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Global Warming Survey – Statewide Results –

(N = 493)

- 1. In 2006 California passed a new law that requires the state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming by about 17 percent over the next ten years. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose this law? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE:) Do you (favor) (oppose) it strongly or somewhat?
- 2. To encourage businesses like power plants and factories to reduce their emissions, California has proposed creating an emissions trading program. Under this proposal these businesses would be required to obtain tradable permits to continue emitting greenhouse gas emissions. But, each year the total number of permits would be reduced, thereby reducing pollution over time. Do you favor or oppose this proposal? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE:) Do you (favor) (oppose) it strongly or somewhat?
- 3. One unresolved issue is how to distribute the permits to businesses that would be regulated under this program. Some have proposed distributing the permits for free so that California businesses would not need to absorb any new costs. Others have proposed requiring businesses to buy these permits in an auction, allowing the state to then use the money to either lower taxes or supplement the amount of money available to existing government programs, or both. Would you rather that the permits be distributed to businesses for free or that businesses be required to buy them in an auction?
- 4. If the state did require businesses to buy permits in an auction, would you rather that the money collected from this auction be returned to state residents or be used to reduce the amount of cuts being made to services because of the current state budget deficit?

FAVOR STRONGLY	.44%]
FAVOR STRONGLY FAVOR SOMEWHAT	. 22	} 66%
OPPOSE SOMEWHAT	9) ₂₅
OPPOSE SOMEWHAT OPPOSE STRONGLY	. 16	} ²⁵
NO OPINION	9	

FAVOR STRONGLY	34%	
FAVOR STRONGLY FAVOR SOMEWHAT	30	} 64%
OPPOSE SOMEWHAT OPPOSE STRONGLY	9	l 27
OPPOSE STRONGLY	18	j21
NO OPINION	9	

DISTRIBUTE FOR FREE	52%
REQUIRE THEM TO BE BOUGHT	35
NO OPINION	13

RETURNED TO RESIDENTS	.39%
REDUCE CUTS TO SERVICES	. 54
BOTH (VOLUNTEERED)	*
NO OPINION	

5. There are different ways that the state could give back to California residents the fees it collects from those who emit greenhouse gases. I am going to read some of them, and please tell me whether you favor or oppose each as a way of returning the fees it collects back to state residents. (**READ ITEMS IN RANDOM ORDER, ASKING:**) Do you favor or oppose this method?

		50/05		NO
		FAVOR	<u>OPPOSE</u>	OPINION
()a.	mail every Californian a share of the proceeds in the form of an			
. ,	annual check	46%	50	4
()b	give taxpayers a tax rebate when they file their state income taxes	69%	24	7
() C.	reduce the state sales tax	63%	33	4
() d.	return proceeds to electricity consumers to offset any possible			
()	increase in their bills	66%	27	7

6. Which of the four methods of returning the fees collected back to state residents would you support the <u>most</u>? (RE-READ CATEGORIES IN RANDOM ORDER)

()	mailing an annual check to every Californian	. 14%
()	giving taxpayers a tax rebate when they file their state income taxes	. 33
()	reducing the state sales tax	. 27
()	offset any possible increases in consumer electricity bills	.21
	NO OPINION	5

7. What if the state offered to increase the amount of money it would give back to residents if the money was spent on purchasing energy efficient appliances or home improvements? Would you favor or oppose this method?

OPPOSE	28
NO OPINION	4

- 8. What if the cost of achieving the goal of reduced greenhouse gas emissions ended up increasing your own household's energy bills by about 5%? If this were to occur, would you favor or oppose going forward with this program? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE:) Do you (favor) (oppose) it strongly or somewhat?
- 9. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with the following statement: "I believe California can reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming and expand jobs and economic prosperity at the same time."

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FAVOR STRONGLY FAVOR SOMEWHAT	22 } ^{48%}
OPPOSE SOMEWHAT OPPOSE STRONGLY	13 <u>\</u> ⊿o
OPPOSE STRONGLY	35 ∫ ⁴⁰
NO OPINION	4

AGREE STRONGLY	.45%	
AGREE STRONGLY	. 28	<i>}7</i> 3%
DISAGREE SOMEWHAT	7	122
DISAGREE SOMEWHAT DISAGREE STRONGLY	. 16	<i>f</i> ²³
NO OPINION	4	