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## **Bay Area Air District supports extension of Cap & Trade program**

*Penalties for regional air quality violations increased under state legislation*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air District supports the extension of California’s Cap & Trade program, the most consequential climate change program in the nation.

Companion legislation, AB 617, will lead to continued public health protection in the Bay Area ensuring air quality improvements in local communities. Additionally, the Cap & Trade legislation provides for long overdue increases in monetary penalties for air pollution violators.

“The Air District is committed to ensuring our local communities continue to see improvements in air quality, and by working together, this legislation will further enable us to make public health gains throughout our region,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer for the Bay Area Air District. “We look forward to working with the governor’s office to secure appropriate funding for air monitoring, community emission reduction plans and updated emission control strategies.”

This legislative package, combined with Bay Area regional efforts, will help continue to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gasses throughout the nine-county region. In implementing this legislation, the Bay Area will continue to work towards our public health and clean air goals in collaboration with local governments, the state and diverse stakeholders.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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