Strategic Growth Council Meeting Notice

February 4, 2009

FIRST MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

The State’s Strategic Growth Council (Council) will hold its first meeting on February 17, 2009. At this initial meeting, the Council will address basic administrative operations, and Council staff will present an outline of next steps based on the enabling legislation SB 732.

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: CalEPA, Sierra Hearing Room, 1001 I St. Sacramento, CA 95814
Agenda: posted on the Web at: www.resources.ca.gov
Webcast: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/

Background
In January 2006, the Governor and Legislature launched The California Strategic Growth Plan (SGP), designed to restore and expand the state’s highways, roads, transit systems, as well as schools, courthouses, ports, levees, and water supply systems.

In January 2008, the SGP was updated, and included a proposal to create the Strategic Growth Council, a cabinet level committee, that would work to coordinate the activities of state agencies to improve air and water quality, protect natural resource and agriculture lands, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve the transportation system, assist state and local entities in the planning of sustainable communities and meeting AB 32 goals, and to coordinate the investment of funds in state-owned or state-funded infrastructure.

In September 2008, the Governor signed SB 732 by Senator Darrell Steinberg codifying the Strategic Growth Council. The Council is composed of agency secretaries from Business Transportation and Housing, California Health and Human Services, California Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Natural Resources Agency; the Director of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research; and a public member to be appointed by the Governor.

Meetings of this Council are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and will include opportunities for public testimony. Comments will be taken and may be limited to ensure adequate time for Council business.

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