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Strategic Growth Council Meeting

February 19, 2019 | 1:00 pm | Sierra Hearing Room
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Item #6

Consent Calendar



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Item #6: Consent Calendar

Amend a section of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Round 4 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Guidelines to expand eligibility to applicants experiencing delays in receiving environmental clearance through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) due to the partial government shutdown.



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Item #7

Executive Director's Report



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Outline

- Program updates
 - AHSC Round 4 Update
 - Governor's Budget
- Staff and Organizational Update
- SGC Operating Guidelines



AHSC Round 4 Applications

- Applications were due Monday, February 11
- 47 Applications received
 - Total Funding Request: \$673,741,832 (\$404 million available)
 - Average Funding Request: \$15,971,754
 - Proposals include 4739 housing units
 - 10 MPOs and 2 non-MPO regions



SGC Programs in Governor's Budget

- Continuous appropriation for AHSC
- Transformative Climate Communities: \$40 million
- Climate Change Research Program: \$10 million
- Staff support for SB 1072 implementation



Staffing and Organizational Update

- No staffing changes since December
- Developing 2019 Organizational Goals and Workplan
- Completing 2019 Program Workplans
 - Staff retreat: March 4-5



SGC Operating Guidelines

Strategic Growth Council Operating Guidelines

Draft Presented at the February 17, 2009 Meeting.

Approved April 1, 2009

Section I – Scope and Objectives

The Strategic Growth Council (Council) is charged with developing a process to coordinate state agency activities so they assist and support the planning and development of sustainable communities which strengthen the economy, ensure social equity, and enhance environmental stewardship. These activities include;

- Improving air and water quality
- Protecting natural resource and agriculture lands
- Promoting public health
- Increasing the availability of affordable housing
- Improving infrastructure systems
- Revitalizing urban and community centers and
- Assisting state and local entities in meeting AB 32 goals.

Section II – Organization & Structure

A. Membership

1. The Council consists of the following six members:
 - the Director of State Planning and Research
 - the Secretary of Resources Agency
 - the Secretary for Environmental Protection
 - the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing
 - the Secretary of California Health and Human Services
 - a public member appointed by the Governor
2. A council member may designate a member of their executive staff to attend in their place. The designee must have the authority to vote on issues and direct staff to undertake Council initiatives.
3. The public member is required to have expertise in land use planning, local government, resource protection and management, or community development or revitalization.

- Last updated and adopted in 2009
- Outdated:
 - Membership
 - Funding
 - Process
 - Programs
- Present updated draft at April meeting





Item #8

2019 Activities and Goals



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Outline

- Overarching program and policy considerations
- Program updates
- Council Member Discussion



Overarching program and policy considerations

- Support of Governor's priorities
 - Housing and transportation
 - Equity and opportunity for all communities and Californians
- Alignment with State climate goals and activities
 - Local and regional planning
 - Wildfire recovery and resilience
 - San Joaquin Valley
- Program cycles, staffing, and sustainability



Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) – Round 4

- Round 4 is underway
- Timeline
 - NOFA was released November 1, 2018
 - Applications due: February 11, 2019
 - Review underway
 - Award recommendations
 - Posted: June 11, 2019
 - Council Meeting: June 21, 2019



AHSC – Round 5

- Key Topics

- MPO engagement
- Project Area Type classification
- Capacity building and TA:
 - Fire-affected communities
 - Round 5 applicants

- Timeline

- Round 4 feedback and stakeholder engagement: Feb – May 2019
- Draft: Late July/early August
- Workshops: August
- Council adoption: October
- Application period: Nov 2019 – Feb 2020
- Awards: June 2020



Sustainable Ag Land Conservation (SALC)

- Round 5
 - Guidelines adopted December 2018
 - Technical Assistance for applicants
- Looking ahead – policy issues
 - Fee title acquisition
 - Co-benefits (e.g., wildfire, resilience, public health)
 - Strategy and alignment with State goals



Transformative Climate Communities

- Executing Round 1 grant agreements with Fresno, Ontario, and Watts
- Round 2 Post-Award Consultation with Sacramento and Pacoima
 - Execute Grant Agreements in Spring/early Summer
- Planning grant implementation and support – 14 communities
- Round 3 Considerations
 - Housing support
 - Opportunity Zones
 - Eligibility



Climate Change Research Program

- Finalizing Round 2 Grant Agreements
- Establish and strengthen connections between funded researchers and state agencies
- Looking ahead:
 - Climate Change Research Symposium
 - Engagement on Round 3



Technical Assistance

- Kicking off partnership with Institute for Local Government
- Closing out several partnership TA contracts
 - Lessons learned
 - Case studies
- Looking ahead: SB 1072 Implementation



Health in All Policies

- Government Alliance on Racial Equity
 - Capitol Cohort - Year 2 Under way
 - SGC: Adoption of Racial Equity Action Plan (Spring 2019)
- Healthy and Equitable Transportation Action Plan
- Further integration of Health in All Policies into SGC programs



High Speed Rail Partnership

- Continue to support planning goals in High Speed Rail station communities
- Optimize regional conservation outcomes
 - Facilitate conservation stakeholder engagement
 - Tool and resource development



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