

Climate Action Plans and the State

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Requirements

- No legislatively mandated requirements or definitions for Climate Action Plans
- **Many benefits**
 - General Plans/SB 375
 - Cohesive Local Policies
 - CEQA
 - Cap and Trade/AB 32
- Resources

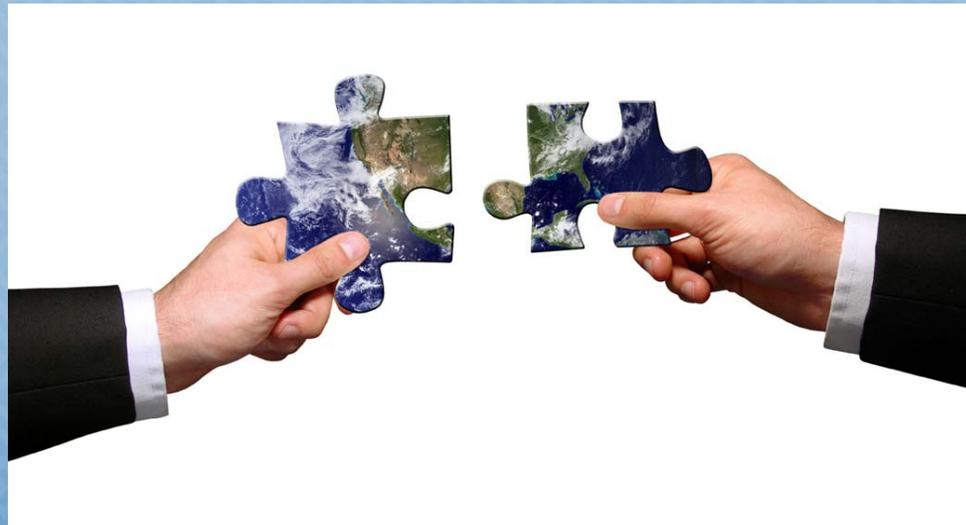


General Plans

- May already contain policies that can address GHG emissions/climate change
 - Promoting Infill
 - Conserving Resources
 - Reducing VMT
 - Improving Transit
- Climate Action Plan should highlight existing policies
 - New policies for meeting new targets

Cohesive Local Policies

- SB 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategies
- Regional Coordination
- Co-benefits



CEQA

- OPR/Natural Resources Agency Adopted SB 97 CEQA Guidelines Amendments
- Plans to Reduce GHG Emissions
- Tiering on Project Level CEQA Documents



AB 32

- Climate Action Plans
 - Record Baseline Emissions
 - Set Local Targets
 - Track reductions
 - Show how a local government is meeting the goals of AB 32

Resources

- State Agency Technical Resources
- CAPCOA
- Funding
 - Strategic Growth Council Planning and Urban Greening Grants
 - U.S. EPA Smart Growth Implementation Award
 - Local Government Framework
 - State Agency Programs

Climate Action Plans

- Important policy collection that has multiple benefits and can help achieve the State's goals and objectives

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