


Climate Change Policy:
Responding to the Regulatory Environment

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
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Regulatory Context

Assembly Bill (AB) 32


- Requires State to achieve a 15% reduction in operational and communitywide emissions
- 18-point Plan to reduce Statewide GHG emissions

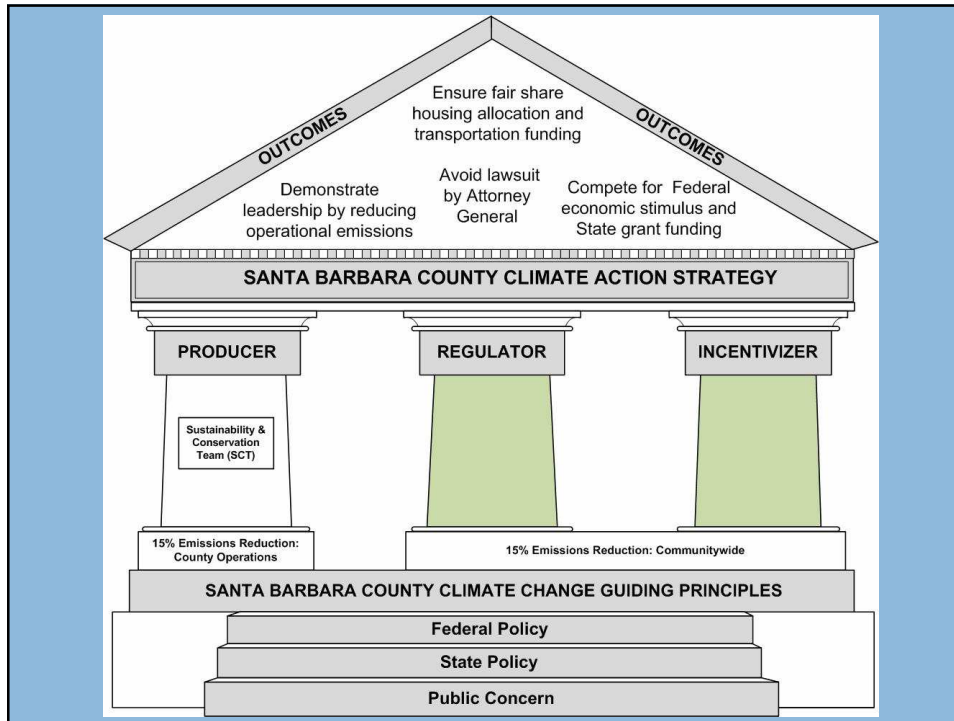
Senate Bill (SB) 375

- Links housing planning (RHNA) to transportation planning (RTP)

SB 97

- Requires CEQA documents to analyze and mitigate emissions

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Strategic Opportunities

Approaching Milestones

- AB 32: Rulemaking Process
- SB 375: Targets
- SB 97: OPR Guidelines
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)



Proposed Climate Change Guiding Principles

- Increases competitiveness for funding
- Informs the approach to reduce GHG emissions



Recommendations

- Adopt the resolution regarding the Santa Barbara County Climate Change Guiding Principles to make the County competitive for funding under ARRA.

