



California Legislature

December 11, 2024

Chair Liane Randolph
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CARB's December 5, 2024 Enforcement Notice on the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act

Dear Chair Randolph,

We write to express serious concern about CARB's December 5 Enforcement Notice on Senate Bill 253, the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act. The Enforcement Notice falls far short of full compliance with the law, and we urge CARB to take immediate action to comply fully and to clarify that it will issue implementing regulations by the already-extended July 1, 2025, statutory deadline.

Governor Newsom signed the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act on October 7, 2023. The Legislature then worked with CARB and the Administration to pass Senate Bill 219 in 2024, providing timing and implementation flexibility to CARB, while still maintaining the intent and ambition of the law.

We appreciate that your Enforcement Notice reiterates that the law requires that covered companies must begin reporting in 2026. It is vital that California provide clear signals to the business community that our state remains committed to pursuing emissions transparency through a robust disclosure regime on the timeline enacted in 2023. However, the Notice does not appear to require full compliance with the law, which is unacceptable.

We also are beyond frustrated at the lack of progress CARB has made to implement the legislation. The 2024-25 budget, passed in June, appropriated \$8.4 million earmarked for implementing these laws, mainly hiring of staff to craft the regulation. Unfortunately, six months later, CARB has yet to post a job description on CalCareers.ca.gov for that new staffing.

As we prepare for a new federal Administration that has expressed open hostility to climate action in general and corporate emissions disclosure requirements specifically, it is critical that this landmark policy proceed in a robust and timely manner to preserve California's historic role as a leader and a backstop in the fight against the climate crisis.

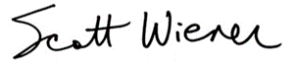
We do not ask for a written response to this letter. We instead ask for fast action and marked progress towards implementing the law. We will be closely monitoring CARB's progress in hiring the staff needed to implement the law, and taking other public steps to promulgate regulations to implement SB 253 according to the timeline established in statute. Should we fail to see timely action on these critical steps, we will look to bring CARB leadership before the Legislature for Oversight hearings in 2025.

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Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District



Henry Stern
Senator, 27th District