

Department of Fish and Game

DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN

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To: All Department Staff

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From: John McCamman, Director

Subject: Department-Wide Implementation of DFG Director's bulletin on Reducing our Carbon Footprint.

Climate change continues to be one of the greatest threats, both state-wide and globally, to fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Leaders from around the globe recently convened in Copenhagen to reiterate their commitment to working together to address climate change on a global scale and the State of California has been steadfast in its efforts to aggressively take on the issue. The Department is keeping pace with these efforts to insure that safeguarding the State's natural resources are prominent in the discussion happening at local, regional, and national scales. Even in tough fiscal times the Department's role as a leader on this issue has been demonstrated repeatedly and we continue to make great strides on issues related to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

In October 2009, the Department unveiled a document entitled: DFG Going Green: reducing our Carbon Footprint, posted on the DFG webpage: www.dfg.ca.gov/climatechange/activites.html. I am committed to continuing to follow through with this vision and will be convening a work group who will be responsible for implementing actions identified in the document that will keep the Department on a path to reducing our carbon footprint. Specifically, the group will be identifying measures that the Department can immediately and feasibly implement to reduce our contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.

The work group will be led by Sandra Morey, Acting Deputy Director for the Ecosystem Conservation Division with support from Amber Pairis, the Department's Climate Change Advisor. The group will be composed of representatives from the regions and branches and will base its initial focus on the "DFG Going Green" document that reflects the contributions and innovative thinking of many Department staff. Notably, the Department's efforts to date to register our emissions data with the Climate Action Registry will provide a baseline against which we can measure the success of our implementation efforts.

All Department staff are expected to read the DFG Going Green Report, and to help implement it to the maximum extent practicable. If you are interested in contributing to the work group's efforts or serving as a core work group member please contact Amber Pairis at apairis@dfg.ca.gov.