

FACT SHEET: WHAT IS CARB?

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is an unelected and unaccountable bureaucracy that will impose unprecedented limits on our economy and our freedoms if not stopped

Government intrusion

Taxes on vehicles CARB does not approve of
 CARB plans to institute “feebates” (taxes) on vehicles they deem to cause global warming. Trucks, minivans, SUV’s, and sports cars are likely to be targeted.

Imprisonment for not inflating your tires
 CARB proposed regulations requiring that your car tire pressure be checked to make sure they are at a state-mandate pressure. Before this proposal was withdrawn, CARB’s proposed punishment for noncompliance was a \$1000 fine and 6 months imprisonment.

Government control of your thermostat
 CARB has enacted regulations beginning next year that will put programmable thermostats into every new home and into the homes of those who choose to replace their furnace.



Bureaucratic tyranny

Small fruit and vegetable wholesaler charged massive fine for not filling out a form
 Family-run Nor-Cal produce in West Sacramento did nothing but fail to file a report with CARB. The business was socked with \$43,400 in penalties. CARB eventually reduced the penalty to \$32,550 because of the business’s “cooperative actions.”

Waste, fraud and abuse

“Dr.” Hien Tran fraud
 CARB commissioned a study outlining new diesel regulations that are now devastating California’s trucking industry. The author of the study, “Dr.” Hien Tran was later found to have mail ordered his PhD from a “university” that listed a UPS store as its address. CARB responded by neither firing Tran nor backing away from the study – even though key details of the study have now been found by CARB itself to be incorrect.

\$30 million unaccounted for
 CARB used a \$57 million legislative appropriation to adopt regulations rationing greenhouse gas emissions, but is unwilling to account for how these funds have been used. A bill was introduced to find out how \$30 million in unaccounted for funds were spent, but it was defeated by CARB’s political allies.

Nearly 1200 high paid bureaucrats
 CARB has 1176 employees, and the average salary is over \$85,000 a year. While teachers are being laid off and nearly all agencies face cuts, CARB has added hundreds of new employees.