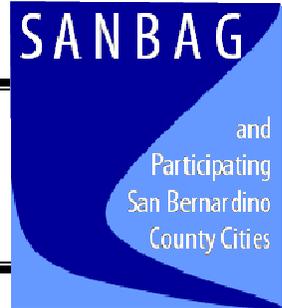


**Appendix A Notice of Preparation (NOP) and NOP
Comment Letters**



San Bernardino Associated Governments

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

DATE: November 9, 2012

FROM: San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Department of Planning, 1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT TITLE: San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan

An environmental review of the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan ("Project") must be conducted under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because implementation of reduction measures as part of the Project will require discretionary approvals from state and local agencies, which will result in physical changes within the Project Area. As Lead Agency for CEQA for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"), SANBAG issues this Notice of Preparation ("NOP") for the proposed Project in San Bernardino County, California. This NOP provides a description of the Project and solicits comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, federal, state, and local agencies and the general public, on the scope and content of the EIR. Comments received in response to this Notice will be reviewed and considered by the SANBAG in preparation of the EIR. Due to time limits, as defined by CEQA, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than December 14, 2012. SANBAG needs to know the views of interested agencies as to the environmental information that is germane to those agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project.

Comments and questions may be directed to Steve Smith, Director of Planning, SANBAG Planning Department: 1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715, Or by email to ssmith@sanbag.ca.gov

Please include in your response the name, phone number, and address of the contact person for the responding agency.

A Scoping Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 28, 2012 4-6 pm at the Southern California Associated Governments (SCAG) office 1170 West Third Street, 1st Floor, San Bernardino, CA

Oral and written comments will be accepted during the Scoping Meeting.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2006, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 32. The law establishes a limit on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the state of California to reduce state-wide emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The law directed the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop a plan (AB 32 Scoping Plan) that charts a path towards the GHG reduction goal using all technologically feasible and cost effective means. The AB 32 Scoping Plan recommends that California cities and counties seek to reduce their GHG emissions consistent with statewide reductions. Senate Bill (SB) 375, passed in 2008, requires regional transportation planning to promote reductions in passenger and light duty vehicle GHG emissions. In response to these initiatives, an informal project partnership, led by SANBAG, is cooperating in compiling an inventory of GHG emissions and an evaluation of reduction measures that could be adopted by the 21 Partnership cities within San Bernardino County. The 21 Partnership cities participating in this Project are Adelanto, Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, Yucaipa, and Yucca Valley. Because SANBAG is leading this effort, SANBAG is the Lead Agency under CEQA. The County of San Bernardino (County) adopted a GHG Reduction Plan for unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County that includes a set of GHG inventories and reduction measures. This Project builds upon the work completed by the County with specific GHG inventories and proposed reduction measures for the 21 Partnership cities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Environmental Setting

The Project is a plan for the reduction of GHG emissions within San Bernardino County. As such, the Project site includes the entire County, which occupies approximately 20,100 square miles. San Bernardino County is located within Southern California (Figure 1, Regional Location Map). The twenty-one Partnership cities are located throughout San Bernardino County (Figure 2, Project Area).

The informal partnership led by SANBAG began in January of 2010 and the GHG inventories initiated that same year. The year 2008 was chosen as the baseline year for the Project because that was the most recent year a complete data set of GHG emission sources was available at the time the inventory was initiated and was consistent with the County's baseline year. The population of the 21 Partnership cities was 1,562,363 with an employment base of 596,744 jobs and 455,595 households in 2008. Total GHG emissions, excluding stationary sources, associated with the activities of the population and jobs of all Partnership cities in 2008 were 12,858,269 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (MTCO_{2e}).

Plan Purpose, Project Goals, and Description

The Purpose of the Plan is to reduce GHG emissions within the region. To fulfill that purpose, the Partnership has committed to undertake the following actions that will reduce GHG emissions associated with its regional (or countywide) activities as a whole:

1. Prepare a current year (2008) GHG emissions inventory for each of the 21 Partnership cities in the County.
2. Prepare a future year (2020) GHG emissions forecasts for each of the cities.

3. Develop a tool for each city to develop its municipal inventory (i.e., emissions due only to the city's municipal operations and sometimes referred to as municipal inventory) and municipal reduction plan.

4. Develop GHG reduction targets and measures, and City selection of targets and measures appropriate for each jurisdiction. The GHG reduction measures provide the mechanisms that will reduce GHG emissions regionally and within each city. Note that the comprehensive list below shows all GHG reduction measures under consideration. Each city is determining for themselves which GHG reduction measures will achieve the reduction target for their jurisdiction. The Candidate GHG reduction measures under consideration by the Partnership cities include:

- Implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy in land use design and location,
- Smart Bus Technologies for local transit,
- Energy efficiency retrofits for existing buildings,
- Energy efficient outdoor lighting for commercial and industrial uses,
- Green Building Ordinance,
- Solar installation for new housing,
- Solar installation for new commercial/industrial uses,
- Solar energy for warehouse/logistics facilities,
- Solar installation retrofits for existing housing,
- Solar installation retrofits for existing commercial/industrial uses,
- Renewable Co-generation facilities,
- Carbon sequestration through urban forestry enhancements,
- Green roofs and rooftop gardens,
- Energy efficient equipment upgrades at wastewater treatment facilities,
- Methane capture and recovery systems at wastewater treatment facilities,
- Recycled water systems,
- Voluntary CALGREEN water conservation design in new buildings,
- Water efficient retrofits of existing buildings,
- Water efficient landscaping practices,
- Construction equipment Idling Restriction Ordinance,
- Landscaping equipment efficiency,
- GHG Performance Standards for new development.

The anticipated GHG reductions of the measures being chosen by each city is quantified for year 2020 and included in the projected 2020 Reduced GHG emission inventories to demonstrate achievement of the reduction targets.

5. Develop "the basis for" community climate action plans (CAPs) for each jurisdiction meeting jurisdiction identified reduction goals.

This San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (Plan) satisfies the Partnership goals 1, 2, 4 and 5 listed above. A tool for inventorying municipal GHG emissions and planning for their reduction was developed and provided to the Partnership cities separately in 2011.

The Project Goals include:

- Determine feasible GHG reduction measures for each Partnership City that fulfill the reduction targets cost effectively;
- Provide GHG reductions that build upon and are complementary to the GHG reductions implemented by the State and County;
- Provide a collaborative planning process that accounts for and facilitates the SANBAG administered programs that will reduce GHG emissions within each of the Partnership cities;
- Provides regional support for each Partnership City in the reduction of GHG emissions;
- Provide foundational data, analysis and planning that can be used by each Partnership City in the development of their own Climate Action Plan (CAP) that fulfills the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15183.5.

To fulfill these goals, the Project includes the actions that each city has selected in order to reduce GHG emissions, state-mandated actions, GHG emissions avoided in 2020 associated with each local and state action, and each city's predicted progress towards their selected GHG reduction goal. Within the Plan each city has its own section which details the city's 2008 GHG emissions inventory, 2020 GHG emissions forecast, reduction goal and City-selected GHG reduction strategies, and related General Plan policies or other ongoing programs in the city. The GHG reduction plans developed for each Partnership City as part of this Plan are intended to serve as a foundation upon which each individual jurisdiction may decide to develop its own customized and comprehensive climate action plan. This effort leveraged work efforts that would be common to all jurisdictions and allowed each city to select its own individual programs and policies, which differ from city to city. SANBAG anticipates that individual cities may choose to utilize the information in this document to complete and adopt their own CAPs.

