

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC BOARD MEETING ON THE PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE SENATE BILL 375 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This notice announces the availability of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB or Board) Staff Report on the Proposed Update to the Senate Bill 375 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets (Proposed Targets Update) and the Draft Environmental Analysis (EA) prepared for the Proposed Targets Update, as well as a public Board meeting on the Proposed Targets Update and Final EA.

The Staff Report and Draft EA on the Proposed Targets Update are available on CARB's website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm>.

Background on Proposed Senate Bill 375 Regional Targets Update

The Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, or SB 375, requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) 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, CARB is required to establish regional GHG emission reduction targets for 2020 and 2035. CARB adopted initial targets for the MPO regions in 2010. CARB is required to update the targets at least every eight years, and may revise them every four years.

In August 2014, CARB staff released a preliminary staff report on the status of SB 375 efforts and factors that CARB could consider during development of the methodology to update the targets. CARB 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 and early 2017, CARB staff continued to engage stakeholders and the MPOs on the target update process.

CARB staff will be conducting three public workshops on the Proposed Targets Update around the State during June 2017. These workshops are an opportunity for CARB staff to present the draft proposed updated targets for the MPO regions, and to solicit feedback on the proposal with stakeholders. Staff will consider comments received on the draft proposal and Draft EA prior to making a final proposal to the Board in October 2017, along with final environmental documents.

Environmental Analysis

CARB, as the lead agency for the Proposed Targets Update, prepared a Draft EA in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CARB's regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources

(California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d)). The resource areas from the CEQA Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses resulting from implementation of the proposed strategies discussed in the Proposed Targets Update. The Draft EA provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with meeting the updated targets. Collectively, the Draft EA concluded implementation of these strategies could result in the following short-term and long-term beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial long-term impacts to GHG and air quality emissions; less-than-significant impacts to energy demand, GHG emissions, resources related to land use planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, and recreational services; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, short-term air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, resources related to land use planning, noise, population and housing, public services, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. The potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts are disclosed for both short-term construction-related activities and long-term operational activities, which explains why some resource areas are identified above as having both less-than-significant impacts and potentially significant impacts. Please refer to the Draft EA for further details.

The Draft EA is included as Appendix E to the Staff Report and can be obtained from CARB's website at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm>.

Copies of the Draft EA may also be obtained from CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Submittal of Comments

CARB invites comments on the Staff Report and Draft EA during the 45-day public comment period that begins on **June 13, 2017** and ends on **July 28, 2017**.

Comments should be submitted using the address or web page listed below. Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the three public workshops that will occur during June 2017. See workshop notice at: https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/target_update_june_workshop_notice.pdf.

After the close of the 45-day public comment period, CARB staff will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA as provided in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007 subdivision(a). Although all comments received on the Proposed Staff Report and the Draft EA will be considered by CARB, only those comments relating to the Draft EA will be responded to in writing.

The Final EA and the document containing staff's written responses to comments on the Draft EA will be posted on CARB's website before any Board action on the Proposed Targets Update.

To be responded to in writing and considered by the Board at a subsequent public meeting on the Proposed Targets Update, written comments must be received **no later than 5 p.m. on July 28, 2017**. Comments on the Draft EA and the Staff Report must be submitted to one of the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this item should be directed to Ms. Lezlie Kimura Szeto, Manager of the Sustainable Communities Policy and Planning Section at (916) 327-5985 or (designated back-up contact) Amy Volz, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-0098.

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

Public Board Meeting

CARB will conduct a public Board meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the final Proposed Targets Update and final environmental documents.

DATE: October 26, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Riverside County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon St., 1st Floor
Riverside, California 92501

DIRECTIONS: This facility is accessible by public transit.
For transit information, call (951) 565-5002,
website: <http://www.riversidetransit.com/home/>

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board that will commence at 9:00 a.m. on October 26, 2017, and may continue at 8:30 a.m. on October 27, 2017. This item may not be considered until October 27, 2017. Please consult the agenda for

the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before October 26, 2017, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

Special Accommodations

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or by facsimile at (916) 322-3928 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board meeting.

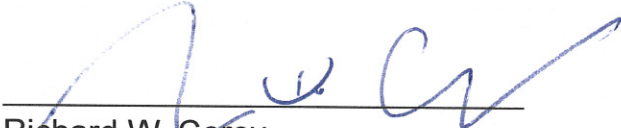
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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
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- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 322-5594 o envíe un fax a (916) 322-3928 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de diez días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: June 13, 2017