### ECACEP Scenario – Big Green

**Planning Factor: Governance**

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| Governance-political will  | • Global  
• Concentration of power in the hands of corporations  
• Difficult for local governments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | • Alberta’s financial capacity to support infrastructure and programs is at risk if over-reliance on resource revenues continues and long-term strategic investment and fiscal strategy is not developed  
• Government regulated costs (such as fuel, housing, food, etc.) that control the location of industry and population  
• Role of international and venture capital – and its impact on local communities (creates uncertainty)  
• Federal government is seen as more of a threat  
• A mentality of efficiency and consolidation is developed that ensures accountability and authority at a greater distance | • Trends are towards more decentralized and participatory styles of governance  
• Examples – Water for Life and Land-use frameworks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Regional planning          | • Unofficial governance by corporation. Officially there is still community governance  
• Much uncertainty regarding environmental and social impacts at the local scale.                                                                                                                                                                               | • New strong environmental legislation is developed to ensure protection  
• Assurance by government is developed  
• Autonomy is taken from local government  
• Special interests hi-jack the governance process leading to either reduced environmental sustainability or to reduced economic sustainability                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Generational change       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | • A new generation comes into power  
• Next generation is more educated, environmentally conscious; more globally connected; more responsive and quick to implement change                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |