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Land Use & Natural Resources Committee Information

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Results and Next Steps in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

Issue: Results and Next Steps in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program.

Recommendation: This is for information only.

Discussion: On June 30, the State of California's Strategic Growth Council (SGC) awarded almost \$122 million in the first round of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Strategy Program (AHSC). The program, which is one of a dozen programs offered through the State's Cap and Trade funds, targets projects that facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by improving mobility options, increasing infill development and protecting agricultural land from sprawl development.

Statewide, the SGC received 147 concept proposals requesting over \$760 million. The SACOG region collectively submitted ten concept proposals. Five projects were shortlisted and invited to submit full applications. Only one project, the city of West Sacramento's Delta Lane Affordable Housing and Grand Gateway Transportation Infrastructure, received funding (\$6.731 million, or 5.5% of the total program). Twenty out of the 28 projects awarded are in the Bay Area or the Los Angeles area.

For those projects that were invited to submit a full application, 55 percent of their scores came from each project's calculated GHG emission reduction using the State's CalEEMod program. SACOG staff will discuss its experience running the CalEEMod analysis and any initial themes that future program applicants may wish to consider when structuring their projects.

The SGC hosted a "lessons learned" workshop in mid-July. SACOG staff will summarize the key points from the workshop, and the implications going forward for this funding program. The next round of AHSC funding will be held this fiscal year (started on July 1, 2015) and is expected to have at least double the funding amount as this recently awarded round. SACOG is preparing to offer guidance and technical assistance to jurisdictions for the second round.

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