DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SAN BENITO COUNTY

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NEWSWORTHY

- Governor Brown recently signed the 2013-2014 state budget allotting $12.8 billion to Caltrans for important program and project delivery activities statewide. This means Caltrans has a busy year scheduled in the areas of maintenance, project delivery, planning and all the support functions facilitating both major and minor projects.

- The Federal Highway Administration recently released the 2013 *Handbook for Estimating Transportation Greenhouse Gases for Integration into the Planning Process*. The guidebook provides information on how to analyze on-road greenhouse gas emissions at the state and regional level, and how to incorporate those analyses into transportation planning efforts. It features an overview of estimating GHG emissions in the planning process, and exemplifies some key methodologies used to estimate emissions. More information is available at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/climate_change/mitigation/resources_and_publications/ghg_handbook/index.cfm

- Caltrans recently released its *Scope Document and Timeline* for the 2040 *California Transportation Plan*. This plan provides long-range policies addressing future mobility needs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting sustainable communities.

  The plan also includes a *Modeling and Policy Scenario Development Flow Chart*, which shows how information, data, scenarios and models interact and flow. The chart features five groups: Inputs, Scenario Modeling, Initial Outputs, Economic and Emissions Modeling and Final Results. It also provides an overview of how the CTP will calculate final results such as greenhouse gas emissions, gross state product, mode split, vehicle miles traveled and delay, and commodity flow by tonnage and mode, etc.

  The *Statewide Transportation Projects Inventory* is another feature of the 2014 CTP. This innovative multi-modal Geographical Information System mapping tool shows planned and programmed transportation projects in California. It includes projects of all modes, including highways, transit, rail, airports, seaports and bicycle and pedestrian from Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Agencies' regional transportation plans and statewide modal plans. More information is available on all these new CTP products at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/californiainterregionalblueprint/

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

A call for projects is under way for the California State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Program. These grants encourage local governments and private agencies to prepare for a changing climate through advance planning and implementing actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen the impacts of climate change on the state's coastal communities and natural resources. Applications are due to the state Coastal Conservancy via email or compact disc by **August 28, 2013**. Applications, program guidance and more information are available at: http://scc.ca.gov/applying-for-grants-and-assistance/forms/

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