

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Executive Order G-19-203

**Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
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 Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG), 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 Kern COG region of 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2015, CARB accepted Kern COG's quantification of GHG emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the Kern COG Board of Directors on June 19, 2014;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2018 SCS, Kern COG staff engaged the public via online surveys, community meetings, public workshops, and public hearings between December 2015 and February 2018;

WHEREAS, in June 2018, Kern COG published its draft 2018 SCS, which was available for public review through August 2018;

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2018, Kern COG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2018 SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, Kern COG submitted the final 2018 SCS to CARB on December 20, 2018, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on July 2, 2019;

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 Kern COG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2018 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed Kern COG's 2018 SCS, when 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 Kern COG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Kern Council of Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, July 2020;

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 Kern COG's determination that the SCS adopted by the Kern COG Board of Directors on August 16, 2018, would, when 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 Kern COG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 24th day of July 2020.



Richard W. Corey

Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Kern Council of Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, July 2020.