

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G-17-089

Madera County Transportation Commission
Amended 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
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 Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), 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 MCTC region of 5 percent per capita decrease by 2020, and 10 percent per capita decrease by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2014 SCS, MCTC staff engaged the public by holding roundtable discussions, public workshops, and community meetings between November 2012 and June 2014, and two public hearings in June 2014;

WHEREAS, in May 2014, MCTC published its draft 2014 SCS, which was available for public review through June 2014;

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2014, MCTC adopted the final 2014 SCS, with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG emissions reduction target of 5 percent per capita increase by 2020, but would not achieve the 10 percent per capita increase by 2035;

WHEREAS, between July 2014 and March 2017, MCTC staff completed additional work to revise modeling inputs and assumptions of their final 2014 SCS, and determined that with these modeling refinements both targets could be met;

WHEREAS, in March 2017, MCTC published its Amended 2014 SCS, which was available for public review through May 2017, and MCTC staff engaged the public for comment at a public hearing in April 2017;

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, MCTC adopted the Amended 2014 SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of 5 percent per capita decrease by 2020, and 10 percent per capita decrease by 2035;

WHEREAS, MCTC submitted the Amended 2014 SCS to CARB on September 5, 2017, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on December 29, 2017;

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the Amended 2014 SCS based on CARB's technical methodology for evaluating an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed MCTC used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the Amended 2014 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed MCTC's Amended 2014 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 MCTC's GHG reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Madera County Transportation Commission SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, January 2018;

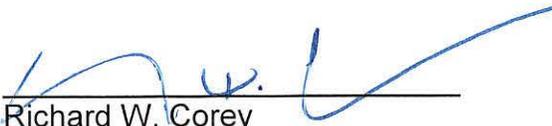
WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii) calls for CARB to accept or reject the MPO's determination that the strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets established by the Board;

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 MCTC's determination that the Amended 2014 SCS adopted by MCTC's Policy Board on June 21, 2017, 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 MCTC Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 9th day of February 2018.


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Madera County Transportation Commission SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, January 2018