



California Environmental Protection Agency

AIR RESOURCES BOARD



Update on Discussions with the Southern CA Association of Governments (SCAG) on its 2035 Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target

California Air Resources Board

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Overview

- Update on ARB – SCAG discussions
- ARB support for Compass Blueprint demonstration projects
- Other funding opportunities
- Status of activities in other regions

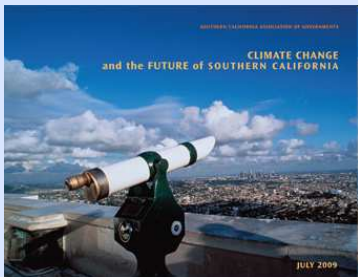


Background

- In September 2010, the Board conditionally approved the 2035 SCAG target pending interagency discussions
- The Board directed staff to provide an update in February 2011

Fall 2010 Discussions

- ARB-SCAG staff met to discuss SCAG Regional Council's recommendations
- Funding opportunities were identified as critical step
- Continued collaboration between SCAG and ARB also seen as vital



Conclusion of SCAG Process

- On February 3, 2011 SCAG staff updates SCAG Regional Council
- SCAG President acknowledges discussions with ARB and affirms 2035 target
- SCAG requests that status of funding be again considered in 2014



Funding Sustainable Planning

- California Strategic Growth Council
- Federal Partnership Programs
- SCAG-ARB inter-agency agreement under development to provide contract dollars for Compass Blueprint demonstration projects



THE Strategic Growth Council

Compass Blueprint Projects

- ARB will fund three projects which demonstrate key aspects of sustainable community planning:
 - Sub-regional planning
 - Re-use plan with higher density mixed uses and housing
 - Utilization of existing transit corridors



Strategic Growth Council Funds

- Over \$7 million for development of an SCS and local projects in SCAG region
- Other MPOs also received funding
- Additional MPO awards expected as new grant dollars become available

Status of Federal Grants for SCAG

- \$2.9 million from the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities (US DOT and HUD) for the cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles
- \$20 million from US DOT awarded to LA METRO for light rail expansion



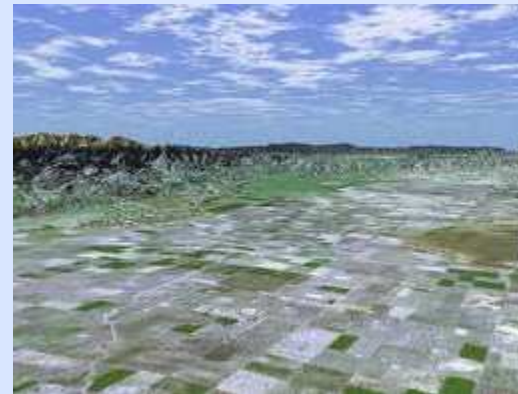
San Diego Region - SANDAG

- First RTP in California to incorporate SCS
- Draft in April, adoption by October 2011
- Preliminary analysis shows 18 percent per capita GHG reduction by 2035
- ARB staff tracking technical foundation to understand whether SCS would meet the target



San Joaquin Valley Status

- Focus is on 2012 update
- SJV Policy Council discussions
- ARB and MPO staff collaboration
- Valley-wide model development effort underway



Overall Implementation Status

- SANDAG plan adoption this year
- SCAG and SACOG planning underway for 2012 adoption; MTC in 2013
- First round of San Joaquin Valley plans due in 2014
- Continued collaboration to identify funding opportunities for sustainable community planning statewide