to other states, tribes, Canadian provinces, and Mexican states to join the initiative.

Governor to sign five-state agreement – National Release
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Western Governors' Association

[Regional and National Policies Regarding Global Climate Change](#)

Policy Resolution 06-3, adopted June 2006

Western PUC Joint Action Framework on Climate Change

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/eeworkshop/JAFoCC.htm>

On December 1, 2006 four state PUCs (CA, NM, OR, WA) agreed to a strong commitment to regional cooperation to address climate change. It reflects shared principles to act on the development and use of low carbon technologies and renewable energy resources, and promote energy efficiency, conservation and demand response programs.

West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative

<http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/westcoast/index.html>

In 2004, the Governor's of OR, WA, and CA agreed to work together on a series of recommendations including:

1. Set new targets for improvement in performance in average annual state fleet greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Collaborate on the purchase of hybrid vehicles.
3. Establish a plan for the deployment of electrification technologies at truck stops in each state on the I-5 corridor, on the outskirts of major urban areas, and on other major interstate routes.
4. Set goals and implement strategies and incentives to increase retail energy sales from renewable resources by one percent or more annually in each state through 2015.
5. Adopt energy efficiency standards for eight to 14 products not regulated by the federal government, establishing a cost-effective efficiency threshold for all products sold on the West Coast.
6. Incorporate aggressive energy efficiency measures into updates of state building

energy codes, with a goal of achieving at least 15 percent cumulative savings by 2015 in each state.

There were also four areas highlighted as holding the most promise for achieving greenhouse gas reductions

- * Adopt comprehensive state and regional goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions;
- * Adopt standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles;
- * Develop a market-based carbon allowance program; and,
- * Expand the markets for energy efficiency, renewable resources, and alternative fuels.

Southwest Climate Change Initiative

<http://www.azclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O40F8085.pdf>

In February 2006, the governors of Arizona and New Mexico established the Southwest Initiative in order to collaborate on a number of climate change-related actions. This includes: development of consistent approaches for measuring, forecasting and reporting greenhouse gas emissions; giving credit for greenhouse gas reduction actions; identifying options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; promoting climate change mitigation actions, energy efficient technologies and clean and renewable energy sources that enhance economic growth; and advocating for regional and national climate policies that reflect the needs and interests of Southwestern states.

Governor Napolitano's press release:

<http://www.azclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O40F8086.pdf>

Governor Richardson's press release:

www.governor.state.nm.us/press/2006/feb/022806_01.pdf

Western Regional Air Partnership

<http://www.wrapair.org/>

Greenhouse Gas Registry

State Emissions of GHG

West Coast Carbon Sequestration Partnership

(Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Alaska)

Carbon Atlas -- GIS mapping of GHG sources and potential sinks

<http://www.westcarb.org/carbonatlas.htm>

Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership

(Idaho, Montana, Wyoming)

Carbon Atlas -- GIS mapping of GHG sources and potential sinks

<http://carbonatlas.bigskyco2.org/>

Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership

(Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan)

Carbon Atlas -- GIS mapping of GHG sources and potential sinks

<http://www.undeerc.org/pcor/profile.asp>

Southwest Regional Partnership on Carbon Sequestration

(Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Utah, and portions of Kansas, Nevada, Texas, and Wyoming)

<http://www.southwestcarbonpartnership.org/index.html>

Cool Mayors for Climate Protection

<http://coolmayors.org/common/11061/?clientID=11061>