Potential Environmental Impacts

SANBAG, as CEQA Lead Agency, has determined that an EIR will be required based upon preliminary review of the project and has identified the following topics to be addressed in the EIR: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, , geology and soils, global climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/ water quality, land use/ planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, traffic and circulation, and utilities and services. This determination was made without the use of an Initial Study as provided in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (d) which states that "If the lead agency can determine that an EIR will be clearly required for a project, the agency may skip further initial review of the project and begin work directly on the EIR process . . ."

Figure 1 – Regional Project Location

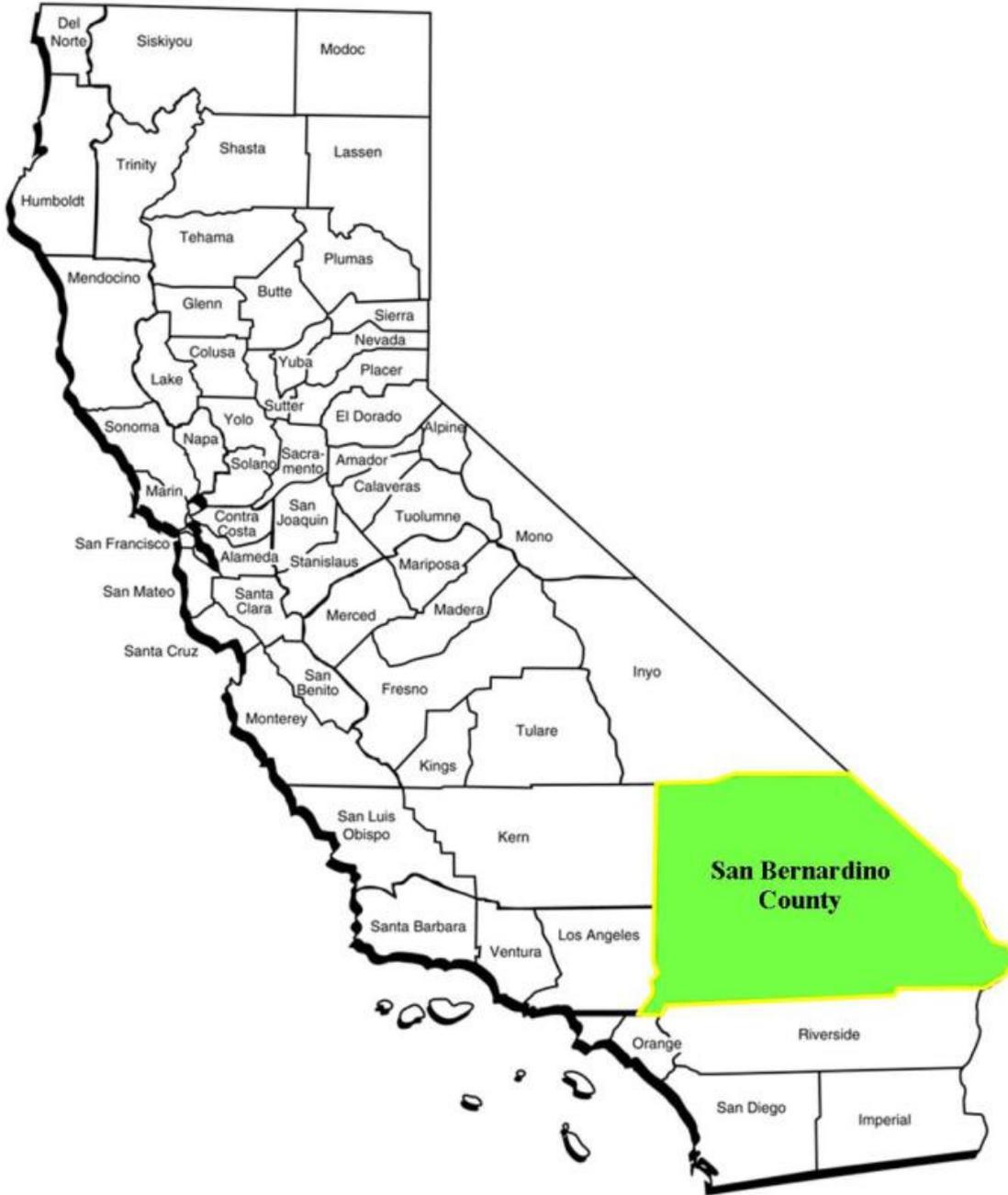
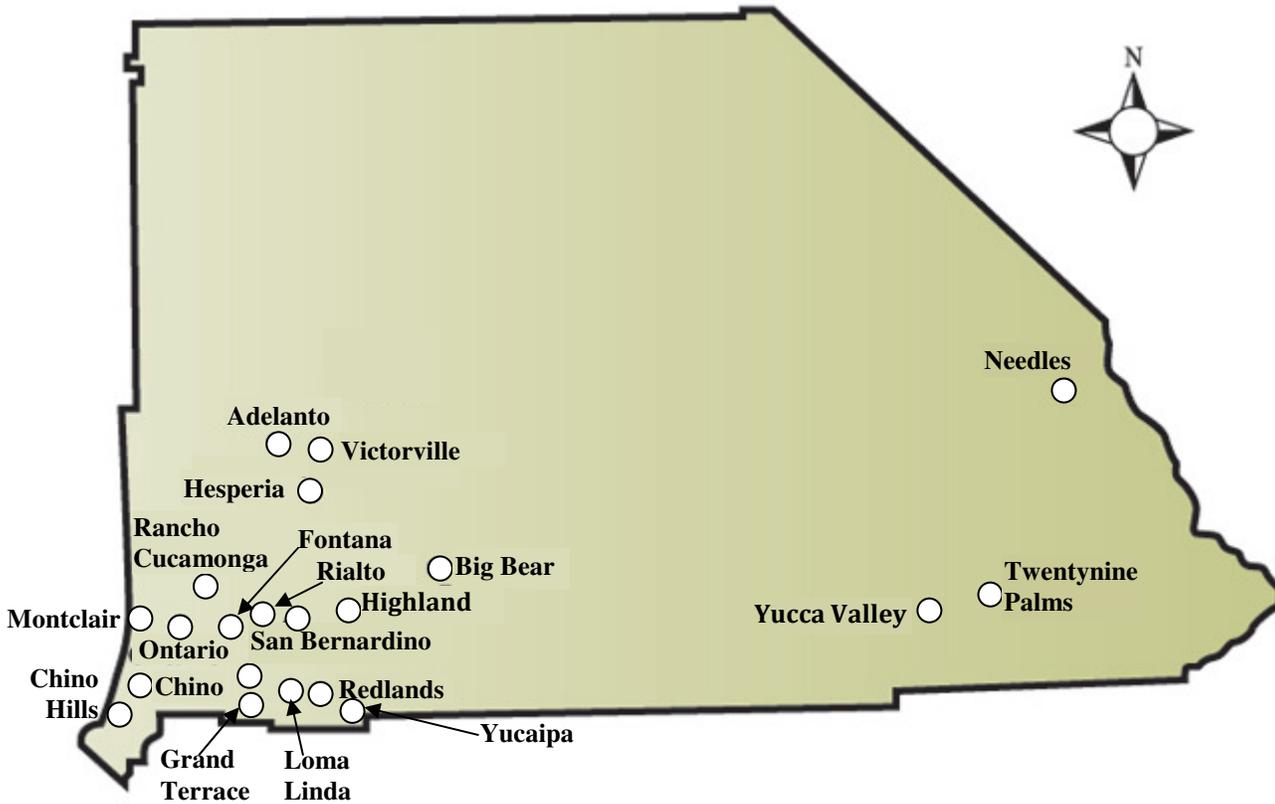


Figure 2 – Project Area



Comment Due Date

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than **December 14, 2012**.

Comments should be sent to:

Steve Smith, Director of Planning
SANBAG Planning Department
1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715,

Or by email to ssmith@sanbag.ca.gov

Please include in your response the name, phone number, and address of the contact person for the responding agency.

