State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G-16-069

Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG)
2016 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 Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), 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 SACOG region of 7 percent per capita reduction by 2020, and 16 percent per capita reduction by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2012, ARB accepted SACOG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the SACOG Board of Directors on April 19, 2012;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2016 SCS, known as *Building a Sustainable System*, SACOG staff engaged the public by holding public workshops and community meetings between September and November 2014, and public hearings between September and October 2015;

WHEREAS, in September 2015, SACOG published its draft 2016 MTP/SCS, which was available for public review through November 16, 2015;

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2016, SACOG adopted the final 2016 MTP/SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets with an 8 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 16 percent per capita reduction by 2035;

WHEREAS, SACOG submitted the final 2016 SCS to ARB on April 19, 2016, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii);

WHEREAS, ARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2016 SCS based on ARB's technical methodology for evaluating an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation showed SACOG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG reductions from the 2016 SCS;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's evaluation showed SACOG's 2016 SCS, if implemented, would meet the GHG targets that the Board established for the region for 2020 and 2035;

WHEREAS, ARB staff's technical evaluation of SACOG's GHG reduction determination is included in Attachment A, "Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy" dated September 2016;

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 herby accepts SACOG's determination that the SCS adopted by SACOG's Board of Directors on February 18, 2016, would, if implemented, achieve the 2020 and 2035 GHG emission reduction targets established by ARB.

NOW, THEREFORE, ARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the SACOG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 9th day of September 2016.

Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy, September 2016.