



EXECUTIVE ORDER S-04-10

02/23/2010

WHEREAS the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) was established to enhance collaboration between state agencies in their work to improve air and water quality, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve infrastructure systems, promote public health, encourage sustainable land use planning, and meet the state's climate change goals; and

WHEREAS the SGC is the state entity charged with identifying, reviewing, and funding programs that may be coordinated to meet SGC's goals; recommending policies and investment strategies and priorities to the Governor, Legislature, and appropriate state agencies; providing, funding, and distributing data and information to local governments and regional agencies to help develop sustainable communities; and managing and awarding grants and loans to assist to help develop sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS the SGC has taken significant steps to improve inter-agency collaboration and planning in California, through efforts related to land use, transportation, and other planning factors; and

WHEREAS policies related to air and water quality, natural resources and agricultural land, affordable housing, infrastructure systems, public health, sustainable communities, and climate change all significantly influence the physical, economic, and social environments in which people live, shop, work, study, and play; and

WHEREAS these environments, in turn, influence the adoption of healthy lifestyles, by making it more or less difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that promote or diminish health; and

WHEREAS the health and well-being of all people is critical for a prosperous and sustainable California; and

WHEREAS largely avoidable chronic illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes are a growing burden for the State and its people, and they negatively affect Californians' productivity, quality of life, life expectancy, and health care costs; and

WHEREAS by considering health when formulating policy, public officials recognize the influence of policies related to air and water quality, natural resources and agricultural land, affordable housing, infrastructure systems, public health, sustainable communities, and climate change on health outcomes; and

WHEREAS to improve health outcomes, agencies should collaborate with each other to ensure that health is considered when policies are developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby order effective immediately:

1. The SGC shall establish a Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force to collaborate with existing SGC working groups to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while advancing the SGC's goals of improving air and water quality, protecting natural resources and agricultural lands, increasing the availability of affordable housing, improving infrastructure systems, promoting public health, planning sustainable communities, and meeting the state's climate change goals. The SGC shall appoint the members of the Task Force, and shall determine their tenure and conditions of their service.

2. The Task Force shall be facilitated and staffed by the California Department of Public Health working with representatives from the agencies and departments represented on the SGC, in addition to representatives from other agencies or departments whose input may be necessary to achieve the Task Force's goals.

3. By December 8, 2010, SGC staff shall submit a report to the SGC outlining recommended programs, policies, and strategies for consideration, and the report shall also describe the benefits for health, climate change, equity, and economic well-being that may result if the recommendations are implemented. This report shall be based on recommendations from the HiAP Task Force. In developing these recommendations, the Task Force may review existing state efforts, consider best/promising practices used by other jurisdictions and agencies, identify barriers to and opportunities for inter-agency/inter-sector collaboration, and propose action plans for recommended programs, policies, and strategies. The HiAP Task Force shall convene regular public workshops to present its work plan, and shall solicit input from stakeholders in developing its report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the agencies and departments under my direct executive authority shall cooperate in the implementation of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this Order.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 23rd day of February 2010.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State