Text for Newspaper Publication

San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG) Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and EIR Scoping Meeting Notice

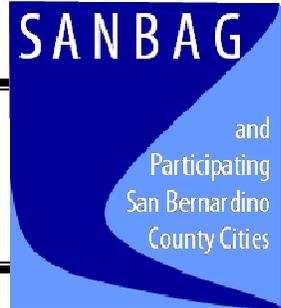
SANBAG is in the process of preparing an EIR for the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Reduction Plan. The Project is a plan for the reduction of GHG emissions within the 21 Partnership cities within San Bernardino County. The 21 Partnership cities are located throughout San Bernardino County. As such, the Project site includes areas throughout the County, which occupies approximately 20,100 square miles. The 21 Partnership cities participating in this Project are Adelanto, Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, Yucaipa, and Yucca Valley. Because SANBAG is leading this effort, SANBAG is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SANBAG, as CEQA Lead Agency, has determined that an EIR will be required based upon preliminary review of the project and has identified the following topics to be addressed in the EIR: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, , geology and soils, global climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/ water quality, land use/ planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, traffic and circulation, and utilities and services. This determination was made without the use of an Initial Study as provided in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (d).

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9, SANBAG will conduct a scoping meeting for the purposes of soliciting comments from interested parties requesting notice, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, other organizations, and private citizens regarding the scope and content of the environmental issues to be included in the EIR.

Date and Time of EIR Scoping Meeting: Wednesday, November 28 2012, from 4-6pm

Location: Offices of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 1170 West Third Street, 1st Floor, San Bernardino, CA

Written comments will also be accepted by mail addressed to SANBAG, Attention: Steve Smith, Director of Planning 1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715, and by email addressed to ssmith@sanbag.ca.gov



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Scoping Meeting Agenda

DATE: November 28, 2012

Informal Open House—4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

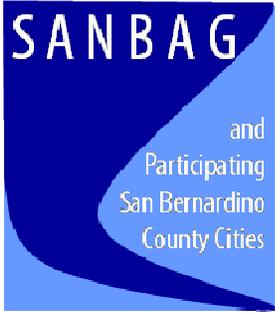
- Handouts:
 - Project Description and Background
 - Notice of Preparation
 - Speaker Cards
- Documents Available for Review:
 - AB-32 Scoping Plan
 - SCAG SCS Summary
 - San Bernardino County Regional GHG Reduction Plan Summary
- Project Team available for informal questions:

Presentation—4:45 pm to 5:00 pm

- Overview of the San Bernardino County Regional GHG Reduction Plan
 - Background
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Components of the Plan
 - How SANBAG and the Partnership Cities will use the Plan
- Overview of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process:
 - Purpose of the EIR
 - Approximate Schedule of the Process

Public Comments—5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

- Those wishing to make oral public comments during the meeting need to fill out speaker cards.



Regional GHG Reduction Plan

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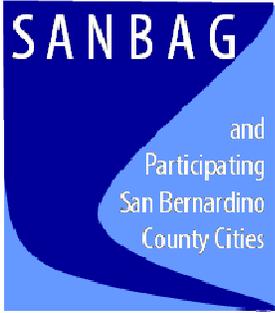
Environmental Impact Report SCOPING MEETING

November 28, 2012

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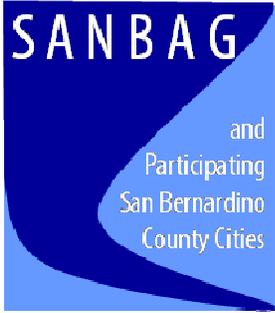
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Purpose of the Meeting

- Provide to You:
 - Information on the Project
 - Information on the EIR Process
- Get Your input on the Scope of the EIR:
 - Get Your feedback on the list of topics to address in the EIR
 - Get Your feedback on the Alternatives to analyze in the EIR



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The Project:

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San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Reduction Plan

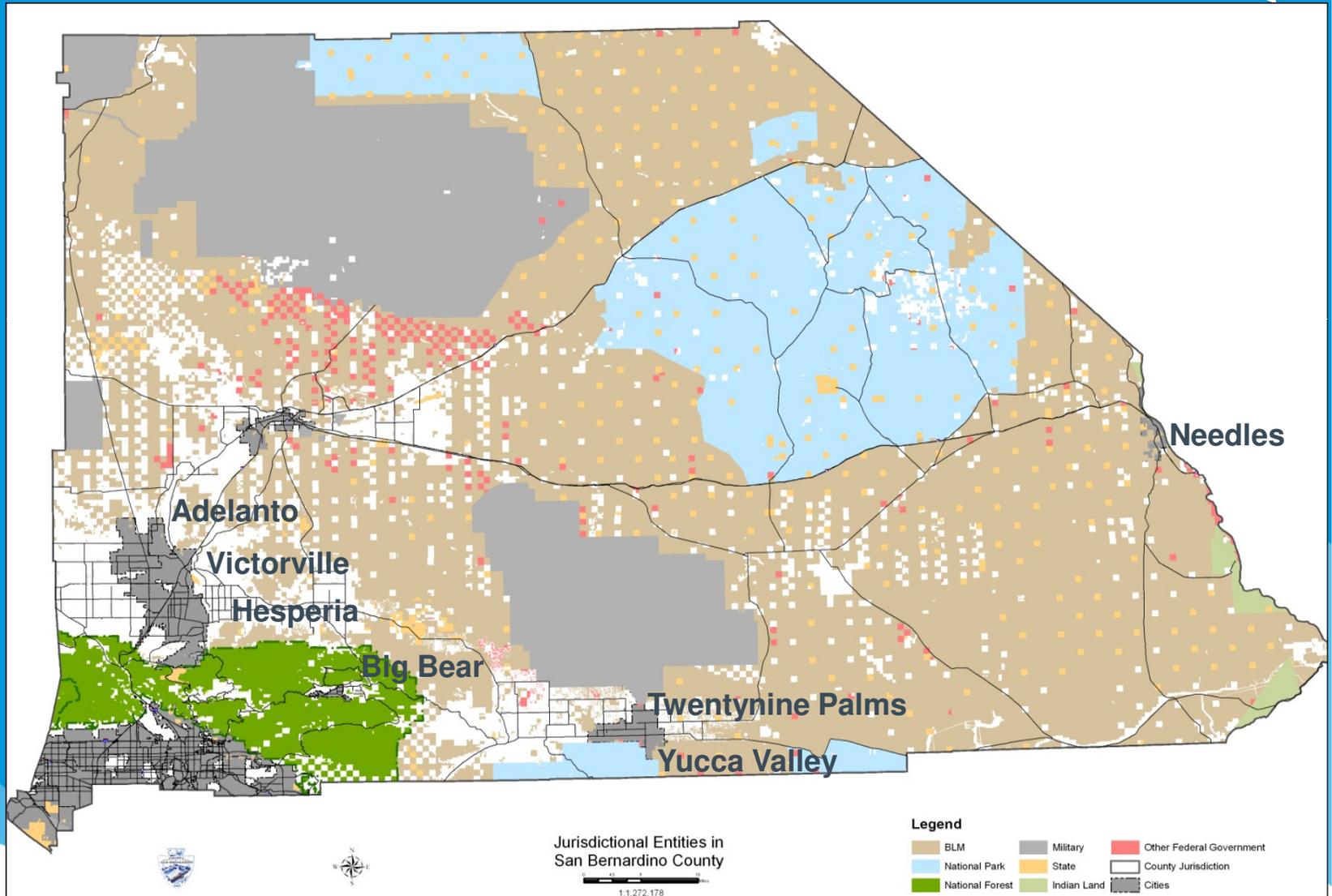
- Builds upon the work in the County GHG Reduction Plan
- Collaborative effort by SANBAG and the twenty-one Participating Cities
- Goals:
 - Provide regional reduction of GHG emissions
 - Provide the technical information needed for local climate action plans
 - Cost efficiency by doing all cities in one effort.



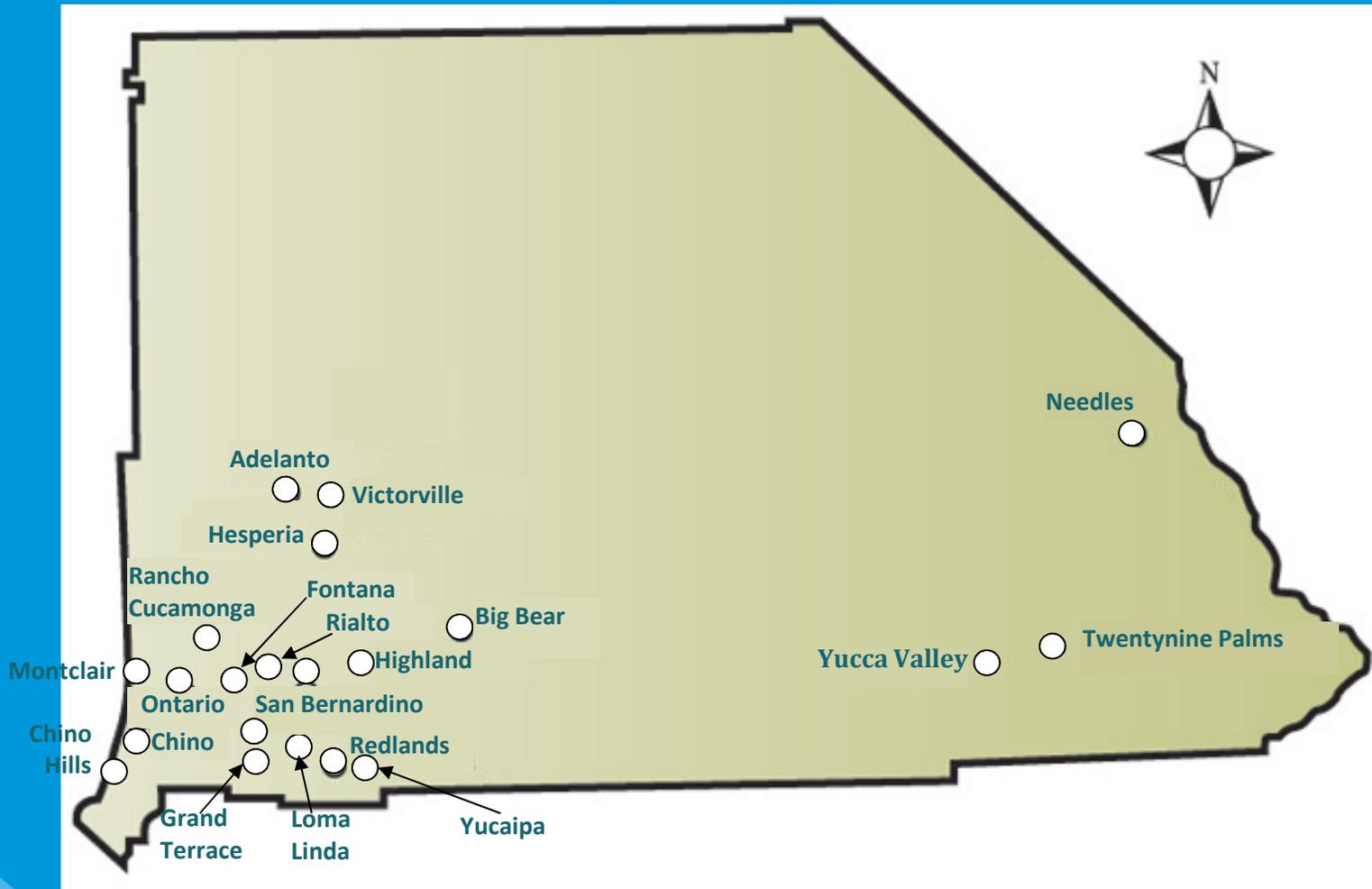
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San Bernardino County Regional GHG Emissions Inventory and Reduction Plan

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Executive Summary

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Chapter 2 - Background information

Chapter 3 – City Chapters

Emissions

Reduction Measures

Costs/Savings and Jobs

General Plan Policies

Chapter 4 – Reduction Measures

Chapter 5 – Implementation/Regional Coordination

Appendix A - GHG emissions Inventories and Forecasts

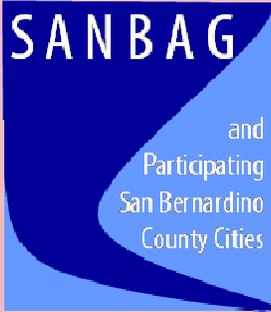
Appendix B – Methodology

Appendix C – Detailed Costs/Savings by City



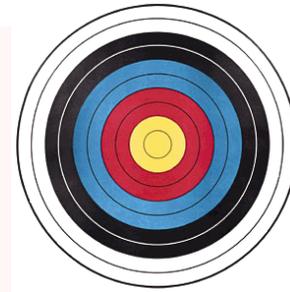
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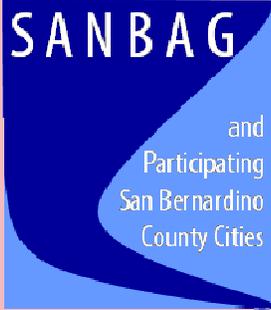
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Reduction Targets



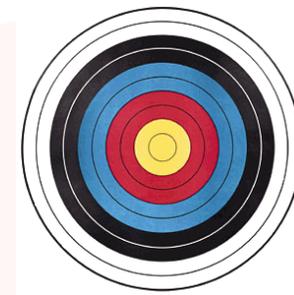
Each City chooses their own Reduction Target:

- Consistent with Assembly Bill (AB) 32—The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
- Consistent with the City's Adopted General Plan and Climate Action Plans
- Targets are achievable using feasible reduction measures

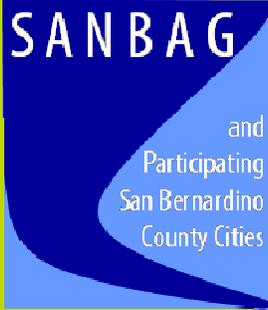


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Reduction Targets



City	Goal
Eleven cities and County	15% below 2008
Two cities	30% below 2020
Two cities	29% below 2020
One city	27% below 2020
One city	26% below 2020
One city	22% below 2020
Two cities	20% below 2020
Countywide Average	15.9% below 2008
Countywide Average	26.6% below 2020

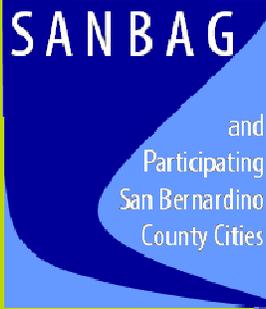


GHG Emissions and Reductions

Source	Local Reductions	% of Total
State Measures	3,094,202	79%
County Measures	140,849	4%
Local Measures	690,248	18%
Total Reductions	3,925,300	100%
2008 Emissions	12,858,269	
2020 BAU Emissions	14,743,501	
2020 Emissions with Plan	10,818,201	
% below 2008 Emissions	15.9%	
% below 2020 Emissions	26.6%	

