

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Executive Order G-20-150

**Stanislaus Council of Governments' (StanCOG)
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 Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG), to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), or an Alternative Planning Strategy that meets the regional GHG emissions reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board);

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2010, the Board set targets for the StanCOG region of a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2015, CARB accepted StanCOG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the StanCOG Board of Directors on June 18, 2014;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2018 SCS, StanCOG staff engaged the public via online surveys, community outreach events, public workshops, and public hearings between July 2017 and August 2018;

WHEREAS, in May 2018, StanCOG published its draft 2018 SCS, which was available for public review through July 2018;

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2018, StanCOG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2018 SCS, known as the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and a 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, StanCOG submitted the final 2018 SCS to CARB on March 24, 2020, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on May 8, 2020;

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2018 SCS's quantification of the GHG emissions reductions the strategy would achieve and the

technical methodology used to obtain that result based on CARB's methodology for CARB staff evaluation of an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that StanCOG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2018 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed StanCOG's 2018 SCS, if implemented, would meet the applicable GHG emissions reduction targets that the Board established for the region for 2020 and 2035;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's technical evaluation of StanCOG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Stanislaus Council of Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, September 14, 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, 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 StanCOG's determination that the SCS adopted by the StanCOG Board of Directors on July 26, 2018, would, when implemented, achieve the applicable GHG emissions reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks of a 5 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 10 percent per capita reduction by 2035, relative to 2005 levels, as established by CARB for the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, CARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the StanCOG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 14th day of September 2020.


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for Stanislaus Council of Governments' SB 375 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, September 14, 2020.