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### GOVERNOR DAVIS APPLAUDS CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY FOR NATION'S FIRST GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING STANDARDS 6/26/2002

California Spearheads Nation in Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions

#### **SACRAMENTO**

Governor Gray Davis today applauded the California Climate Action Registry's Board of Directors for adopting far-reaching policies for reporting and certifying greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions today.

"This important step puts California at the forefront in the battle against global warming," Gov. Davis said. "By taking this step, the Registry becomes the nation's first organization to set in place standardized procedures for businesses, corporations and other organizations to monitor their greenhouse emissions, which contribute to global warming."

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit organization supported by businesses, environmental groups and the State of California. It offers an opportunity for organizations to document their GHG emissions, learn reduction strategies, and protect their early actions. The California Climate Action Registry accepts GHG emissions data for companies and other California, or nationwide, organizations.

Gov. Davis signed legislation (SB 1771) authored by Sen. Byron Sher (D-Palo Alto) that set up the Registry in September 2000 and announced the appointment of its board members in September 2001.

The policies adopted by the Registry board today are based upon guidance from the California Energy Commission (CEC), the state's primary energy policy planning agency. The CEC used both California statute and international standards in modeling their recommendations, which were issued earlier this month. The reporting criteria include registering all activities of an organization or business (not just a specific project) and require third-party certification of emissions data.

"Unlike other registries being developed in other states or at the federal level, the reporting criteria adopted by the California Registry are consistent, credible, and

transparent," said Secretary for Resources Mary D. Nichols, who is the Chair of the Registry's Board. "As a result, registrants will gain early acceptance, be prepared to take part in a potential emissions trading market, and have a place at the table to influence policy on future decisions regarding climate change and GHG emissions."

For more information on the Registry, visit its Web site at [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org).