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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS SENATE BILL 375 REGIONAL TARGETS UPDATE PROCESS

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff will host three public workshops throughout the State in March 2017 to seek public input on issues the Board should consider when updating the regional passenger vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for California’s Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). At the workshops, ARB staff will present information on the target update process, share MPO target recommendations received thus far, as well as seek public input on staff’s preliminary target update concepts. ARB staff will also present information discussed at these workshops as part of an informational item at ARB’s regularly scheduled Board meeting in March 2017.

Workshop Information: The workshops will be held at the locations and dates shown in the table below. All workshops will follow the same format and presentation.

Date and Time	Public Workshop Location
March 7, 2017 1:30pm – 3:30pm	Southern California Association of Governments Policy Committee Conference Room A 818 West 7 th Street, 12 th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017
March 9, 2017 1:30pm – 3:30pm	California Environmental Protection Agency Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I Street, 2 nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 *This workshop will also be webcast live at: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/
March 14, 2017 4:00pm – 6:00pm	Fresno Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201 Fresno, CA 93721

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Background: Senate Bill 375 (SB 375), the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, requires MPOs to add a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to their Regional Transportation Plans. The intent of the SCS is to better integrate land use and transportation policies to meet long-term sustainability goals. To help guide these regional planning efforts, ARB is required to establish regional GHG emission reduction targets for 2020 and 2035. ARB adopted initial targets for the MPO regions in 2010.

ARB is required to update the targets at least every eight years, and may revise them every four years. In August 2014, ARB staff released a preliminary draft staff report on the status of SB 375 efforts and factors that ARB could consider during development of the methodology to update the targets. ARB staff discussed this preliminary draft staff report at three public workshops during September 2014 and presented the report to the Board in October 2014.

Throughout 2015, ARB staff continued to engage stakeholders and the MPOs on the target update process. In September 2015, ARB staff requested target recommendations from the MPOs by spring 2016. Some MPOs requested more time to conduct additional scenario analysis and testing and provided target recommendations to ARB in late 2016. Simultaneously, ARB staff, through the development of ARB's *Mobile Source Strategy*, has evaluated how technology, fuels, and the transportation system need to transform to meet the State's air quality and climate objectives. This work has also formed the foundational strategies for transportation in the proposed *2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update*. These workshops are an opportunity for ARB staff to share information received to date and present preliminary target update concepts.

We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. For any questions regarding these workshops, please contact Ms. Lezlie Kimura Szeto, Manager of the Sustainable Communities Policy and Planning Section at Lezlie.Kimura@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 327-5985.

More information about ARB's SB 375 program, including the initial target setting process, is available at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm>.

Environmental Analysis: This workshop will serve as a scoping meeting as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA and ARB's Certified Regulatory Program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251(d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 60000–60008), staff is reviewing the Proposal for Updated SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets to determine if the proposed project will result in any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. Staff will provide an overview of ARB's process for preparing the environmental analysis (EA) and its content. Staff welcomes public input at the workshop on the appropriate scope and content of the EA at the beginning of our process, including the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance with the Proposal for Updated SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

Targets, the potential significant adverse impacts associated with the methods of compliance, potential feasible mitigation measures, and feasible alternatives to the proposal that could reduce or eliminate any significant adverse impacts. A Draft EA will be released for a 45-day public review and comment period with the Proposal for Updated SB 375 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets in spring 2017. Comments received at this public workshop will be considered when preparing the CEQA document.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodation, please contact Ms. Amy Volz, Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 445-0098 or Amy.Volz@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 6 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Notices for Future Meetings and Materials: If you would like to receive notices of future meetings and the availability of materials, please sign up for our list serve at: https://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=sb375.