

## Solutions for AB 32 and SB 375:

- Sustainability is an approach that state and local governments, businesses and organizations are adopting – it's a business model to help reduce dependence on volatility of energy, address needs to improve efficiencies of resources like energy and water, promote new business opportunities for goods and services, and address environmental challenges such as poor air quality that have a high health cost and cause many areas of the state to be out of compliance with air quality standards. The public has voted to support AB 32 and CALED needs to get on board to help transition to a green economy. There are many policy drivers but market forces as well, including companies adopting sustainability plans and changes in demographics, especially for gen yers and baby boomers. Sustainable communities strategies supported by the Strategic Growth Council and Caltrans (regional blueprints) are intended to help up grow more efficiently, use resources more wisely, create new jobs, and increase overall quality of life. Jobs in the core green economy grew in almost all regions faster than the regular sectors.
- State agencies and departments like the Air Resources Board, the Strategic Growth Council, and Caltrans are trying to support communities. Strategic Growth Council has funding for sustainable communities planning and urban greening that can be a resource ([www.sgc.ca.gov](http://www.sgc.ca.gov) <<http://www.sgc.ca.gov/>> ). ARB has a lot of resources to help business, local government, households and institutions make the transition. LaRonda Bowen, the ARB Small Business Ombudsman, is very interested to be of assistance. ARB would like to follow up with CALED to discuss ways to collaborate in reaching the membership.
- A special issue was raised by the Stockton Chamber related to regulations regarding recycling. They are working with Ca. Energy Commission and ARB on a solution. Information will be provided. This is a good example of how CALED members can work with state agencies to help them understand job creation opportunities and make supportive changes to implementing regs.

- The requirements to AB 32 and other environmental requirements poses challenges for local governments and there needs to be further discussion of the issue which CALED can help facilitate.