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**Subject:** Technology Support for Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program

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### **Recommended Action:**

For information only – no action required.

### **Background:**

An award of Proposition 84 funds was allocated to improve Strategic Growth Council representation and reporting of past planning grants, and to provide technology and data support to help grantees advance their planning concepts to project implementation.

The initial activity was to secure a technology platform that would support a web site to explore and report on these project activities. This requirement led to the partnership between the SGC and the Office of Technology to put forth a bid for technology services. This contract was won by the Conservation Biology Institute (CBI) during the summer of 2015, and we are now moving forward to support these objectives through the use their Data Basin software product.

### **Update:**

Progress to date includes the uploading and integration of all Prop 84 planning grants into Data Basin. SGC is now working with CBI to determine the most effective approach to showcase and report the status of these projects. All of these projects will be mapped across the state, will be identified by project category, and spatially represented in relation to MPOs and counties. This web site will provide the ability to demonstrate which of these projects were granted to dis-advantaged communities.

This site will support user ability to query projects by MPO, and will provide summary information regarding how many projects were funded in that MPO per project category, how much project funding was received by that MPO, and how many of these projects were granted to dis-advantaged communities.

A working group will be formed this fall to address how this web site can help past grantees to advance from project planning to project implementation. Most of the activities will focus around making key data sets available for grantees to explore implementation strategies and to develop proposals and strategies for project implementation. This SGC project documentation web site will be fully integrated into the main SGC web site.