

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G17-088

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments'
2017 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 Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), 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 SBCAG region of zero percent per capita increase by 2020, and zero percent per capita increase by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2013, CARB accepted SBCAG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the SBCAG Board of Directors on August 15, 2013;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2017 SCS, SBCAG staff engaged the public via three phases of public involvement including Citizen Advisory Committee meetings, public workshops, and public hearings between November 2015 and July 2017;

WHEREAS, in May 2017, SBCAG published its draft 2017 SCS, which was available for public review through August 2017;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2017, SBCAG adopted the final 2017 SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of zero percent per capita increase by 2020, and zero percent per capita increase by 2035;

WHEREAS, SBCAG submitted the final 2017 SCS to CARB on August 30, 2017, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on November 22, 2017;

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 SBCAG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2016 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed SBCAG'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 SBCAG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' 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 SBCAG's determination that the SCS adopted by SBCAG's Board of Directors on August 17, 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 SBCAG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 7th day of February 2018.


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

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