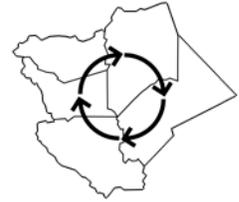


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Date: May 13, 2003

To: Inter-Regional Partnership

From: IRP Staff

RE: Environmental Goals & Policy Report (EGPR)

BACKGROUND

Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews' staff met on May 1, 2003 with the Governors' Office of Planning and Research (OPR). The intent of the meeting was to discuss AB 437 which included discussion about the Environmental Goals & Policy Report (EGPR). This is a twenty (20) year planning document which is an outcome of AB 857 (Wiggins). The document targets issues such as SMART Growth, air quality, etc.

One of the main purposes of the EGPR is to promote coordinated planning to meet a wide variety of environmental goals. Assemblywoman Matthews' staff educated OPR staff about the goals of the Inter-Regional Partnership.

It was concluded that the IRP represented a perfect model to be recognized in the EGPR effort. A working group is currently in progress fostering this effort. Involvement in the development of the EGPR could potentially officially recognize the IRP model by the state. Furthermore, this could position the IRPs for eventual priority funding.

Additional information will be provided at the May 21, 2003 IRP meeting regarding this opportunity.