Reduction Measures

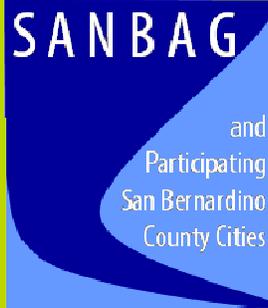
Sectors	Local Reductions	% of Total
Building Energy	275,830	40%
OnRoad Transportation	54,688	8%
OffRoad Transportation	39,516	6%
Solid Waste Management	15,451	2%
Water Conservation/Conveyance	73,825	11%
Wastewater Conveyance	27,658	4%
Agriculture	91,878	13%
Land Use/Urban Forestry	1,082	0.2%
GHG Performance Standard	109,239	16%
Total Local Measures	690,248	100%



Reduction Measures



<i>Measure</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i># of Cities</i>
Building Energy		
Energy-1	Energy Efficiency for Existing Buildings	13
Energy-2	Outdoor Lighting	10
Energy-3	Green Building Ordinance	11
Energy-4	Solar Installation for New Housing	17
Energy-5	Solar Installation for New Commercial	15
Energy-6	Solar Energy for Warehouse Space	8
Energy-7	Solar Installation for Existing Housing	14
Energy-8	Solar Installation for Existing Commercial/Industrial	11
Energy-9	Co-Generation Facilities	6
On-Road Transportation		
Transportation-1	Sustainable Communities Strategy	13
Transportation-2	Smart Bus Technologies	13
Off-Road Equipment		
OffRoad-1	Construction Equipment	10
OffRoad-2	Idling Ordinance	14
OffRoad-3	Landscaping Equipment	11



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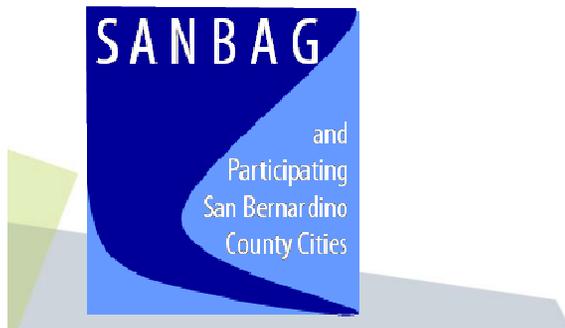
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Solid Waste Management		
Waste-1	Methane Capture	1
Waste-2	Waste Diversion	14
Water Conveyance		
Water-1	Require Tier 1 Voluntary CALGreen Standards for New Construction	11
Water-2	Renovate Existing Buildings to Achieve Higher Levels of Water Efficiency	9
Water-3	Water-Efficient Landscaping Practices	16
Wastewater Treatment		
Wastewater-1	Methane Recovery	4
Wastewater-2	Equipment Upgrades	14
Wastewater-3	Recycled Water	10
Agriculture		
Agriculture-1	Methane Capture at Large Dairies	1
Agriculture-2	Utilize Methane Captured at Dairies	1
Land Use/Urban Forestry		
LandUse-1 (BE)	Carbon Sequestration	7
LandUse-2 (BE)	Promote Rooftop Gardens	5
GHG Performance Standard for New Development		
PS-1	Performance Standard	20

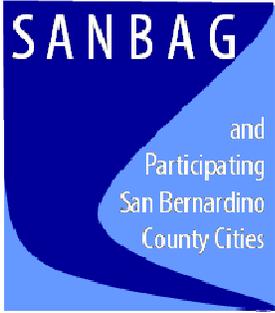
Relationship of the Regional Plan and Local Climate Action Plans

- Regional plan contains technical information on:
 - Baseline Inventory of GHG Emissions (2008)
 - Forecast of future GHG emissions in 2020
 - Reduction Targets selected by each city
 - Reduction Measures selected by each city
 - Costs/Benefits/Jobs analysis for each city
 - Generic implementation process to guide each city
- Local City:
 - Uses technical information from Regional Plan
 - Uses City chapter and background info
 - Refine/adapt/elaborate measures (if desired)
 - Define local implementation steps
 - Compiles local CAP using the above information
 - Processes through local approval process

Environmental Impact Report Process

- Notice of Preparation (Issued November 14th)
- Scoping process (30 day public review)
- Notice of Availability (January 2013)
- Draft EIR (forty-five day public review)
- Final EIR (March 2013)
 - Response to Comments
 - Changes in the Draft
- Certification of the FEIR (Spring 2013)
- Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)(Spring 2013)
- Decision on Project (Spring/Summer 2013)





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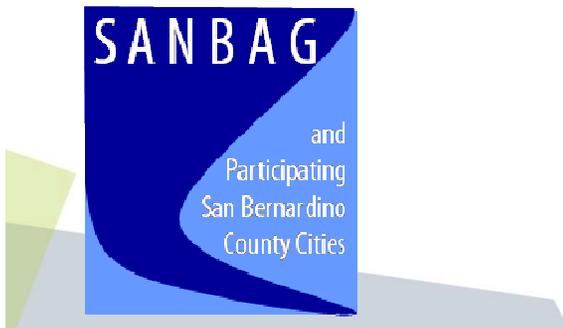
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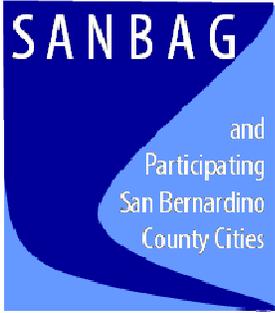
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- Cumulative Impacts & mitigation
- Areas of known controversy
- Alternatives
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Final EIR Process

- Review all comments on the Draft EIR
- Draft response to comments
- Draft edits to EIR text based upon comments
- Draft MMRP
- Draft Findings and Overrides
- Final EIR ready for circulation (March 2013)
- Public Hearing and Certification of FEIR (Spring 2013)
- Adopt MMRP (Spring 2013)
- Adopt Findings and Overrides (Spring 2013)
- Additional hearings (if needed) to make a decision on the Project
(Spring/Summer 2013)

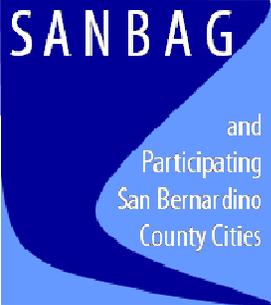




What we need from you

- Your input on the list of topics to analyze in the EIR
 - Environmental impacts to analyze
 - Your input on Project Alternatives to analyze in the EIR
 - Alternatives that meet the goals of the Project
- Examples of Alternatives:
- Plan with more aggressive reduction targets
 - Plan with less aggressive reduction targets

Questions





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Notice of Preparation

November 14, 2012

SAN BERNARDINO
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To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Reduction Plan
SCH# 2012111046

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Reduction Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Steve Smith
San Bernardino Associated Governments
1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2012111046
Project Title San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Reduction Plan
Lead Agency San Bernardino Associated Governments

Type NOP Notice of Preparation

Description The Project is a plan for the reduction of GHG emissions within the 21 Partnership cities in San Bernardino County. The 21 Partnership cities are Adelanto, Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma, Linda, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, Yucaipa, and Yucca Valley. SANBAG is the Lead Agency. SANBAG has determined that an EIR will be required addressing: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, global climate change, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology, land use, mineral resources, noise, housing, public services, recreation traffic, and utilities. This determination was made without the use of an Initial Study as provided in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (d).

