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Comments offered by Ann Hancock, Climate Protection Campaign, at the public workshop on the Development of an Investment Plan for the Auction Proceeds, February 25, 2013, Sacramento:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm#sthash.jZmj0tbg.dpuf>

I speak in strong support of dividends.

In adopting a dividend for the electricity sector, the CPUC wrote:

“Returning revenues equally to all residential customers is more equitable and comports with the idea of common ownership of the atmosphere given that residential ratepayers will ultimately bear the increased costs as a result of the Cap-and-Trade program.”

We need a similar dividend for transportation when this sector comes online in 2015.

Benefits of dividends:

1. Making Californians whole – AB32 revenues don’t materialize out of thin air. They come from Californians paying higher prices.
2. Equity –About 80% of Californians will come out ahead with dividends. Those in lower economic brackets benefit proportionately more.
3. Building durable support for California’s climate legislation. When Californians receive their dividend, the ka-ching gives people a direct climate benefit.

Dividends were recommended by the State’s Economic and Allocations Advisory Committee. “The largest share, roughly 75%, of allowance value should be returned to California households through lump-sum payments.”