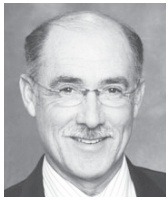




Energy, Water & Environment

The Energy, Water & Environment Committee focuses on sustainable policies to preserve our natural resources and promote economic growth. This includes helping members understand the impact of new rules and regulations to combat climate change, while also working with stakeholders and elected officials to develop sound public policies that will help Southern California meet these important challenges.



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Invest in Southern California clean tech markets

The Energy, Water & Environment Committee will urge the federal government to significantly invest in green and alternative technology. Specifically, the federal government needs to invest in areas with large manufacturing and consumer bases with existing green technology development programs.

Create parity between AB 32 and federal climate legislation

The federal government must develop business friendly climate change rules that allow California businesses already in compliance with AB 32 to easily adhere to federal rules.

Reform the emissions credit offset

The Chamber will work to support new business growth in Southern California's heavily restricted air emissions environment by reforming the emissions credit system and will urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to seek appropriate reforms to the Clean Air Act offset program.

Ensure reliable and safe drinking water supplies for Southern California

The Chamber will work with business and labor organizations statewide to take proactive steps to preserve clean and reliable

water supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Chamber will advocate for implementing strategic Delta levee repair; investing in local groundwater storage; seeking improvements efficiency; and developing an objective, science-based look at a new conveyance system. Habitat must be conserved while still providing consistent water exports.

Track AB 32 implementation at CARB

The Chamber will continue to work with the California Air Resources Board and other state and local agencies to ensure that the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) achieves state greenhouse gas reduction goals while not stifling continued business and employment growth.

Develop local green business resources

The Chamber will work with the City of Los Angeles to help businesses "go green" by providing informational resources on incentives and best practices. The Chamber will work with member businesses, other business organizations, universities and other partners to create a regional consensus on green sector development.