



Climate & Air Quality Committee

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Information

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Update on Regional Targets Advisory Committee Final Report (SB 375)

Issue: The final report of the Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) is complete and will be presented at the November 19, 2009 Air Resources Board meeting.

Recommendation: None. This item is for information and discussion only.

Discussion: The final report, which is a set of recommendations on how to set regional greenhouse (GHG) targets, was summarized at last month's meeting and copies were distributed to interested persons. While there has been a large level of interest in the report, the actions to be taken by the Air Resources Board are still unknown. At their November 19th meeting, they are scheduled to decide on their use of this advisory report as they make decisions on regional GHG targets per SB 375.

In the meantime, the MPOs continue to work on developing information on regional growth, travel behavior, and GHG emissions. There are two purposes for this post-RTAC work: 1) to provide the ARB process additional information for their target setting; and 2) to prepare individual regional targets that ARB will consider as alternatives to a statewide methodology.

The California Transportation Commission is updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines to incorporate findings and conclusions of the RTAC report. The Guidelines provide direction to MPOs on the regulations and processes necessary to develop the long range transportation plans. Some parts of the RTAC report are directly related to the RTP process, while other parts directly address actions that ARB must consider and act upon. This updated report is being reviewed by a large stakeholder group, which makes the timeline uncertain. When the final connections between the two reports are completed, staff will report back to the Committee and the Board.

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