

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Executive Order G-18-115

**Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
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 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 passenger vehicles set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board);

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2010, the Board set targets for the AMBAG region of zero percent per capita reduction by 2020, and 5 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014, CARB accepted AMBAG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on June 11, 2014;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2018 SCS, AMBAG staff engaged the public via telephone and online surveys, an online regional data viewer, community meetings, public workshops, and public hearings between January 2016 and June 2018;

WHEREAS, in December 2017, AMBAG published its draft 2018 SCS, which was available for public review through February 2018;

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2018, AMBAG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2018 SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of zero percent per capita reduction by 2020, and 5 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, AMBAG submitted the final 2018 SCS to CARB on June 14, 2018, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on August 23, 2018;

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2018 SCS based on CARB's technical methodology for evaluation of an SCS (published in July 2011);

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

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

WHEREAS, CARB staff's technical evaluation of AMBAG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, November 2018;

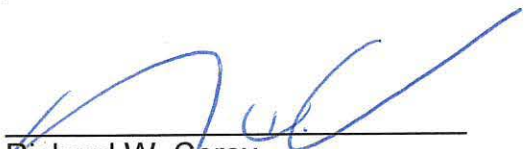
WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), calls for CARB to accept or reject an MPO's determination that the strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets established by the Board;

WHEREAS, the 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 AMBAG's determination that the SCS adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on June 13, 2018, would, if implemented, achieve the 2020 and 2035 GHG emissions reduction targets established by CARB.

NOW, THEREFORE, CARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the AMBAG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 19th day of November 2018.



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, November 2018.