Sustainable Communities Strategy (SB 375)
Overview

Butte County Association of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2009

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS):
• Mechanism to implement provisions of CA Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) for passenger vehicle GHG reductions
• All of California’s 18 MPOs subject to SCS
• Integrated transportation and land use plan
• Goal - meet GHG reduction target set by ARB

SCS – A New Element in the 2012 RTP

• Policy Element
• Action Element
• Financial Element
• Sustainable Communities Strategy

All Elements must be internally consistent
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**Attachment #1**

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**SCS Includes:**

- Forecasted Development Pattern (2035)
  - Regional Growth Projections (jobs & housing)
  - Latest Planning Assumptions
    - Jurisdictions’ Land Use Plans
    - Habitat Conservation Plans

- RHNA (8 year housing need)

- Transportation Network

- Transportation Measures and Policies

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**Alternative Planning Strategy (APS)**

- APS required if SCS does not meet GHG reduction target

- Separate Plan outside of the RTP

- Identifies impediments to achieving target with SCS

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**SCS – CEQA Incentives**

- Streamlined review for residential and mixed use projects in SCS/APS

- Transit Priority Projects* in SCS/APS receive partial CEQA exemption or streamlining

  * TPP must qualify based on CEQA criteria
SCS - Public Participation

- Update BCAG PPP to include:
  - Target Setting Workshop
  - 2 Supervisor/Council Member Workshops
  - 2 Public Hearings

SCS/APS – Disclaimer:

- Does not regulate the use of land or supersede land use authority of Cities/Town/County
- Cities/Town/County land use policies do not need to be consistent
- Must meet Federal Regulations