



**Item #09-05-7
Information**

Climate & Air Quality Committee

April 29, 2009

Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) Update

Issue: The Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) continues their work on a methodology for regional greenhouse gas (GHG) targets.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information only.

Discussion: The RTAC has continued its work toward a GHG target methodology. The April 7 meeting included presentations on the economics of smart growth development from Randall Lewis of the Lewis Group and Betty Deakin, UC Berkeley professor of planning. The ARB staff presented the draft final list of questions that the committee has been working on to frame their discussion of the methodology. The questions included issues on the point of comparison of the target (current year or “business as usual” future year), if the target should be regional total emissions or per capita emissions, and if the target should focus on total regional emissions or emissions from regional growth.

The committee requested information on the impacts of the various options presented in the “metrics” questions. Staff is preparing information for the committee to be presented at the May 5 meeting. A summary of that meeting will be made during the staff report.

The April 7 and May 5 agendas are attached.

Approved by:

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Executive Director

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Attachments

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DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting of the Senate Bill 375 Regional Targets Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 2009
9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Pacific Time

Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast Information: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/rtac/meetings/meetings.htm>

1. Roll Call and Housekeeping Items

Announcements, discuss updated meeting schedule, review meeting notes from past meetings, and review comments received via the Committee website.

2. Staff Work Product Update

ARB staff will give an update on work efforts initiated on behalf of the RTAC.

3. Economic Factors Influencing the Magnitude of Change in the Land Use and Transportation Sectors

Part of an ongoing series of presentations focusing on economic considerations such as projected market supply and demand for residential and non-residential building products, as well as cost, cost savings, and funding outlooks for developers and local government. Public comment and Committee discussion to follow the presentations.

The market for climate friendly communities and the economics of providing them
Presentation by Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies

The economics of providing transit oriented development and alternative transportation infrastructure

Presentation by Professor Elizabeth Deakin, UC Berkeley (*Invited*)

4. ARB Staff Presentation

The ARB staff presentation will cover two main topic areas in response to RTAC requests: 1) description of modeling process for air quality and transportation planning, and 2) some potential approaches for setting regional targets under SB 375. Public comment and Committee discussion to follow the presentation.

5. General Public Comment Period

6. Next Steps

7. Adjourn

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting of the Senate Bill 375 Regional Targets Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2009
9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Pacific Time

Sierra Hearing Room
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast Information: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/rtac/meetings/meetings.htm>

1. Roll Call and Housekeeping Items

Announcements, review meeting notes from past meetings and comments received via the Committee website.

2. Work Product Update

SACOG staff will give an update on MPO model assessment work initiated on behalf of the RTAC.

Committee discussion and public comment will follow the presentation.

3. Metric Discussion

ARB staff will provide an updated version of the presentation given at the April 22, 2009 RTAC meeting, including clarifications requested by the RTAC and sample metrics using MPO-specific data.

Caltrans staff will provide additional information on interregional travel and the development of the statewide travel model, as it relates to the metric discussion.

Committee discussion and public comment will follow the presentations.

4. General Public Comment Period

5. Next Steps

6. Adjourn