

# AWMA Conference

## California's Global Warming Solutions Act: Current Implementation Status and Future Plans

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## Presentation Overview

### OPR's Approach for CEQA Analysis

#### OPR's SB 97 Process

- What SB 97 requires
- OPR 2008 Technical Advisory
- OPR 2009 Preliminary Guideline Amendments

#### OPR Proposed CEQA Guideline Amendments for GHG

- Factors to consider when determining significance
- What CEQA says about thresholds of significance

#### Lead Agency Approaches to Thresholds

- Comparison of different approaches
- What we might expect in the future

## The Backdrop

- Executive Order (2005)
- AB 32 (2006)
- CEQA lawsuits and SB 97 (2007)
- Scoping Plan (2008)
- ARB Regulations
- Air District guidance
- Cities and Counties planning
- Land use and VMT reduction

## Key Issues and Challenges

- Global, cumulative nature of the problem
- Distinctions between AB 32 and CEQA
- CEQA is a mitigation tool for new projects
- What is the threshold of significance??



## OPR's SB 97 Process

- What SB 97 requires
- OPR 2008 Technical Advisory
- OPR 2009 Preliminary Guideline Amendments
- Proposed Amendments delivered to Resources Agency on 4-13-08
- A 16-month process



## OPR Proposed Amendments

- What CEQA says about thresholds of significance
- What OPR suggests as factors to consider for significance

## Lead Agency Approaches

Public Agencies are addressing thresholds

- Comparison of approaches
- Substantial evidence
- Good faith effort

Possible future Thresholds

- Who has the crystal ball?

## 2009 CEQA Rulemaking

- Resources Agency Process
  - Certify and Adopt CEQA Guidelines
  - By January 1, 2010
- Rulemaking Process
  - Formal notices and hearings
  - Agency response to comments
  - Certification and adoption
  - Finally, OAL reviews and approves



## Thank You!

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