Lead Agency Contact

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Agency San Bernardino Associated Governments
Phone 909 844 8276 **Fax**
email
Address 1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
City San Bernardino **State** CA **Zip** 92410-1715

Project Location

County San Bernardino
City
Region
Cross Streets Entire County Area
Lat / Long 34° 6' 29" N / 117° 17' 20" W
Parcel No. Entire County area
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

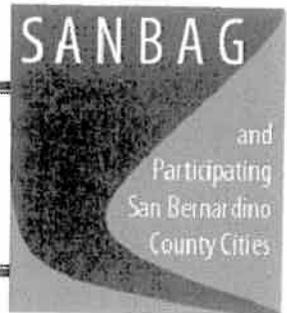
Proximity to:

Highways I-15, I-40, SR215, SR210
Airports
Railways BNSF, UNION PACIFIC
Waterways Santa Ana River, Mojave River, and tributaries.
Schools
Land Use

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Department of Conservation; California Energy Commission; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 6; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; Caltrans, Division of Transportation Planning; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 8; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; State Water Resources Control Board

Date Received 11/14/2012 **Start of Review** 11/14/2012 **End of Review** 12/13/2012



San Bernardino Association of Governments

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

DATE: November 9, 2012

FROM: San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG), Department of Planning,
1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715

TO: Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT TITLE: San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan

An environmental review of the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan ("Project") must be conducted under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because implementation of reduction measures as part of the Project will require discretionary approvals from state and local agencies, which will result in physical changes within the Project Area. As Lead Agency for CEQA for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"), SANBAG issues this Notice of Preparation ("NOP") for the proposed Project in San Bernardino County, California. This NOP provides a description of the Project and solicits comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, federal, state, and local agencies and the general public, on the scope and content of the EIR. Comments received in response to this Notice will be reviewed and considered by the SANBAG in preparation of the EIR. Due to time limits, as defined by CEQA, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than December 14, 2012. SANBAG needs to know the views of interested agencies as to the environmental information that is germane to those agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project.

Comments and questions may be directed to Steve Smith, Director of Planning, SANBAG Planning Department: 1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715,
Or by email to ssmith@sanbag.ca.gov

Please include in your response the name, phone number, and address of the contact person for the responding agency.

A Scoping Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 28 2012 at 3pm at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) office 1170 West Third Street, 1st Floor, San Bernardino, CA

Oral and written comments will be accepted during the Scoping Meetings.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2006, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 32. The law establishes a limit on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the state of California to reduce state-wide emissions to 1990

reduce GHG emissions regionally and within each city. Note that the comprehensive list below shows all GHG reduction measures under consideration. Each city is determining for themselves which GHG reduction measures will achieve the reduction target for their jurisdiction. The Candidate GHG reduction measures under consideration by the Partnership cities include:

- Implementation of the Sustainable Community Strategy in land use design and location,
- Smart Bus Technologies for local transit,
- Energy efficiency retrofits for existing buildings,
- Energy efficient outdoor lighting for commercial and industrial uses,
- Green Building Ordinance,
- Solar installation for new housing,
- Solar installation for new commercial/industrial uses,
- Solar energy for warehouse/logistics facilities,
- Solar installation retrofits for existing housing,
- Solar installation retrofits for existing commercial/industrial uses,
- Renewable Co-generation facilities,
- Carbon sequestration through urban forestry enhancements,
- Green roofs and rooftop gardens,
- Energy efficient equipment upgrades at wastewater treatment facilities,
- Methane capture and recovery systems at wastewater treatment facilities,
- Recycled water systems,
- Voluntary CALGREEN water conservation design in new buildings,
- Water efficient retrofits of existing buildings,
- Water efficient landscaping practices,
- Construction equipment Idling Restriction Ordinance,
- Landscaping equipment efficiency,
- GHG Performance Standards for new development.

The anticipated GHG reductions of the measures being chosen by each city is quantified for year 2020 and included in the projected 2020 Reduced GHG emission inventories to demonstrate achievement of the reduction targets.

5. Develop “the basis for” community climate action plans (CAPs) for each jurisdiction meeting jurisdiction identified reduction goals.

This San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (Plan) satisfies the Partnership goals 1, 2, 4 and 5 listed above. A tool for inventorying municipal GHG emissions and planning for their reduction was developed and provided to the Partnership cities separately in 2011.

Figure 1 – Regional Project Location



Resource Agency

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California Coastal Commission
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Gerald R. Zimmerman

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California Energy Commission
Eric Knight

Cal Fire
Dan Foster

Central Valley Flood Protection Board
James Herota

Office of Historic Preservation
Ron Parsons

Dept of Parks & Recreation Environmental Stewardship Section

California Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery
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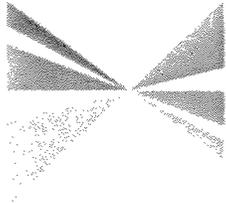
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December 14, 2012

Mr. Steve Smith
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RE: SCAG Comments on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan [I20120278]

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for submitting the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for review and comment. SCAG is the authorized regional agency for Inter-Governmental Review (IGR) of programs proposed for federal financial assistance and direct development activities, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372. Additionally, SCAG reviews the Environmental Impact Reports of projects of regional significance for consistency with regional plans pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.

SCAG is also the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency under state law, and is responsible for preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) including its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) component pursuant to SB 375. As the clearinghouse for regionally significant projects per Executive Order 12372, SCAG reviews the consistency of local plans, projects, and programs with regional plans.¹ Guidance provided by these reviews is intended to assist local agencies and project sponsors to take actions that contribute to the attainment of the regional goals and policies in the RTP/SCS.

SCAG staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan and determined that this proposed project is regionally significant per CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15125 and 15206. The proposed project includes a plan to reduce GHG emissions within the San Bernardino County region.

When available, please send environmental documentation to SCAG's main office in Los Angeles providing, at a minimum, the full comment period for review.

If you have any questions regarding the attached comments, please contact Pamela Lee at (213) 236-1895 or leep@scag.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Nadler
Manager, Compliance and Performance Assessment

¹ SB 375 amends CEQA to add Chapter 4.2 Implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy, which allows for certain CEQA streamlining for projects consistent with the RTP/SCS. Lead agencies (including local jurisdictions) maintain the discretion and will be solely responsible for determining "consistency" of any future project with the SCS. Any "consistency" finding by SCAG pursuant to the IGR process should not be construed as a finding of consistency under SB 375 for purposes of CEQA streamlining.

**COMMENTS ON THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REGIONAL
GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PLAN [SCAG NO. I20120278]**

CONSISTENCY WITH RTP/SCS

SCAG reviews environmental documents for regionally significant projects for their consistency with the adopted RTP/SCS.

RTP/SCS Goals

The 2012-20135 RTP/SCS links the goal of sustaining mobility with the goals of fostering economic development, enhancing the environment, reducing energy consumption, promoting transportation-friendly development patterns, and encouraging fair and equitable access to residents affected by socio-economic, geographic and commercial limitations (see <http://rtpscsc.scag.ca.gov>). The goals included in the 2012 RTP/SCS may be pertinent to the proposed project. These goals are meant to provide guidance for considering the proposed project within the context of regional goals and policies. Among the relevant goals of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS are the following:

SCAG 2012-2035 RTP/SCS GOALS	
RTP/SCS G1:	<i>Align the plan investments and policies with improving regional economic development and competitiveness</i>
RTP/SCS G2:	<i>Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region</i>
RTP/SCS G3:	<i>Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the region</i>
RTP/SCS G4:	<i>Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system</i>
RTP/SCS G5:	<i>Maximize the productivity of our transportation system</i>
RTP/SCS G6:	<i>Protect the environment and health for our residents by improving air quality and encouraging active transportation (non-motorized transportation, such as bicycling and walking)</i>
RTP/SCS G7:	<i>Actively encourage and create incentives for energy efficiency, where possible</i>
RTP/SCS G8:	<i>Encourage land use and growth patterns that facilitate transit and non-motorized transportation</i>
RTP/SCS G9:	<i>Maximize the security of the regional transportation system through improved system monitoring, rapid recovery planning, and coordination with other security agencies</i>

For ease of review, we encourage the use of a side-by-side comparison of SCAG goals with discussions of the consistency, non-consistency or non-applicability of the policy and supportive analysis in a table format. Suggested format is as follows:

SCAG 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Goals		
Goal		Analysis
RTP/SCS G1:	<i>Align the plan investments and policies with improving regional economic development and competitiveness.</i>	<i>Consistent: Statement as to why Not-Consistent: Statement as to why or Not Applicable: Statement as to why DEIR page number reference</i>
RTP/SCS G2:	<i>Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region.</i>	<i>Consistent: Statement as to why Not-Consistent: Statement as to why or Not Applicable: Statement as to why DEIR page number reference</i>
RTP/SCS G3:	<i>Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the region.</i>	<i>Consistent: Statement as to why Not-Consistent: Statement as to why or Not Applicable: Statement as to why DEIR page number reference</i>
etc.	etc.	etc.

