

PROPOSED

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE GREENHOUSE GAS QUANTIFICATION
DETERMINATION FOR SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY'S
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

Resolution 15-45

October 22, 2015

Agenda Item No.: 15-8-1

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 Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA), 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 GHG emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035, expressed as a per capita percentage reduction relative to 2005 levels, for each of the State's MPOs;

WHEREAS, the targets set for the SRTA region are a zero (0) percent decrease in 2020 and in 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, SRTA staff engaged the public by providing presentations, updates, and holding public hearings between February 2014 and June 2015;

WHEREAS, in March 2015, SRTA published a draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for 2015-2035 which was available for public review for 61 days;

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2015, the SRTA Board of Directors approved the final RTP/SCS for 2015-2035 and SRTA Board Resolution 15-10 determined that the SCS, if implemented, would meet the targets set by ARB;

WHEREAS, as required by California Government Code section 65080(b)(2)(J)(ii), SRTA submitted the final SCS to ARB on September 16, 2015 for review of its GHG emissions quantification determination;

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

WHEREAS, ARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the approved 2015 SCS using ARB's methodology, published in July 2011, for review of GHG emissions quantification procedures for an SCS;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation found that SRTA used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG emissions reductions from the approved SCS;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's technical evaluation of SRTA's GHG emissions reduction quantification is contained in Attachment A, "Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy," dated October 2015; and

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation affirms that SRTA's approved 2015-2035 SCS would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emissions reduction targets set by the Board for the region for 2020 and 2035.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under California Government Code section 65080(b)(2)(J)(ii), the Board accepts SRTA's quantification of the GHG emissions reductions from the final SCS approved by the SRTA Board of Directors on June 30, 2015 and accepts the MPO's determination that the SCS would, if implemented, achieve the region's GHG emissions reduction targets.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that ARB staff forward this resolution to the SRTA Board of Directors and Executive Director.

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Identification of Attachments to the Board Resolution

Attachment A: Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency's SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy, released October 2015.