

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Executive Order G-20-171

**San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG)
2019 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 San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), 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 SLOCOG region of an 8 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and an 8 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2015, CARB accepted SLOCOG's quantification of GHG emissions reductions for automobiles and light trucks as meeting the applicable targets in its first SCS, adopted by the SLOCOG Board of Directors on April 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2018, the Board set targets for the SLOCOG region of a 3 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and an 11 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2019 SCS, SLOCOG staff engaged the public via a public engagement survey, advisory meetings, RTP stakeholder group, public workshops, and public hearings between July 2017 and June 2019;

WHEREAS, in February 2019, SLOCOG published its draft 2019 SCS, which was available for public review through April 2019;

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2019, SLOCOG's Board of Directors adopted the final 2019 SCS, known as the 2019 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of a 3 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and an 11 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, SLOCOG submitted the final 2019 SCS to CARB on June 10, 2019, as

required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii), and completed its submittal of supporting information on December 20, 2019;

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2019 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 July 2011 document entitled *Description of Methodology for ARB Staff Review of Greenhouse Gas Reductions from Sustainable Communities Strategies Pursuant to SB 375*;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation indicated that SLOCOG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the 2019 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed SLOCOG's 2019 SCS, when 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 SLOCOG's GHG emissions reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' SB 375 2019 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, October 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 Sustainable Communities 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 SLOCOG's determination that the SCS adopted by the SLOCOG Board of Directors on June 5, 2019, would, when implemented, achieve the applicable GHG emissions reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks of a 3 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and an 11 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 SLOCOG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 19th day of October 2020.



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' SB 375 2019 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, October 2020.