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Subject: **PRESENTATION – DRAFT “VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND LANDSCAPES – A VISION FOR CALIFORNIA”**

SUMMARY:

An informational presentation will be made on the draft document “Vibrant Communities and Landscapes – A vision for California” by a representative of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

BACKGROUND:

A collaboration of eight state agencies prepared the draft vision document (attached). In addition to setting forth a vision, the draft sets forth specific actions that the state will prioritize to support regional and local governments to maximize greenhouse gas emission reductions through the conservation and protection of natural and working lands, reductions in vehicle miles traveled, and direct emission reductions associated with compact development patterns. These actions are summarized as follows:

- Develop performance metrics for environmental, health, and equity outcomes associated with stronger land use policies.
- Establish land conservation targets.
- Update regional greenhouse gas reduction targets to achieve 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.
- Develop policies and processes for infrastructure siting that are consistent with the State’s conservation, development, and population health goals.
- Explore and develop financing, regulatory, and other tools to support more efficient and more equitable development.
- Explore and develop financing, regulatory, and other tools to promote land protection and carbon-oriented land management practices.
- Support transportation policies such as priced express lanes, reduced parking requirements for development, and transit commuter incentives that promote infill development and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

The draft document was released for public comment on September 14, 2016 with comments due on September 28, 2016.