

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G- 15- 075

San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG)
Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
ARB 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 (MPO), including the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), 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 targets for the SANDAG region of 7 percent per capita reduction from 2005 by 2020, and 13 percent per capita reduction from 2005 by 2035;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2011, ARB accepted SANDAG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors on October 28, 2011;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2015 SCS, known as San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, SANDAG staff engaged the public by holding public workshops and community meetings between October 2012 and September 2015;

WHEREAS, in April 2015, SANDAG published its draft 2015 SCS for 2015-2050, which was available for public review through July 15, 2015;

WHEREAS, ARB staff presented an informational item on SANDAG's draft 2015 SCS to the Board at its June 25, 2015 public meeting;

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, SANDAG published the final 2015 SCS that stated it would achieve the region's GHG targets with 15 percent per capita reduction from 2005 by 2020 and a 21 percent per capita reduction from 2005 by 2035;

WHEREAS, SANDAG submitted the final 2015 SCS to ARB on October 14, 2015, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii);

WHEREAS, ARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2015 SCS based on ARB's technical methodology for evaluating an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation showed SANDAG used technical methodologies that would accurately quantify GHG reductions from the 2015 SCS;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation showed SANDAG's 2015 SCS, if implemented, would meet the GHG targets that the Board established for the region for 2020 and 2035;

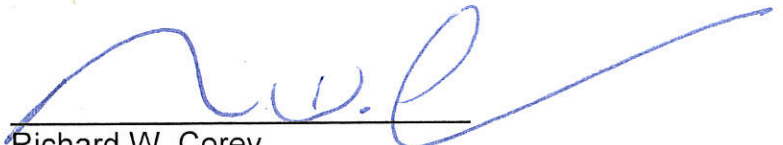
WHEREAS, ARB staff's technical review of SANDAG's GHG reduction quantification is included in Attachment A, "Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the San Diego Association of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy" dated December 2015;

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

WHEREAS, the 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 SANDAG's determination that the SCS adopted by SANDAG's Board of Directors on October 9, 2015, would, if implemented, achieve the 2020 and 2035 GHG emission reduction targets established by ARB.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that ARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the SANDAG Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director.


Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the San Diego Association of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy.