

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Executive Order G-18-047

CARB Acceptance of GHG Quantification Determination

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and
Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC)
2017 Sustainable Communities Strategy

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 Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) region, 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 ABAG/MTC region of 7 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and 15 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2014, CARB accepted ABAG/MTC's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, jointly adopted by the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commissioners on July 18, 2013;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2017 SCS, ABAG/MTC staff invited public comment via telephone and online surveys, focus groups, open houses, public workshops, and public hearings between May 2015 and July 2017;

WHEREAS, in March 2017, ABAG/MTC published its draft 2017 SCS, which was available for public review through June 2017;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2017, ABAG/MTC jointly adopted the final 2017 SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of 7 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and 15 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, ABAG/MTC submitted the final 2017 SCS to CARB on March 9, 2018, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on April 27, 2018;

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2017 SCS based on CARB's technical methodology for evaluating an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed that ABAG/MTC used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2017 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed that ABAG/MTC's 2017 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 ABAG/MTC's GHG emissions reduction determination is provided in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Association of Bay Area Governments' and Metropolitan Transportation Commission's SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, dated June 2018.

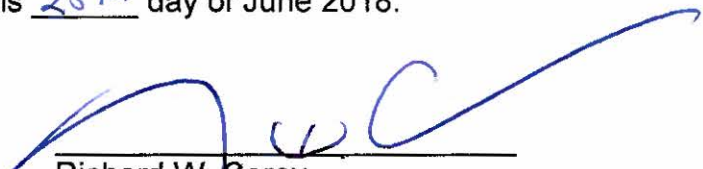
WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii) calls for CARB to accept or reject the MPOs' determination that the strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets established by the Board;

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 ABAG/MTC's determination that the SCS jointly adopted by the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commissioners on July 18, 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 Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 25th day of June 2018.


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Association of Bay Area Governments' and Metropolitan Transportation Commission's SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, June 2018.