



## **State Initiatives Task Force 2008 Accomplishments and Advocacy**

### **2008 Objectives**

- Work with California and Western Climate Initiative (WCI) on policy implementation.
- Secure allowance value for clean energy and energy efficiency through RGGI.

### **2008 Accomplishments**

- Inclusion of offsets program in WCI design recommendations: up to 49% of required reductions allowed from offsets between 2012-2020; no restrictions on voluntary offset market; offset credits allowed from developing countries through use of Clean Development Mechanism.
- A portion of the value represented by each WCI Partner jurisdiction's allowance budget will be dedicated to energy efficiency and renewable energy incentives and achievement; research development, demonstrations, and deployment (RDD&D) with particular reference to renewable energy generation, transmission and storage; and energy efficiency, in addition to carbon capture & sequestration, and for other uses.
- Further developed relationships with staff from key states and advancement of Council policy priorities.
- Defeat of AB1851 (SB1762) in the California State legislature, which would have had a detrimental effect on the voluntary offset market in California, and would have superimposed Court authority over how to implement AB32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act) and the compliance market. The legislation would have also had the unintended effect of regulating the marketing and distribution of voluntary Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).

### **Advocacy in Support of Council's Policy Priorities in Western Climate Initiative**

- Comments to WCI on Allocation Design Issues, February 1, 2008.
- Comments to WCI on Offsets Design Issues, February 1, 2008.

- Comments to WCI on Draft Allocation Design Recommendations, April 16, 2008.
- Comments to WCI on Draft Offsets Design Recommendations, April 16, 2008.
- Comments to WCI on Draft Design Recommendations on Elements of the Cap-and-Trade, Draft Recommendations on Offsets, June 6, 2008.
- Comments to WCI on Draft Design Recommendations on Elements of the Cap-and-Trade, Draft Allocations Recommendations, June 2008.
- Comments to WCI on Draft Design of the Regional Cap and Trade Program, August 13, 2008.

#### Advocacy in Support of Council's Policy Priorities in California AB32

- Comments on California Draft Climate Change Scoping Plan, A *Framework for Change*, August 11, 2008.
- Sponsored two congressional staff briefings in Washington, DC on State Programs, including:
  1. State and Regional Climate Change Initiatives: What You Need to Know as the States Move Forward, June 27, 2008.
  2. The California Global Warming Solutions Act, What Can Congress Learn from the California Experience?, July 29, 2008.

#### Advocacy in Support of Council's Position on California State Legislation Regarding Voluntary Renewable Energy Credit (REC) and Offsets Markets

- Letter to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California State Senator Don Perata and all members of the California State Senate regarding SB1762 and AB1851 and their impact on voluntary renewable energy credit (REC) and offsets markets, August 18, 2008.
- Letter to Assembly member Pedro Nava on AB1851, June 23, 2008.

#### Advocacy in Support of Council's Policy Priorities in RGGI

- Letter to NY and follow up discussions regarding proposed Issue Forum on directing RGGI auction proceeds to benefit clean energy and energy efficiency in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, June 24, 2008.

- Attended 4 Stakeholder meetings at the Maryland Department of the Environment regarding the RGGI auction.