The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is preparing an Environmental Goals and Policy Report (EGPR) for California. The EGPR will provide an overview of the state’s environmental goals, keys steps to achieving these goals, and develop a framework of metrics and indicators to help inform decision making, at all levels, to help track progress toward reaching these goals.

California has established a series of ambitious environmental goals (e.g., the Renewable Portfolio Standard and the greenhouse gas emission reduction goals), including efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, develop a clean economy, and provide clean air and water for all residents. By 2050, California will have reached a population of 50 million residents. The decisions that are made to accommodate this growth need to be made with the achievement of these environmental goals in mind.

OPR is seeking to prepare an EGPR that is aspirational and forward-looking, broad and inclusive, and engaging and interactive. To do this, we will be reaching out to decision makers and stakeholders at the state, regional and local levels to help define the environmental goals and identify key steps for achieving them. We will also be working with experts and stakeholders from all regions of the state to identify and develop key metrics and indicators. These metrics and indicators can then be used to inform policy and investment decisions to be consistent with the state’s environmental goals.

In the spring of 2013, we will hold workshops and meetings around the state to inform this effort.

This effort will be conducted throughout 2012 and 2013. Please subscribe to the EGPR list-serve to receive updates on EGPR activities. To learn more and view progress updates, visit the EGPR webpage.

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2 EGPR Requirements are contained in California Government Code, Section 65041.

3 State Planning Priorities are contained in California Government Code Section 65041.1