



## Land Use & Air Quality Committee

August 23, 2012

### **Authorization of the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Contracts Related to the Project Level Analysis for the Environmental Streamlining Work under the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant**

**Issue:** SACOG is working with three of our case study sites under the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to develop Sustainable Community Environmental Assessments (SCEA) to demonstrate the environmental streamlining benefits of SB 375. The SCEA work may involve contract consultants for unique environmental analysis beyond the expertise of SACOG staff, specifically in air quality or biological assessments. This work is funded by the planning grant and budgeted in our approved Overall Work Program.

**Recommendation:** That the Land Use & Air Quality Committee recommend that the SACOG Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts following a competitive bid process after consulting with the Board Chair, the Board Vice-Chair, the Committee Chair, and the Committee Vice-Chair.

**Discussion:** In June 2011, the Strategic Planning Committee selected five case study areas where SACOG would use the resources provided through the HUD Sustainable Community Regional Planning Grant to develop action plans for MTP/SCS Implementation. A centerpiece of the implementation is the development of the SCEA, one of the main California Environmental Quality Act streamlining tools available under SB 375, for the pertinent case study areas. The amount of each contract for the unique environmental analysis would be under \$30,000. Staff are still determining the total budget available for this task.

Staff has completed the first draft SCEA for a project area in the city of West Sacramento, which is currently under review by city staff. Two additional documents are being written with the county of Sacramento and the city of Rancho Cordova. These two documents may require specific project level analysis. Due to the schedule for these documents, staff may need to have analysis underway before the Board could approve a contract at the next meeting on December 6. Currently, SACOG has not received a request for assistance on environmental analysis for the other two case study sites.

A schedule for the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant project tasks is attached. Staff plans to have a discussion of the housing components of the project with the committee in December.

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## SACOG HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

Provide more transportation choices, promote equitable, affordable housing, Enhance economic competitiveness, support existing communities, coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment, value communities and neighborhoods

TASK	DELIVERABLE	Status
<b>Work Activity #1</b>	This major work activity will develop performance metrics and analysis tools for screening Transit Priority Areas (TPAs) for opportunity sites, develop an environmental review of the sites, and implementation action plans.	All tasks will be completed by February 2012
<b>Task 1.1</b>	Document process to develop performance metrics for TPAs to evaluate the Land use characteristics, Demographic characteristics, Social equity and environmental justice considerations, Environmental issues, Housing- affordability, Employment and economic opportunities, and Infrastructure conditions	Report complete September 2011
<b>Task 1.2</b>	Report on TPA Screening Process, including equity analysis.	Report including equity analysis complete September 2011
<b>Task 1.3</b>	Report documenting the development of analytical tools to measure the following: the return on investment of development types for the MTP 2035 TPAs, social equity analysis and needs of special populations needing to access services in the TPAs, Infrastructure deficiencies, and a web-based tool to display how the "Ds" will influence travel in the future plan versus the current conditions.	All tasks will be completed by December 2012
<b>Task 1.4</b>	Draft EIR for SACOG SCS/MTP and Sustainable Community Environmental Assessments for selected TPA case study areas	Complete January 2013
<b>Task 1.5</b>	Report on Action Plans for the Transit Priority Areas including methodology for tracking measures of equity through the plan implementation.	Completed June 2012
<b>Task 1.6</b>	Communications Plan for the Grant Project	Completed September 2011
<b>Task 1.7</b>	Draft and Final MTP/SCS	Completed April 2012
<b>Work Activity #2</b>	Reports on the existing conditions of housing and the plans and policies in use across the region, a new jobs/housing fit analysis, a housing plus transportation cost analysis and a report for improved housing planning.	All tasks will be complete by February 2013
<b>Task 2.1</b>	Map and memo discussing affordable housing produced in relation to overall production; location analysis; view of housing investment concentrations in the region; recommendations for on-going data collection and land use data.	Complete by January 2013, draft December 2012
<b>Task 2.2</b>	Memo analyzing policy and programmatic consistencies and differences between jurisdictions and/or the State investment of housing resources in TPA and high opportunity areas.	Complete by January 2013, draft December 2012
<b>Task 2.3</b>	Report on development of a Jobs-Housing Fit Tool that can be used for model analysis by SACOG and other regions.	Complete January 2013
<b>Task 2.4</b>	Report on development of a Housing plus Transportation Cost Tool that can be used for analysis by SACOG and local jurisdictions.	Complete January 2013
<b>Task 2.5</b>	Report on the various Regional Analyses to Impediments to fair and equitable housing in the region, focusing on access to TPA and high opportunity areas.	Complete February 2013
<b>Task 2.6</b>	Comprehensive regional housing plan that reflects strategies to address housing needs in jurisdictions' housing plans and the analyses to impediments	Complete December 2012
<b>Work Activity #3</b>	Working papers and methodology for integrating the region's on-going environmental analysis with the SCS, MTP, RPSD and Principles and Guidelines from CEQ	All tasks will be complete by February 2013
<b>Task 3.1</b>	Working Paper documenting the use of the Six-County Aquatic Resources Inventory.	Complete December 2012
<b>Task 3.2</b>	Draft and Final MTP/SCS EIR	Complete December 2012
<b>Task 3.3</b>	Working memo on how the Six-County Aquatic Resources Inventory will be used in each of the CP processes.	Complete December 2012
<b>Task 3.4</b>	Report on Integration of the SCS/MTP with draft CEQ Principles and Guidelines	Complete February 2013
<b>Work Activity #4</b>	Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (Required Document for the Grant containing the above deliverables)	Complete by February 2013