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CA SB 253 Fact Sheet

Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act

What is the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act?

On October 7th, California Governor Gavin Newsome signed the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act (CA SB 253). The legislation will require both public and private companies meeting revenue requirements and operating in the state of California to report on Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

Who Does CA SB 253 Apply To?

CA SB 253 affects corporations, limited liability companies, other business entities and specified partnerships with total annual revenues greater than \$1 billion that do business in California.

What is the CA SB 253 Assurance Requirement?

CA SB 253 requires reporting companies to obtain an annual assurance report conducted by an independent third-party assurance provider.

The report must be disclosed in a public place that maximizes access for consumers, investors and other stakeholders in a manner that is easily understandable and accessible, such as a company website.

What is the CA SB 253 Framework?

CA SB 253 reporting will use the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHGP) and associated guidance framework.



What is the CA SB 253 Timeline?

- » **2026** Disclosure and limited assurance of scopes 1 and 2 emissions based on 2025 fiscal year.
- » **2027** Disclosure of scope 3 emissions based on 2026 fiscal year.
- » **2030** Companies to obtain reasonable assurance of scopes 1 and 2 emission disclosures and limited assurance over their scope 3 emissions disclosures.

Organizations impacted by CA SB 253 need to start preparing for the California climate disclosure immediately. By properly preparing for the disclosures, your organization will have stronger controls over emission data and reporting and avoid the risks and penalties associated with non-compliance.

How Can Schneider Downs Help?

Schneider Downs can help organizations identify material climate-related financial risks and create an accompanying report in line with Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures TCFD recommendations. In addition, our team can help develop a greenhouse gas inventory and calculation process, as well as eventual limited assurance on the calculations.

If you have any questions about CA SB 253, please our Senior ESG & Sustainability Manager Matt Hartman at contactsd@schneiderdowns.com.

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