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Governor Brown's Budget Play Harms Public Health and the Environment

SACRAMENTO—Today Governor Brown released his May revision to the 2013-2014 budget. In it, he shifts half a billion dollars out of the cap and trade funds, as a one-year loan, to the Department of Finance.

Sierra Club California Director Kathryn Phillips released the following statement in response to the Governor's decision:

“This decision will delay opportunities to use those funds to capture critical reductions in global warming pollution at a time when all science shows that we must reduce those emissions as much and as quickly as possible.

“This shift in funds is extraordinarily disappointing. The governor is using bizarre accounting to ‘balance’ the budget and making future generations pay the price with climate disruption.”

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