



## **SACOG Board of Directors**

## **Item #09-8-15 Workshop**

August 12, 2009

### **Local Government CEQA Reform Opportunities Through the Next MTP/SB375**

We briefed all Board committees this cycle on the major steps we will be taking over the next 2.5 years to prepare our next MTP, consistent with SB375, evolving federal requirements and changing conditions within our region. We have asked Tina Thomas, noted CEQA attorney, to brief the Board on opportunities for CEQA reform that will be available to local governments in the region under SB375 if we choose to take advantage of them. Because SACOG's involvement with the bill was motivated by the Board's direction to staff to seek CEQA reform to help implement the Blueprint, we believe it is not too soon to go to work on this important issue. Ms. Thomas was instrumental in helping to draft the CEQA language that is now part of state law.

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