



MANITOBA



CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Memorandum of Understanding
BETWEEN
THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA,
AND
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and the State of California (hereafter referred to as the “Participants”) are signatories to the Climate Leaders’ Declaration, signed in Montréal, Québec, in 2005, which recognized that “climate change is an urgent global problem that requires a co-ordinated, collaborative response to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the benefit of present and future generations”;

WHEREAS the Declaration sets out the intention of the signatories to (among other actions):

- Set achievable short- and long-term targets and objectives within each jurisdiction for overall emission reductions through a range of solutions including, but not limited to, market mechanisms, improved energy efficiency, new industrial processes and technologies, sustainable transportation, sustainable agriculture and forestry practices, better waste management, and the use and promotion of cleaner and greener forms of energy.
- Pursue the development, exchange and implementation of best practices and strategies on emission reduction and working collaboratively with other jurisdictions to commercialize clean technologies that will be needed to bring about greater emissions reductions.

THEREFORE, in the spirit of this Declaration, the Participants have decided to work co-operatively to the fullest possible extent, consistent with the laws and existing treaties between their respective nations, to advance greenhouse gas emission reductions, particularly in the areas of clean energy, sustainable transportation and sustainable agriculture. In so doing, the Participants intend to work in consultation with the California Air Resources Board and the California Climate Action Registry.

SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION:

The Participants recognize the benefits of ongoing, regular contact between their respective governments and the instrumentalities under their control with the aim of increasing the identification of areas of joint formal and informal co-operation.



For its part, Manitoba intends to adopt legislation and/or regulations to continue to support greenhouse gas reduction goals and to enable credit trading opportunities, particularly for sustainable on-farm practices. The Participants intend to work together to explore credit trading opportunities, initially focusing on offset credit trading protocols for Livestock Management.

The Participants intend to continue to work together to enhance business and trade partnerships to advance low- and no-emissions vehicle technology including, but not limited to:

- a. hybrid and hydrogen bus development; and
- b. the plug-in hybrid vehicle.

The Participants intend to continue the sharing of best practices, to the extent allowed by law, in Climate Change mitigation including:

- a. renewable energy technology, and, in particular, exchanging Manitoba expertise in geothermal technologies with California expertise in solar power technologies;
- b. residential and commercial building efficiency;
- c. waste minimization; and
- d. transportation and agricultural initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Participants intend to continue to build public awareness on climate impacts and adaptation in both jurisdictions.

LIMITATIONS

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to be legally binding or to impose legal obligations on either Participant and will have no legal effect.

Neither Participant is responsible for the actions of third parties or associates who may be involved in activities outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.



DURATION AND ENTRY INTO EFFECT

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect for five years from that date, unless extended by mutual agreement in writing by both Participants.

Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding require written approval of both Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated upon ninety days' written notice, by either Participant.

Signed in Los Angeles, California, in duplicate on the _____ day of December 2006.

For the State of California

For Manitoba

Original Signed By _____

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor of California

or his designate

Linda S. Adams

Secretary of the Environment

California Environmental

Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)

Original Signed By _____

The Honourable Gary Doer

Premier

Province of Manitoba