

2008 YEAR-END REPORT

Accomplishments, Products, Advocacy Action

ENERGY-CLIMATE COMMITTEE, CNRCC SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA

AB 32 Global Warming Campaign

1. Prepared SCC "White Paper" to California Air Resources Board, "Recommendations Regarding Implementation of AB 32 to Achieve Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions", May, 13, 2008 (23 pages)
2. Meeting of Bill Magavern and Committee members with ten CARB staff members, May 23, 2008.
3. Global Warming Action Coalition: Outreach Calls with Committee members, June-July 2008.
4. Analyzed CARB's AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan and prepared Talking Points for Sierrans, July 11, 2008 (eight pages). Enlisted more than 20 Club volunteers to attend and testify at five CARB Plan hearings. Committee members attended several CARB AB 32 workshops before release of Draft Scoping Plan.
5. Prepared Sierra Club California's Comments on AB 32 Proposed Scoping Plan, submitted July 31, 2008 (14 pages)
6. Analyzed CARB's AB 32 Proposed Scoping Plan and prepared Sierra Club California's Comments, submitted November 19, 2008 (25 pages)
7. Testified in-person for Sierra Club California at CARB Board Meeting November 20-21, 2008 (SCC Director and a Committee member)
8. Sierra Club California in-person testimony before the Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee (ETAAC) on Economic Benefits of GHG Reductions , December 5, 2008 (This is one of two advisory committees created by CARB to support AB 32 policy/rule-creation and implementation efforts).
9. Meeting of Committee volunteers with State Deputy Attorney General and Special Assistant for Climate on Clean Energy Issues, February 15, 2008
10. Prepared analysis of Cap-and-Trade vs. Carbon fees (Freehling/Stewart, Dec. 13, 2008)

Feed-In Tariffs

11. Prepared Sierra Club California's Letter to California Energy Commission on Feed-In Tariffs, October 10, 2008 (three pages). Committee member participated in CEC FiT workshop.
12. Prepared and presented Sierra Club California's Comments to California Energy Commission on Feed-In Tariffs, December 10, 2008 (three pages)

13. Sierra Club California in-person testimony before the California Energy Committee Feed-In Tariff meeting on December 1, 2008.

Reform of Renewables Portfolio Standard

14. Contributed to preparation of letter to Governor and Legislative Leaders on Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Reform, July 24, 2008 (five pages)

15. Prepared analysis of “options for increasing the reliability of a renewable electric power system.” (Freehling, Dec. 26, 2008)

Intra-Club Policies, Positions and Programs

16. Prepared written Reports to CNRCC and SCC on energy-climate issues -- January 12, March 14, July 19, September 12, 2008

17. Organized Symposium on Climate-Energy at SCC Convention and San Luis Obispo Zero Waste Carbon Reduction Tour, June 21, 2008

18. Prepared and advocated CNRCC Resolutions opposing Props 7, 10, and Delaware Chapter request for reassessment of 2% solution, – all 3 passed September 12, 2008

19. Meetings with Promoters of Prop 7 -- March 18, July 7, 2008

20. Letter to Promoters of Prop 7 -- February 11, 2008 (four pages)

21. SCC Open Letter on Prop 7, June 11, 2008 (seven pages)

22. Meeting with Promoters of Prop 10 -- June 26, 2008

23. Letter to Promoters of Prop 10 -- June 12, 2008 (three pages)

24. Presented Club positions opposing Props 7, 10 to numerous audiences across the state from September - November 4, 2008, when voters rejected Props 7 and 10

25. Prepared Ten Reasons SC Should Not Endorse Pickens Plan, September 7, 2008, approved by CNRCC September 12.

26. Sent CNRCC Letter to national Sierra Board of Directors on T. Boone Pickens Issues, September 15, 2008

27. Sent CNRCC Follow-up Letter to national SC BoD on T. Boone Pickens Issues, December 8, 2008.

28. Prepared Three Proposed Draft Resolutions for CNRCC, December 19, 2008

- a. “Carbon Free, Nuclear Free” Endorsement
- b. “No More Natural Gas Plants”

c. "Climate Bonds Initiative"

29. Drafted Talking Points on national Sierra Club's Business Partnerships Task Force, December 2008 for Sierra Club members to post on national Clubhouse web page. Drafted proposed CNRCC Resolution, sent resolution to California Sierra Club's Executive Committee.

