

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G- 16- 066

Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG)
2016 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
ARB 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 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), 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 Air Resources Board (ARB or Board);

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2010, the Board set targets for the SCAG region of 8 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and 13 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2012, ARB accepted SCAG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the SCAG Regional Council on April 4, 2012;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2016 SCS, known as *The 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: A Plan for Mobility, Accessibility, Sustainability and a High Quality of Life*, SCAG staff engaged the public by holding public workshops and community meetings between March 2015 and January 2016;

WHEREAS, in December 2015, SCAG published its draft 2016 RTP/SCS, which was available for public review through February 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2016, SCAG adopted the final 2016 RTP/SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets with an 8 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and an 18 percent per capita reduction by 2035;

WHEREAS, SCAG submitted the final 2016 SCS to ARB on April 8, 2016, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii);

WHEREAS, ARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2016 SCS based on ARB's technical methodology for evaluating an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation showed SCAG used technical methodologies that would accurately quantify GHG reductions from the 2016 SCS;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation showed SCAG's 2016 SCS, if implemented, would meet the GHG targets that the Board established for the region for 2020 and 2035;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's technical review of SCAG's GHG reduction determination is included in Attachment A, "Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Southern California Association of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy" dated June 2016;

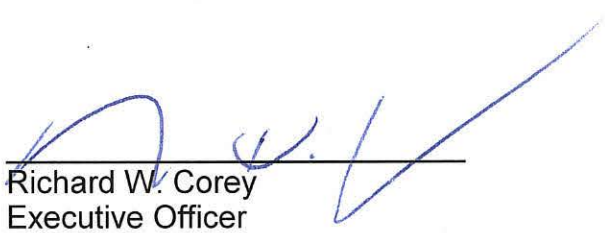
WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii) calls for ARB to accept or reject the MPO's determination that the strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emission reduction targets established by the Board;

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 SCAG's determination that the SCS adopted by SCAG's Regional Council on April 7, 2016, would, if implemented, achieve the 2020 and 2035 GHG emission reduction targets established by ARB.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that ARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the SCAG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 28th day of June 2016.


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Southern California Association of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy, June 2016.