



Regional Planning Partnership

Item #2

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Action Summary Minutes

Attendance

Andrew Durkee, Hanley-Wood
Anne Novotony, El Dorado County DOT
Bruce Griesenbeck, SACOG 3
Christina Ragsdale, SMAQMD
Christine Scherman, SACOG
Crystal Jacobsen, Placer County
Greta Vohlers, City of West Sacramento
Janice Phillips, YCTD
Jeane Berry, SMAQMD
Jim Brown, SACOG
John Deeter, ECOS
John Kelly, EPA
Jose Luis Cáceres, SACOG
Justin Paddock, CARB
Kacey Lizon, SACOG
Karina O'Connor, EPA
Kendra Bridges, SHA-CORE

Lacey Symons, SACOG
Larry Greene, SMAQMD
Larry Robinson, SMAQMD
Lindell Price, El Dorado County Advocate
Mark Rackovan, City of Citrus Heights
Michelle Smira, MMS Strategies
Nick Lagura, City of Citrus Heights
Raef Porter, SACOG
Refugio Razo, SACDOT
Rick Bettis, Breathe Sacramento
Ron Anderson, WALKS Sacramento
Sadie Smith, Caltrans
Steven Banks, City of Folsom
Stew Sonnenberg, FHWA
Susan Wilson, Caltrans
Victoria Cacciatore, SACOG
Woody Deloria, EDCTC

- 1. Introductions and Information Sharing.** None.
- 2. Action Summary of the December 2, 2009 Meeting.** The summary was approved by consensus.
- 3. Target Setting Process for SB 375 Implementation.** Senate Bill (SB) 375 requires the next MTP to include greenhouse gas emissions targets for the Sacramento region. Per the target-setting methodology recommended by California Air Resources Board (CARB)'s Regional Targets Advisory Committee, SACOG may submit proposed greenhouse gas emission targets to CARB by March 2010. Mr. Griesenbeck distributed a handout with several draft planning scenarios that reflect potential outcomes for reductions in transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions. The handout compares current conditions set by the 2008 MTP against four different potential policy bundles: (1) increased emphasis on smart land use; (2) increased emphasis on non-motorized and transit-related transportation projects; (3) increased emphasis on system and demand management; and (4) implementing pricing policies. SACOG plans on using these scenarios, in conjunction with similar information from other regions in the state, with input from agency partners and the public to determine what targets should be recommended to CARB for SB 375 implementation.

-Q: Will more transit be effective in lowering greenhouse gas emissions without transit-oriented development (TOD)? A: TOD is very important to implementing a successful transit system. The current MTP does include several TODs.

-Q: San Diego relies heavily on system and demand management; would SACOG have region-specific solutions for our emissions? A: San Diego has different growth patterns than the Sacramento region, so we will approach our region's emissions accordingly.

-Q: Is SACOG tracking growth projections to see if they're the same for the next MTP? A: SACOG has been tracking the projections and Stephen Levy will provide a complete update of the forecast in February.

4. **Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010** Mr. Brown discussed the possibility of receiving a second round of stimulus funds. The House version of the bill includes \$27.5 billion for highway infrastructure and \$8.4 billion for public transportation investments; the Senate is expected to act on this bill between now and the February recess. The proposed timeline for obligating funds and having projects under contract is very short. SACOG staff recently asked local agencies to submit projects that are able to be under contract within 90 days. The shortened deadline means there is no opportunity to back-fill projects that cannot get under contract in time, and the result would be funds completely lost to the SACOG region. Staff will look at the compiled list of priorities and single out projects that can be accomplished within the Jobs Act timeline. Staff will then send the project back out to the local agencies for review. SACOG Staff plans to take the recommendations to the Board on February 18th. Additionally, Mr. Cáceres emphasized that the funds are job creation funds, not transportation funds.
5. **Climate Change Conference** Mr. Greene and Ms. Ragsdale attended the United Nations COP15 Climate Change Conference in December, 2009. Mr. Greene served as a representative for National Association of Clean Air Agencies and Ms. Ragsdale attended as a private observer. Mr. Greene showed slides from his time in Copenhagen, noting that the use of visual media as a means to promote climate change issues was widespread. Mr. Greene discussed Governor Schwarzenegger's speeches at the conference, which emphasized "sub-national" approaches to climate change, as well as his own work at the national level, working to ensure legislation will not hinder progress being made at state and local levels. Ms. Ragsdale spent most of her time outside of the conference interacting with other private observers and discussing personal experiences with climate change.

Q: What does Eastern Europe think of climate change? A: Mr. Greene replied that Eastern European countries seemed to be overshadowed by larger countries/emitters and did not have a large presence at COP15.

6. **Other Matters.** None
7. **Adjournment.** The next meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 2010