

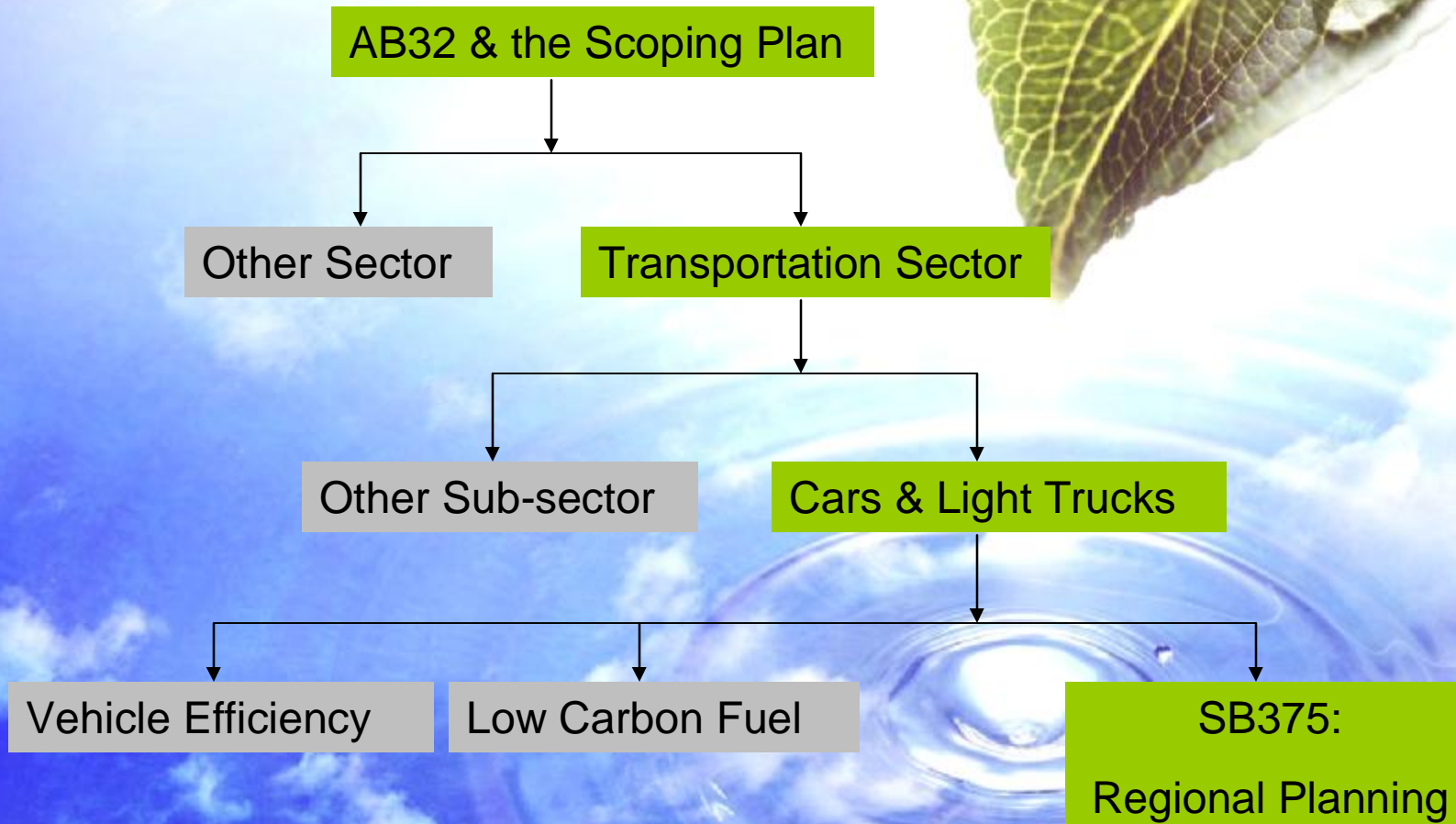


SB375 Implementation in the Fresno Region

Fresno COG Policy Board

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Background



Three Major Components of SB375



- Greenhouse gas reduction through Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process
- Limited CEQA exemptions & streamlining process
- RHNA re-aligning process

Milestone Set by the Legislation



- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will release draft targets for each region by June 30, 2010
- CARB will adopt and provide final targets for each region no later than September 30, 2010
- A Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) will be developed in Fresno COG's **2014/2015** RTP to demonstrate whether the Region will be able to meet the target

Where Are We?

- SB375 Task Force Committee has been meeting monthly to try to set a GHG reduction target for the Fresno Region
- Three scenarios have been developed, and a final target will be recommended by the Task Force on April 14th
- The recommended target will be presented to TTC/PAC on April 16th, and the Board on April 29th for approval

Questions & Answers



- Do the cities have to amend their general plans right now to achieve the target?
 - **No. 2014 is when the Fresno region has to demonstrate through a SCS that the target can be achieved.**
- Do the local general plans have to conform to the SCS?
 - **No. There are incentives for agencies that comply with the SCS; disincentives may include loss of transportation and/or other funding.**



Questions & Answers

- Will the cities be held to the land use growth pattern proposed in the target 4 years later in the SCS development?

-No. The SCS will be based on new land uses proposed in the next 3-4 years. The GHG target will not preempt local land use plans.

Questions & Answers



- What if we don't submit a target?

-CARB will move forward with target-setting whether a region submits a regional target or not. Fresno Region will receive a target set by CARB if no target is submitted from us. However, they have indicated that CARB's target-setting process will be responsive to the targets submitted from the regions.

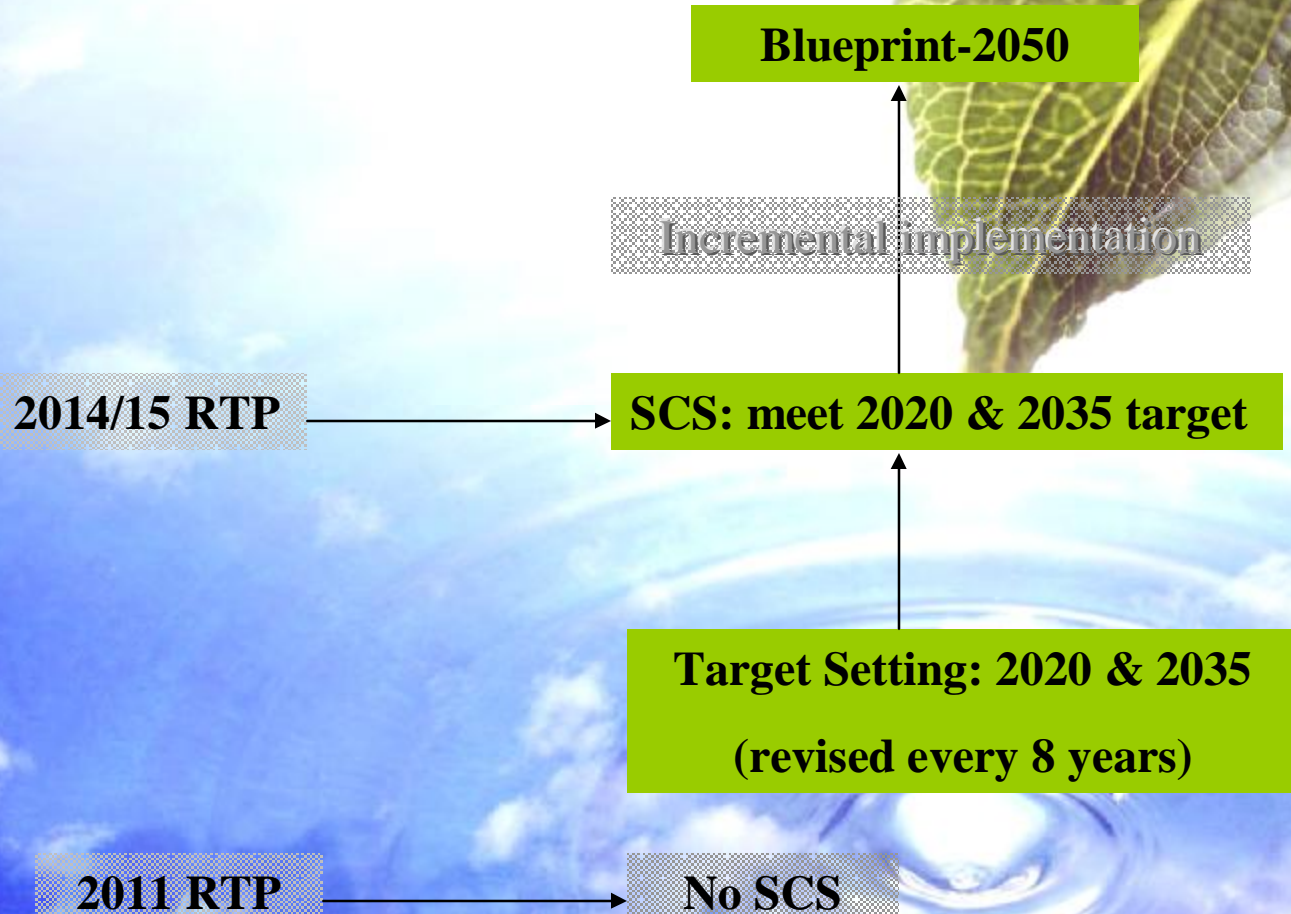
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- What is the relationship between the target, SCS and Blueprint?

-The Blueprint is our vision for 2050; both the target and SCS have horizon years of 2020 and 2035. The target and SCS are built upon the smart growth principles adopted during Blueprint process; the SCS is an incremental step toward implementating the Blueprint.

Blueprint, SCS and RTP



What's Next?

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- Continuous RTP development process
- Major model improvement and tool development
- Blueprint implementation
- Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS)
- Local general plan updates