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Update on the Cap-and-Trade Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program

Concept applications for the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program were due on March 16. This statewide program targets projects that facilitate the reduction of GHG emissions by improving mobility options, increasing infill development, and protecting agricultural land from sprawl development; \$320 million available competitively. Full program guidelines may be found at https://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_ahscprogram.php. As of this writing, the State has not disclosed how many applications from the SACOG region were submitted. SACOG staff's estimate is from six to ten applications based on conversations with prospective applicants.

The next steps in the application and review process are:

- Early April: SACOG staff will review the concept applications for (a) consistency with Sustainable Communities Strategies; (b) verification of project setting for CalEEMod purposes; and (c) provide a prioritization based on those criteria by early April.
- Approximately April 25 – selected applicants are invited by SGC to submit full applications
- June 20 – Full applications due to SGC
- July – SACOG staff review applications and provide ranking based on methodology approved by SACOG Board in January, 2016
- September, 2016 – SGC announcement of awarded projects

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