

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy

**MEETING DATE:** January 20, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5D

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jared Carvalho

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with DKS Associates in the amount of \$190,000 to assist in the preparation of the Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy with a period of performance from December 16, 2021 to June 30, 2024.
2. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to approve immaterial amendments in accordance with Section 34 of the Agreement.

**DISCUSSION:**

SBCAG, in connection with sister regional planning agencies San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), is developing a Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy (CCZEVS). SBCAG's request for proposals (RFP) resulted in receipt of four proposals to develop a Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy (CCZEVS). A scoring committee consisting of SBCAG, SLOCOG, AMBAG, and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District staff reviewed and scored the proposals. DKS Associates with sub-consultants Stantec, Mariposa Partners, and Frontier Energy, emerged as the preferred candidate.

The CCZEVS will become a resource to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV's), such as electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. The CCZEVS will identify gaps and opportunities to implement ZEV infrastructure along California's Central Coast, including on or near the State Highway System, major freight corridors, and transit hubs.

Funding for the CCZEVS is provided through a grant of \$200,000 that was awarded by Caltrans through the Sustainable Transportation Planning-Sustainable Communities Program. Work is expected to commence in early 2022. More information about the project is included in Attachment B.

*The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Agreement of Services of Independent Contractor: DKS Associates (web posting only)
- B. CCZEVS Project Flyer

# Central Coast Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is a regional planning agency comprised of Santa Barbara County and all eight incorporated cities within the county.



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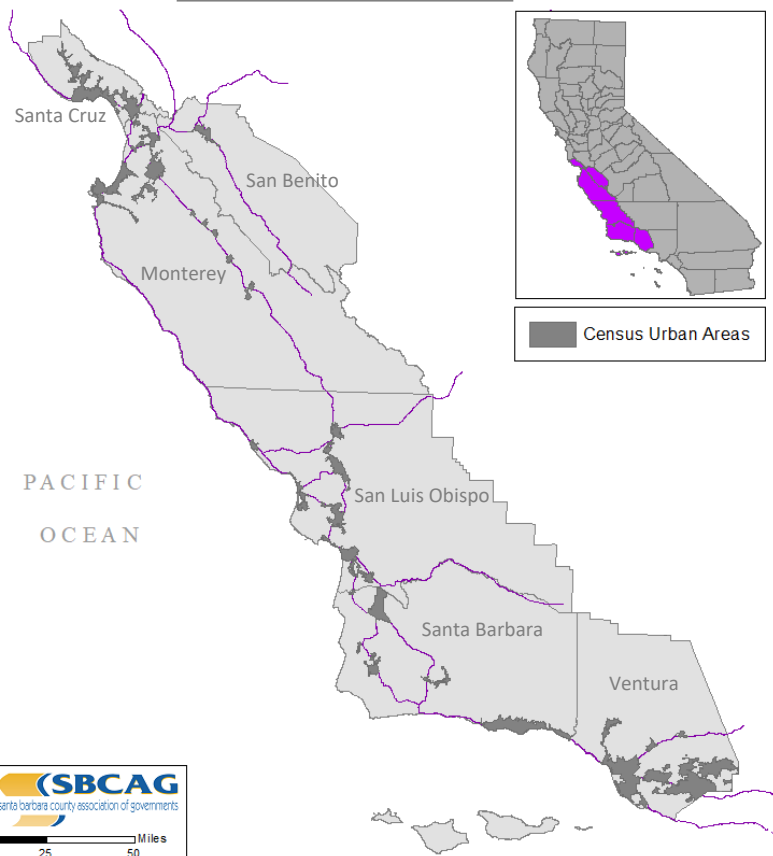
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The CCZEVS will consider the infrastructure needs of zero-emission passenger vehicles, buses, and freight trucks.

## Project Study Area



The project study area is the California Central Coast region of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

The study will include improving ZEV access among rural and disadvantaged communities, including Native American Tribal Governments, within the study area.

SBCAG will hire a consultant with a budget of \$190,000 to undertake this effort. The project is expected to begin in early 2022, with an anticipated completion date of May 2023. There will be opportunities for public input during this process. The funding was awarded through the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.