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## **Transparency of any results from the emissions crusade**

When will the AQMD provide "transparency" of the results of the emissions crusade?

California's flagship climate change policy Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Initiative was signed into law in 2006 when California was contributing 1% to the world's greenhouse gases. And now, 10 years later, by AVOIDING transparency of the results of the California emissions crusade, the state only focuses on how to spend the cap and trade funds they receive.

Now, a decade later, California still contributes a miniscule 1 percent ( 1%) and has had little to no impact on the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions. With many of the businesses that have departed from California, the contributions to the world's greenhouse gases has actually INCREASED as no other state or country comes close to California which has the most stringent environmental laws and regulations in the world.

California is in a precarious position, being an "energy island" with the Sierra Mountains on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other side. The 40,000,000 million gallons of transportation fuel being consumed EVERY DAY by the present 32 million vehicles are only manufactured here in California by the few refineries that are left, as virtually no other state or country can provide our boutique fuels in a timely manner to California. Sounds like a lot of fuel, but it's just more than 1 gallon per day, per vehicle!

Contributory to the "islands" high cost of fuel is that California's boutique fuels are not manufactured at present in other states or countries, the high California taxes on fuel, and the extra costs for California's emission crusade. There are no pipelines to bring into the state, the energy needed to run the economy. If it were less expensive to import our transportation fuels, it would already be in process.

If and when other states or countries opt to manufacture the California boutique fuels, the results of importing our energy needs via trucks, rail and ships from States and Countries that have less stringent environmental controls than California, would be increases to the world's greenhouse gases, and increases in costs for our transportation fuels, energy, and every product that are the basis of our standard of living for those living in California.

Yet, the state, by avoiding transparency of the results of the California emissions crusade remains on a go-it-alone crusade to micro manage the California emissions that generates billions of dollars for the government at the expense of businesses and the financially challenged. With numerous state government agencies, there is a feeding frenzy on getting a piece of the lucrative cap and trade tax revenue, yet there remains no progress in California reducing its contribution to the World's Greenhouse gases.

When will the AQMD will provide "transparency" of the results of the emissions crusade? The public, especially the homeless and poor that are paying dearly for the emissions crusade efforts of the AQMD deserves to know if there is any progress over the last decade in reducing California's 2006 1% contribution to the world's greenhouse gases.