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Heather Fargo  
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**RE: Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Focus Area #1 Collaboration Requirement**

Dear Ms. Fargo,

Cities and counties applying for planning grants under Focus Area #1 are required to demonstrate collaboration by showing consistency with its region's goals, which can be satisfied by a letter from the regional entity. In the San Francisco Bay Area, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is the region's Council of Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization. ABAG and MTC are charged with preparing and adopting the Sustainable Communities Strategy to implement Senate Bill 375 in this region.

We are writing to confirm that the **Sonoma County Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Implementation Program** proposal is consistent with its region's goals, including implementing SB375. In this region, FOCUS is the San Francisco Bay Area's regional blueprint plan. The foundation of this plan is Priority Development Areas, which are locally designated and regionally adopted areas for accommodating more housing near transit in the support of creating complete communities. Priority Development Areas will play an important role in implementing SB 375. This proposal supports the Priority Development Areas in the Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol and the Town of Windsor by advancing emission reduction and adaptation measures that improve land use and urban design and reduce vehicle use. Therefore, it is consistent with our regional blueprint plan.

If you have any questions regarding the FOCUS Program and designated Priority Development Areas, please contact us at 510.464.7955. For more information about the designated Priority Development Areas, please visit [www.bayareavision.org/pda](http://www.bayareavision.org/pda).

Regards,

Kenneth Kirkey

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ABAG Planning Director

Doug Kimsey

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MTC Planning Director