30. Prepared and circulated advisory paper: "Why Natural Gas Isn't an Alternative to Coal in California", December 29, 2008

Transmission Lines and Remote Renewables

31. Prepared "Assessing the Need for Solar Thermal Plants in California", working paper, June 4, 2008 (R. Freehling, six pages)

Clean Fuels and Vehicles

32. ZEV Vehicles, conferred with CARB Staffers (June, 2008)

33. Prepared Letter to CARB on ZEV Testing Program, July 31, 2008 (two pages)

34. Submitted comments to CEC on ZEVs (Boschert)

Carbon Sequestration

35. Prepared Joint SCC-national SC Energy Committee Comments to national EPA on carbon sequestration, December 1, 2008 (13 pages)

National U.S. Energy Policy

36. Prepared CNRCC Energy Recommendations for Obama Team, December 2, 2008 (three pages) that were forwarded through national Sierra Club transition entity.

Outreach and Education

37. Contributed to Cal Activist Alerts on CARB Advocacy to State Sierrans (partial list below)
--Your Action Needed NOW to Limit Emission Offsets, June 2008
--Take Action On Global Warming, July 2008
--Seize The Moment On Global Warming, Dec. 2008

38. Prepared SCC Op-Ed, CARB AB 32 Scoping Plan, October 15, 2008 (Committee's Kathy Seal co-drafted)

39. Promoted Global Warming Action on Facebook Project (Kathy Seal)

40 Supported objections filed by Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility to Southern California Edison request to CPUC for \$17 million to study a 20-year extension to San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

41. Committee members did numerous speaking engagements on Energy-Climate issues to Club groups, as well as other audiences.
42. Analyzed scientific papers on Global Warming and prepared summaries, including, “Arctic Methane Time Bomb Starting to Go Off” (Stewart, October 6, 2008)
43. Participated in Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC) meetings/conference calls.
44. Participated in State Lobby Day August 10-11. Presented info on Global Warming to State legislators.
45. Worked with other California Club entities on Energy-Climate issues, including the Desert Committee, Air Quality Committee, Legislative Committee, etc.
46. Contributed to “Garbage as a Renewable Energy Source” (Schneider, et al, Sep. 30, 2008).
47. Supported local chapter efforts on Cool Cities and other Energy-Climate issues.
48. Committee prepared “Draft Advisory on Corn Ethanol”, Sierra Club California, August 26, 2008.
49. Wrote Op-ed, published in San Diego Union Tribune, "A Call for All to Contribute to California's Efforts", December 11, 2008 (Kathy Seal)
50. Wrote or aided in the printing of many articles on energy-climate issues in Sierra Club chapter newsletters across the state. One example is the list below:

Energy-Climate-related Articles in Southern Sierran in 2008, Angeles Chapter Newspaper

January 2008

LA County Green Building Program Needs Your Support: Take Action, by Jim Stewart
I Resolve to Be Greener This Year, by Michelle MocarSKI

February 2008

SOS: Restore Earth’s Balance – Become Carbon Neutral, by Jim Stewart

March 2008

A New Standard for Sustainability: L.A.’s Green Building Program, by Lore PékruL
Green Building Committee Backs County Proposals, by Andy Selsor

April 2008

Chapter Opposes Ratepayers Paying for Study to Extend Life of San Onofre Nuclear Plant by Rochelle Becker and Jim Stewart
Striving for Truly Green Growth, by Tom Politeo

May 2008

What YOU Can Do To Stop Global Warming, by Kathy Seal

June 2008

How One member Got Greener: Get Around Without a Car, by Louise Vien

July 2008

Help Save the Planet from Special Interests: Take Action Against Global Warming on July 8, 2008, by Kathy Seal and Jim Stewart

Chart of Projected Global Warming Emissions Under business-as-Usual vs. Emissions Targets in the Safe Climate Act (HR 1590, Waxman)

August 2008

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint: Say NO to Bottled Water, by Vicki Lee

Let's confront climate change and build a "Cool Cities" Waterfront, by Tom Politeo

September 2008

Endangered Species and Wildlife Committee Conference on how Global Climate Changes will affect wildlife and wild habitat, by Rosemarie White

October 2008

Yes on Prop 1A, by Stuart Cohen

No on Prop 7, by Jim Metropulos

No on Prop 10, by Jim Metropulos

November 2008

Take Action on Global Warming: How You Can Influence Our State's Solutions, by Kathy Seal

December 2008

How California Can Achieve a 33% Standard for Clean Renewable Power, by Jim Metropulos

Articles In "Yodeler", Newspaper of SF Bay Chapter

Three articles on Community Choice Electricity Aggregation.

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