



ADDITIONAL GGRF INVESTMENTS NEEDED FOR EXISTING PROGRAMS IN 2015-16 STATE BUDGET

The Legislature has a tremendous leadership opportunity to significantly augment the Administration’s 2015-16 expenditure proposal for AB 32 auction proceeds by adding to the budget \$700 million for sound, defensible projects in existing programs that combat climate change, create jobs, benefit disadvantaged communities and improve the environment. A \$700 million augmentation to existing programs from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund is still significantly less than the additional revenue projected by the Legislative Analyst’s Office for 2015-16 beyond the Governor’s proposed expenditure plan. This leaves hundreds of millions more in the GGRF to potentially support other priority programs in the transportation, energy, waste reduction and natural resources sectors.

This document represents a united voice from multiple coalitions and organizations that have engaged on this issue for the last several years; and assumes the first 60% of a \$700 million augmentation to the Administration’s proposal would be directed to those programs receiving continuous appropriations as mandated under SB 862. Of this additional \$420 million that would be continuously appropriated to several programs, we specifically encourage the Legislature to augment the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Program to \$34 million (or 10% of total funds allocated through the Strategic Growth Council).

We strongly support and encourage the Legislature to direct the remaining \$280 million from the proposed \$700 million augmentation to the following existing programs already included in the Administration's expenditure plan. Please dedicate additional funds as follows:

\$150 million for low-carbon transportation: rebates, vouchers and grants for clean cars, trucks and buses, advanced technology freight demonstration projects, and mobility options for low-income households.

\$55 million for low-income energy programs: energy efficiency and renewable energy services for low-income households and building owners.

\$50 million for natural resources projects that reduce GHG emissions through carbon sequestration as follows:

- \$20 million to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Wetlands and Watershed Restoration.
- \$15 million to Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for Urban and Community Forestry.
- \$15 million for forest conservation projects.

\$25 million to CalRecycle for waste reduction, composting and recycled content manufacturing projects that cut greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic waste and supporting low carbon manufacturing, to build on the success of the currently oversubscribed program.