

## Select SB 375 Resources

In brief, California state law (Senate Bill 375) requires metropolitan planning organizations to adopt a “sustainable communities strategy,” as part of their regional transportation plans, designed to achieve identified regional targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. SB 375 requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to review each metropolitan planning organization’s sustainable communities strategy to determine whether the strategy, if implemented, would achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. Certain types of projects that are consistent with the sustainable communities strategy are entitled to an exemption from, or streamlined review under, the California Environmental Quality Act.

As first step, SB 375 requires the ARB to set targets for each region for 2020 and 2035. The ARB appointed a Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) on January 23, 2009 to provide recommendations on the factors and methodologies that ARB will use in its target setting process. The RTAC must provide its recommendations in a report to ARB by September 30, 2009. ARB must propose draft targets by June 10, 2010, and adopt final targets by September 30, 2010.

SB 375 is complex, and this summary leaves out many important aspects of the law. For a fuller discussion, please see the resources listed below.

- SB 375 text: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_0351-0400/sb\\_375\\_bill\\_20080930\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_375_bill_20080930_chaptered.pdf)
- California Air Resources Board SB 375 Implementation Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm>
- SB 375 Summary and Analysis for the Bay Area Greenbelt Alliance: <http://www.climateplanca.org/DownloadableDocs/Greenbelt375Summary.pdf>
- Bill Summary by NRDC and California League of Conservation Voters: <http://www.climateplanca.org/SB%20375%20Summary.pdf>
- California State Association of Counties, Analysis of SB 375: [http://www.csac.counties.org/images/users/1/SB%20375%20CSAC%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20FINAL\\_10.17.08.pdf](http://www.csac.counties.org/images/users/1/SB%20375%20CSAC%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20FINAL_10.17.08.pdf)
- California League of Cities, Technical Overview of SB 375: [http://www.cacities.org/resource\\_files/27666.SB%20375%20Implementation%20Final%2001-09%20\(2.0\).doc](http://www.cacities.org/resource_files/27666.SB%20375%20Implementation%20Final%2001-09%20(2.0).doc)
- Morrison | Foerster, SB 375 Becomes Law, Pushing Greenhouse Gas Reduction to the Forefront of California Transportation, Economic and Land Use Planning: <http://www.mofo.com/news/updates/bulletins/14541.html>
- Meyers | Nave, Full Summary of California Senate Bill 375: [http://www.meyersnave.com/mn.pl?p=resource\\_summary&s=resources&t=app&rn=1222972511xpm&rc=Publications&y=resourcebase.html](http://www.meyersnave.com/mn.pl?p=resource_summary&s=resources&t=app&rn=1222972511xpm&rc=Publications&y=resourcebase.html)
- Bingham & McCutchen, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: LAND USE | January 2009 (SB 375): <http://www.bingham.com/Media.aspx?MediaID=8085>
- Stoel Rives, Environmental Law Alert: Recent California Environmental Legislation (SB 375): <http://www.stoel.com/showalert.aspx?Show=3284>