Regional Growth Forecasts

The Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan should reflect the most recently adopted SCAG forecasts (see <http://scag.ca.gov/forecast/index.htm>), which are the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS population, household and employment forecasts. The forecasts for the region and applicable jurisdictions are below.

Forecast	Adopted SCAG Region Wide Forecasts		Adopted San Bernardino County Forecasts	
	Year 2020	Year 2035	Year 2020	Year 2035
Population	19,663,000	22,091,000	2,268,000	2,750,000
Households	6,458,000	7,325,000	698,000	847,000
Employment	8,414,000	9,441,000	810,000	1,059,000

MITIGATION

SCAG staff recommends that you review the SCAG 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Final Program EIR List of Mitigation Measures Appendix for additional guidance, as appropriate. The SCAG List of Mitigation Measures may be found here: http://scag.ca.gov/igr/pdf/SCAG_IGRMMPR_2012.pdf



San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society
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December 14, 2012

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By email to: ssmith@sanbag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Response to Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan

Dear Mr. Smith:

The San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society is the local chapter of the National Audubon Society for almost all of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and has about two thousand members in that area. We are a 501c(3) organization. Our missions are the protection of natural habitat for birds and other wildlife, and public education about the environment. This includes actively working to reduce the causes and impacts of global warming, and SBVAS was a participant in successful litigation against San Bernardino County on this issue in 2007.

Upon reviewing the NOP cited above, it would appear that SANBAG is on its way to complying with the CEQA requirements for this project, so we have no specific input at this time. We will, however, review the DEIR when it is issued, and wished to be promptly and directly informed of its issuance. Correspondence can either be sent to the above address or, preferably, to me at Drewf3@verizon.net. We would also like to be informed of the schedule for completion of the DEIR, and any changes to that schedule that may occur.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Drew Feldmann
Conservation Chair

Josh Lee

From: Steven Smith
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 11:04 AM
To: Walter, Rich (Rich.Walter@icfi.com); Rebecca.Rosen@icfi.com; Schuster, Brian (Brian.Schuster@icfi.com); Hendrix, Michael K (Michael.Hendrix@atkinsglobal.com)
Cc: Josh Lee
Subject: FW: San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan EIR NOP

Rich, Michael et. al.

First response has come in. I'm not sure we need to respond right away, but I wanted to ask for suggestions on handling the questions that come in by e-mail. The answer to the question, in part, would seem to be that some of the benefit of bicycle facilities is included in the VMT/GHG reductions that are part of the RTP/SCS, which includes bicycle infrastructure as a major component. But it does not show up as an explicit strategy in the NOP list. Please advise on how you suggest handling such questions that come in prior to the scoping session. I'm assuming that these e-mails would be part of the record. Thanks. Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Brent Merideth [<mailto:meridethbl@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Steven Smith
Subject: San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan EIR NOP

Mr. Smith,

As a daily bicycle commuter through Highland, Redlands, and San Bernardino, I am disappointed that the EIR NOP does not mention the use of bicycles, or the implementation of bicycle facilities as a GHG reduction measure.

Certainly some of the reasons for the tepid bicycle commuter rate in San Bernardino county include a) the image of cycling as being dangerous due to a lack of dedicated facilities, b) current cycling infrastructure doesn't exist between locations where people live and locations where they work, c) a lack of committment between the county and its cities to encourage cycling as a realistic and healthy method of commuting, and d) grandiose plans for cycling infrastructure with virtually no dedicated funding stream.

Cycling can reduce an individual's carbon footprint from large to zero instantly, it allows people to actually access the public transportation facilities San Bernardino has been constructing, they cost a fraction of most of these road projects and cover a greater distance, and improves health. Many cities in Europe and several in the US have found that when cycling becomes more convenient than driving, they are drawn to it in much greater numbers. San Bernardino county is blessed with many water channels and abandoned railroad tracks that need to be put to use in order to improve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and of course, help San Bernardino county reach its GHG targets.

Brent Merideth
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SanBag Planning Department
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Subject: San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan

Dear Steve Smith,

This letter is written on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. Thank you for inviting us to submit comments on the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan. Rincon is submitting these comments concerning your Project's potential impact on Luiseño cultural resources.

The Rincon Band has concerns for impacts to historic and cultural resources and findings of significant cultural value that could be disturbed or destroyed and are considered culturally significant to the Luiseño people. This is to inform you, your identified location is not within the Luiseño Aboriginal Territory. We recommend that you locate a Tribe within the project area to receive direction on how to handle any inadvertent findings according to their traditions and customs. Also, we recommend a Native American Monitor be present during any and all ground disturbances.

If you would like information on Tribes within your project area, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission and they will assist with a referral. If for some reason you are unable to locate an interested tribe please notify us and we will be happy to assist you in the matter. We also request you update your contact information for Rincon and send any future letters and correspondence to the Rincon Tribal Chairman and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in the Cultural Resource Center, Post Office Box 68, Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 297-2635.

Thank you for this opportunity to protect and preserve our cultural assets.

Sincerely,

Rose Duro
Rincon Culture Committee Chairman

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Tribal Chairman

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Steve Stallings
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Mr. Steve Smith, Director of Planning

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Re: SCH#2012111046; CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP); draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the "SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY AND REDUCTION PLAN PROJECT;" located in San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Smith:

The NAHC is the State of California 'Trustee Agency' for the protection and preservation of Native American cultural resources pursuant to California Public Resources Code §21070 and affirmed by the Third Appellate Court in the case of EPIC v. Johnson (1985: 170 Cal App. 3rd 604).

This letter includes state and federal statutes relating to Native American historic properties or resources of religious and cultural significance to American Indian tribes and interested Native American individuals as 'consulting parties' under both state and federal law. State law also addresses the freedom of Native American Religious Expression in Public Resources Code §5097.9.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – CA Public Resources Code 21000-21177, amendments effective 3/18/2010) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archaeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the CEQA Guidelines defines a significant impact on the environment as 'a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of physical conditions within an area affected by the proposed project, including ... objects of historic or aesthetic significance.' In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE), and if so, to mitigate that effect. The NAHC advises the Lead Agency to request a Sacred Lands File search of the NAHC if one has not been done for the 'area of potential effect' or APE previously.

The NAHC 'Sacred Sites,' as defined by the Native American Heritage Commission and the California Legislature in California Public Resources Code §§5097.94(a) and 5097.96. Items in the NAHC Sacred Lands Inventory are confidential and exempt from the Public Records Act pursuant to California Government Code §6254 (r).

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries of cultural resources or burial sites once a project is underway. Culturally affiliated tribes and individuals may have knowledge of the religious and cultural significance of the historic properties in the project area (e.g. APE). We strongly urge that you make contact with the list of Native American Contacts on the attached list of Native American contacts, to see if your proposed project might impact Native American cultural resources and to obtain their recommendations concerning the proposed project. Pursuant to CA Public Resources Code § 5097.95, the NAHC requests cooperation from other public agencies in order that the Native American consulting parties be provided pertinent project information. Consultation with Native American communities is also a matter of environmental justice as defined by California Government Code §65040.12(e). Pursuant to CA Public Resources Code §5097.95, the NAHC requests that pertinent project information be provided consulting tribal parties, including archaeological studies. The NAHC recommends *avoidance* as defined by CEQA Guidelines §15370(a) to pursuing a project that would damage or destroy Native American cultural resources and California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2 (Archaeological Resources) that requires documentation, data recovery of cultural resources, construction to avoid sites and the possible use of covenant easements to protect sites.

