

City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Charlene Gallina, Director of Planning & Building
DATE: January 18, 2011
SUBJECT: Presentation – Overview of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



Richard Spittler, City Manager

1 **ISSUE:** Receive a presentation regarding an overview on the future development of a
 2 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) required by Senate Bill 375.
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4 **RECOMMENDATION:** Receive presentation and provide comments.
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6 **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** Senate Bill 375 became law in 2008 and is
 7 considered landmark legislation for California relative to land use, transportation and
 8 environmental planning. It calls for the development of a Sustainable Communities
 9 Strategy (SCS) in all metropolitan regions in California. Within the Bay Area, the law
 10 gives joint responsibility for the SCS to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 11 (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). These agencies will
 12 coordinate with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) and the
 13 Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).
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15 The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has requested that each
 16 jurisdiction provide their local elected officials with an overview of the planning
 17 process that is currently underway by the Association of Bay Area Governments
 18 (ABAG) to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the Bay Area,
 19 consistent with Senate Bill 375. This presentation was presented to the Planning
 20 Commission on January 12, 2011. A copy of the background information regarding
 21 development of a SCS has been provided in Attachment A. It should be noted that
 22 this information will also be presented to the Community Resources Commission on
 23 January 19, 2011.
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25 As indicated in Attachment A, regional agencies expect to release an Initial Vision
 26 Scenario in early February 2011. At this time, City staff will present a report to the
 27 Community Resources Commission, the Planning Commission and the City Council

28 describing the overall approach, regional context, and local implications for the City of
29 Calistoga. In addition, staff will solicit comments for the development of a formal
30 response to the Initial Vision Scenario to be share with regional agencies. This
31 feedback will serve as a basis for the development of Detailed SCS Scenarios through
32 July 2011.

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34 **FISCAL IMPACT:** No direct fiscal impacts have been identified at this time.

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36 **ATTACHMENT:**

37 A. Planning Commission Staff Report of January 12, 2011