

**State of California
Air Resources Board**

Executive Order G-23-090

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' 2022
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 (MPO), including the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), 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 AMBAG region of a 0 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

Whereas, on November 20, 2014, CARB accepted AMBAG's quantification of GHG emissions for automobiles and light trucks as meeting the applicable targets in its first SCS, adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on June 11, 2014;

Whereas, on November 19, 2018, CARB accepted AMBAG's quantification of GHG emissions reductions for automobiles and light trucks as meeting the applicable targets in its second SCS, adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on June 13, 2018;

Whereas, on March 22, 2018, the Board set updated targets for the AMBAG region of a 3 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 6 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

Whereas, in preparation for its 2022 SCS, AMBAG staff engaged the public via advisory committee meetings, stakeholder working group meetings, public workshops, and public hearings between May 2021 and January 2022;

Whereas, in November 2021, AMBAG published its draft 2022 SCS, which was available for public review through January 2022;

Whereas, on June 15, 2022, AMBAG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2022 SCS, known as the Monterey Bay 2045 Moving Forward, with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets, with a 3 percent per capita reduction by

2020 and a 6 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

Whereas, on July 20, 2022, AMBAG submitted the final 2022 SCS to CARB for review, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on March 30, 2023;

Whereas, CARB staff performed an evaluation of the 2022 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 November 2019 document entitled *Final Sustainable Communities Strategy Program and Evaluation Guidelines*;

Whereas, CARB staff's evaluation found that AMBAG made a determination that its 2020 GHG emission reduction target was met in 2020 but did not include a determination of whether it continues to achieve the 2020 GHG emission reduction target;

Whereas, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that AMBAG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2022 SCS for 2035;

Whereas, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that AMBAG's 2022 SCS included strategies, key actions, and investments to support its stated GHG emissions reductions for 2035;

Whereas, CARB staff's evaluation showed AMBAG's 2022 SCS, when implemented, would meet the applicable GHG emissions reduction target that the Board established for the region for 2035;

Whereas, CARB staff's technical evaluation of AMBAG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, Evaluation of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' SB 375 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy, September 20, 2024;

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, or as redelegated to the Executive Officer's subordinates, 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), AMBAG's determination that the SCS adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on June 15, 2022, would, when implemented, achieve the applicable GHG emissions reduction target for automobiles and light trucks of 6 percent per capita reduction by 2035, relative to 2005 levels, as established by CARB for the region is hereby accepted.

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

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 20th day of September 2024.

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Attachment A: Evaluation of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' SB 375 2022 Sustainable Communities Strategy