

**State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

**Executive Order G-21-113**

**KCAG 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy  
CARB Acceptance of GHG Quantification Determination**

Whereas, SB 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008), also known as the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act, aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicle travel through improved transportation and land use planning at the regional scale;

Whereas, SB 375 requires each of the State's 18 federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG), to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), or an Alternative Planning Strategy that meets the regional GHG emissions reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board);

Whereas, on September 23, 2010, the Board set targets for the KCAG region of a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

Whereas, on October 22, 2015, CARB accepted KCAG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for automobiles and light trucks as meeting the applicable targets in its first SCS, adopted by the KCAG Board of Directors on July 30, 2014;

Whereas, in preparation for its 2018 SCS, KCAG staff engaged the public via online surveys, community outreach events, and public workshops and hearings between November 2017 and May 2018;

Whereas, in June 2018, KCAG published its draft 2018 SCS, which was available for public review through August 8, 2018;

Whereas, on August 22, 2018, KCAG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2018 SCS, known as the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy, with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and a 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

Whereas, KCAG submitted the final 2018 SCS to CARB on December 20, 2019, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on January 29, 2021;

Whereas, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2018 SCS's quantification of the GHG emissions reductions the strategy would achieve and the technical methodology used to obtain that result based on CARB's July 2011

document entitled *Description of Methodology for ARB Staff Review of Greenhouse Gas Reductions from Sustainable Communities Strategies Pursuant to SB 375*;

Whereas, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that KCAG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2018 SCS;

Whereas, CARB staff's evaluation showed KCAG's 2018 SCS, if implemented, would meet the applicable GHG emissions reduction targets that the Board established for the region for 2020 and 2035;

Whereas, CARB staff's technical evaluation of KCAG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Kings County Association of Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, June 2021;

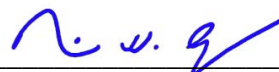
Whereas, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), calls for CARB to accept or reject an MPO's determination that the Sustainable Communities Strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets established by the Board;

Whereas, California Health and Safety Code sections 39515 and 39516 delegate to the Board's Executive Officer the authority to act on behalf of the Board in this manner;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that under California Government Code section 65080, subsection (b)(2)(J)(ii), the Executive Officer hereby accepts KCAG's determination that the SCS adopted by the KCAG Board of Directors on August 22, 2018, would, when implemented, achieve the applicable GHG emissions reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks of a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035, relative to 2005 levels, as established by CARB for the region.

Now, therefore, CARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the KCAG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 18th day of June 2021.



Richard W. Corey, Executive Officer

**Attachment A:** *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Kings County Association of Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, June 2021.