



# Welcome to the Call

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Group Meetings from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Pacific**  
Call from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Pacific** (1:00 PM EST)

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Our Speakers are Laurie Williams, Danny Richter, and Sandy Kirtland. All three were presenters during our National Conference in Washington, D.C. Laurie Williams — producer of the video, [“The Huge Mistake”](#) — will brief us on her recently initiated whistleblower action regarding greenhouse gas offsets.

Previous National calls have focused on CO2 reductions, but other potent greenhouse gases (GHGs) need to be addressed to achieve a sustainable climate. Mr. Richter and Ms. Kirtland will address the sources and impacts of the other GHGs.

## Action:

- 1) Prepare and practice for your face to face meeting with your elected officials, House and Senate, during the August Recess from August 9<sup>th</sup> – September 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ask your members of the House, and members of adjoining Districts to **co-sponsor** the Carbon Fee and Dividend Act. We are especially interested in obtaining Republican original co-sponsors.
  - Ask your two Senators to **introduce** the Carbon Fee and Dividend Act.
- 2) Look at the websites of your members of the House and Senate for public meetings. Attend those gatherings and ask questions.

## A fresh approach on climate change

Senate leadership has pulled the plug on climate legislation because they don't have the 60 votes needed for passage. It's time, therefore, to go to work on Plan B.

We need a bill that will:

- Have bipartisan appeal.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions further than the proposals that are currently being offered.
- Be simple and transparent.
- Create new jobs.
- Reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

We know of an approach that can accomplish all these things. It's called Carbon Fee and Dividend. Here's how it works:

- A direct fee is placed on carbon-based fuels at the source (well, mine, port of entry).
- That fee increases steadily each year so that clean energy is cheaper than fossil fuels within a decade.
- 100 percent of the carbon fee revenue is returned to all Americans equitably.
- With the "carbon dividend," 70 percent of all households would receive more than they would pay for the increased cost of energy.
- A predictably increasing carbon price will unleash entrepreneurs in the new clean-energy economy.

Congressman [Congresswoman or Senator], will you sponsor this legislation in the next Congress?