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California Building  
Industry Association

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of Home Builders

Subject: BIA San Diego Support for the SANDAG Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Dear Chair Nichols:

The Building Industry of San Diego County is comprised of 700 member companies representing a workforce of over 65,000 men and women. We have reviewed the draft Sustainable Communities Strategy prepared by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and request that the California Air Resources Board accept the SCS as presented.

The SCS is the culmination of an intense effort by the regional planning agency and the regulated community to craft a realistic and comprehensive strategy toward achieving the green house gas reduction goals as prescribed by AB 32 and SB 375.

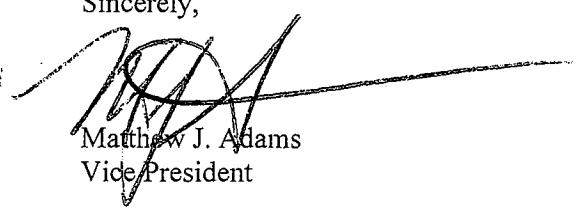
SANDAG was charged with being the first in the state to craft such a program due to its decades of experience in regional planning. The result is a plan that not only meets state green house gas reduction goals, it exceeds the per capita reduction targets for 2020 by 100%. Their experience and expertise have led members of the regulated communities to support the proposal now under consideration by CARB.

SANDAG has done its best to craft a strategy to reduce vehicular greenhouse gas emissions at a time of great economic peril. Their strategy that blends land use and transportation policy is a prudent approach to meet the goals prescribed by the state. While the plan is not perfect and only time will tell if the local jurisdictions will adjust land use plans necessary for successful implementation, we nevertheless support the program as presented.

On behalf of the 65,000 men and women in San Diego County we ask that the California Air Resources Board accept the SCS as presented by SANDAG.

Your favorable consideration of our request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Matthew J. Adams  
Vice President