Furthermore, the NAHC if the proposed project is under the jurisdiction of the statutes and regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act (e.g. NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321-43351). Consultation with tribes and interested Native American consulting parties, on the NAHC list, should be conducted in compliance with the requirements of federal NEPA and Section 106 and 4(f) of federal NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq*), 36 CFR Part 800.3 (f) (2) & .5, the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CSQ, 42 U.S.C 4371 *et seq.* and NAGPRA (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013) as appropriate. The 1992 *Secretary of the Interiors Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* were revised so that they could be applied to all historic resource types included in the National Register of Historic Places and including cultural landscapes. Also, federal Executive Orders Nos. 11593 (preservation of cultural environment), 13175 (coordination & consultation) and 13007 (Sacred Sites) are helpful, supportive guides for Section 106 consultation. The aforementioned Secretary of the Interior's *Standards* include recommendations for all 'lead agencies' to consider the historic context of proposed projects and to "research" the cultural landscape that might include the 'area of potential effect.'

Confidentiality of "historic properties of religious and cultural significance" should also be considered as protected by California Government Code §6254(r) and may also be protected under Section 304 of he NHPA or at the Secretary of the Interior discretion if not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Secretary may also be advised by the federal Indian Religious Freedom Act (cf. 42 U.S.C., 1996) in issuing a decision on whether or not to disclose items of religious and/or cultural significance identified in or near the APEs and possibility threatened by proposed project activity.

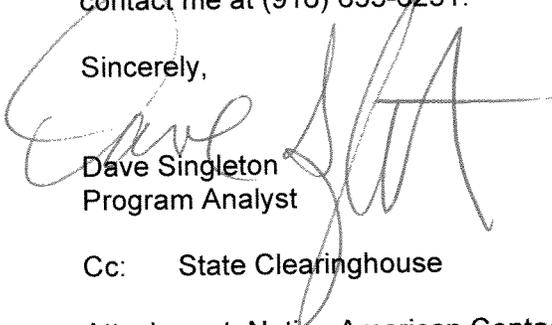
Furthermore, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, California Government Code §27491 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for inadvertent discovery of human remains mandate the processes to be followed in the event of a discovery of human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery'.

To be effective, consultation on specific projects must be the result of an ongoing relationship between Native American tribes and lead agencies, project proponents and their contractors, in the opinion of the NAHC. Regarding tribal consultation, a relationship built around regular meetings and informal involvement with local tribes will lead to more qualitative consultation tribal input on specific projects.

Finally, when Native American cultural sites and/or Native American burial sites are prevalent within the project site, the NAHC recommends 'avoidance' of the site as referenced by CEQA Guidelines Section 15370(a).

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,



Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Cc: State Clearinghouse

Attachment: Native American Contact List

Josh Lee

From: Steven Smith
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 2:44 PM
To: Josh Lee
Cc: Timothy Byrne
Subject: FW: High Desert Corridor Update

Josh,
A comment to be logged for the GHG scoping. Steve

From: Hunter, Laurie (BOS) [<mailto:lhunter@sbcounty.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 2:41 PM
To: Timothy Byrne
Cc: Steven Smith
Subject: RE: High Desert Corridor Update

OK: Remember for Greenhouse Gas Scoping:

HDMC (High Desert MultiPurpose Corridor is a net-zero for rail (we can and will generate 100% of our own solar electricity to run the overhead catenary HSR trains and lights/ maintenance and operation features of the expressway); and by industrial landuse and HDC stimulation, logistics and manufacturing jobs along and within the outer boundary of the High Desert will reduce commute VMT to jobs down the hill, when combined with transit a significant reduction to VMT. We have a different Air Basin—The MDAQMD supports the HDMC.

From: Timothy Byrne [<mailto:tbyrne@sanbag.ca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 1:55 PM
To: Hunter, Laurie (BOS)
Cc: Steven Smith
Subject: RE: High Desert Corridor Update

Just had a meeting with Steve and he noted that we may want to wait until after this Friday's JPA meeting. He can touch base with you there. Wednesday is bad for us due to a morning workshop and afternoon session for our Greenhouse Gas Scoping meeting.

Thanks
Tim

From: Hunter, Laurie (BOS) [<mailto:lhunter@sbcounty.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 12:25 PM
To: Timothy Byrne
Cc: Steven Smith
Subject: RE: High Desert Corridor Update

What about Today at 4:00, or Wednesday any time?

From: Timothy Byrne [<mailto:tbyrne@sanbag.ca.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 9:36 AM
To: Hunter, Laurie (BOS)

Cc: Steven Smith

Subject: High Desert Corridor Update

Laurie –

Per previous conversations, please take a look at your calendar to see when you might be free to come and update us on High Desert Corridor JPA activities.

Thank you,

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SUBJECT: GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY REDUCTION PLAN, PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

Dear President Jahn and Fellow SANBAG Board Members,

We greatly appreciate the previous meetings with SANBAG staff regarding the Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Reduction Plan (GHG Plan). However, we remain concerned that the preparation of the GHG Plan lacks the benefit of advance input from the BIA Baldy View Chapter (BIA).

The GHG Plan and pending release of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) will likely result in significant development policy changes. While there is no debating the state's required GHG reduction targets, we urge SANBAG to refrain from exceeding this aggressive state mandate. Similarly, it is imperative that SANBAG promote a flexible and broad menu of GHG reduction mitigation options that remain mindful of limiting the added burden of increased costs solely to new construction.

In order to be affective, it is important that any Climate Action Plan (CAP) be comprehensive and includes all sources of GHG emissions and equivalent measures, including existing construction. In keeping with SANBAG's mission of strengthening countywide economic development efforts, this process should work diligently to limit new policies with the potential to adversely impact the significant job creation linked to the San Bernardino County home building industry.

By design, the participating 21 cities have contributed funds to SANBAG to prepare the aforementioned documents to assist in the preparation and adoption of local Climate Action Plans. Likewise, SANBAG has also received a grant from SCAG to assist in the preparation of Climate Action Plan Implementation Tools (CAP Tools) that will likely be used by cities throughout San Bernardino County.

As such, we respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. To delay the public comment period of the PEIR until the CAP Tools are made available to us for advance review/comment and to hold a workshop(s) with the BIA.

2. To allow BIA a 30-day advanced review of the PEIR and to hold a workshop(s) with the BIA prior to its release.
3. To forego a piecemeal approach and submit the GHG Plan, PEIR and completed CAP Tools as a comprehensive package for the appropriate public comment period.

The BIA recognizes that many local governmental agencies wish to play a role in meeting state greenhouse gas reduction targets and addressing climate change concerns. A local CAP, when it is thoughtfully considered, can be an appropriate means by which a local government adopts policies and goals aimed at addressing climate change concerns. Southern California home builders believe in doing their part to address climate change concerns through our development and redevelopment efforts.

To that point, Southern California home builders and developers have long led the nation in such areas as new home energy efficiency and resource conservation. When local governments develop CAPs, any new mandates and limitations placed on the development of new homes should not be so burdensome as to prevent or suppress home building activities. Instead, CAPs should be designed to assure that state policies concerning climate change are addressed with a jurisdiction-wide approach that does not unreasonably burden any economic sector or stifle new economic activity which is needed to fuel badly needed job creation.

The economic and job implications of the GHG Plan, PEIR and CAP Tools all point to the need for advance input from the BIA. We urge your consideration of the three aforementioned recommendations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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