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TO: San Diego Region Conformity Working Group
 FROM: Rachel Kennedy
 SUBJECT: Cancellation of December 13, 2006 Meeting

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- County of San Diego

The San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) meeting scheduled for December 13, 2006, has been cancelled.

Given schedule delays and continuing efforts with calibration of the travel demand model, EMFAC 2007 technical update and development of the draft State Implementation Plan for 8 Hour Ozone, these items have been moved to the January meeting agenda.

The next meeting of the San Diego Region CWG is scheduled for January 17, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the SANDAG offices.

Please contact me at (619) 699-1929 or by e-mail at rke@sandag.org if you have any questions.

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Enclosures: November Meeting Minutes

ADVISORY MEMBERS

- Imperial County
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- United States Department of Defense
- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Diego County Water Authority
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CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

December 13, 2006

Action Requested: INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 29, 2006, MEETING

File Number 3001300

Item #1: Introductions

Self-introductions were made. See attached attendance list.

Item #2: Summary of October 18, 2006, Meeting

There were no comments or corrections to the meeting notes.

Item #3: Public Comments/Communications

There were none.

Item #4: 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Air Quality Conformity: Criteria and Procedures

Rick Curry, SANDAG, provided the CWG with information on the latest travel demand modeling efforts. Mr. Curry highlighted differences the new and previously used model. Previously SANDAG used the TranPlan model on a UNIX system. Staff is now utilizing TransCAD on a PC set up. The updated model will contain the Series 11 land use forecast (presented to the CWG at the October 2006 meeting) which has a base year of January 2004. The mode choice model has been upgraded to meet FTA standards for the New Starts program and incorporates feedback from the Independent Transit Planning Review, Peer Review Panel. The mode choice model is being calibrated using 2000-2002 on board surveys, the 2000-2001 statewide survey, and the 1995 travel behavior survey. A few changes that were highlighted included: separating Bus Rapid Transit service from rail, splitting non-motorized trips into walk and bike trips, refinement of toll components, and increasing the number of feedback loops from one to four. Additional count data from Caltrans including ramp metering station loop data will be incorporated. It was also noted that staff will utilize population age data in conjunction with land use data to better assess school and college trips for trip generation.

The base year for the travel demand model is 2003. It was decided that 2003 data would be used as two major projects; SR 56 and elimination of the barrier on College Avenue between the cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside were opened to traffic in mid-2004. Trip patterns and traffic counts varied depending on if they were from before or after the opening of the projects.

Jean Mazur, FHWA, requested that the CWG be notified when the model documentation is available. Ms. Mazur also inquired if the number of feedback loops will be tied into the model calibration. Mr. Curry, SANDAG, concurred that with each feedback loop necessary elements of the model are recalibrated. Ms. Mazur inquired if the new model was used for the 8 hour ozone SIP

data that was supplied to ARB and if not, would there be an opportunity for updated data. Elisa Arias, SANDAG, stated that staff will be supplying APCD with new runs that could be incorporated into the SIP.

Heather Werdick, SANDAG, provided the CWG with an update on RTP public outreach efforts. The 2007 RTP Public Involvement Program was distributed for public review and comment on September 1, 2006 and was presented to the CWG at the September meeting. The plan was approved by the SANDAG Board on October 27, 2006. The approved plan includes additional funding for a phone survey, which is scheduled to be conducted in December 2006, and public input groups which will meet in spring 2007. Additionally, SANDAG staff has been speaking with various community groups about the RTP through the SANDAG Speakers Bureau program. Ms. Werdick will come back to the CWG in January to provide an update on public involvement efforts and to share results of the telephone survey.

Item #5: United States Environmental Protection Agency 2006 Revised Particular Matter Standards

The CWG discussed the new PM 2.5 standard and its implications for San Diego conformity. Carl Selnick, APCD, stated that he has examined data from July 2005 to June 2006 to see if it would meet the new PM 2.5 standard. Mr. Selnick noted that the data contained days exceeding the new standard, but not enough to violate the new standard. If the San Diego region has three years of clean data by the time the EPA makes designation on PM 2.5, it would not be a conformity issue.

Item #6: Status of the State Implementation Plan for 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Carl Selnick, APCD, provided the CWG with an update on the status of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) development. The draft plan is in the final stages of development and is anticipated to be released in late December 2006. A public workshop will be held in late January. It is anticipated that the plan will go to the APCD and ARB Boards in April 2007. The draft plan will be included as a January CWG agenda item.

Item #7: Report on Air Resources Board EMFAC 2007 Workshops

The CWG discussed the ARB Workshops and release of EMFAC 2007. It was noted that there is an error in the program and that a technical update is underway and will be released by the end of the year. Carl Selnick, APCD, highlighted that the error affects San Diego's conformity runs, particularly for 2008. Jean Mazur, FHWA questioned if the release of the revised version would restart the conformity six-month grace period and noted that guidance from EPA would need to be sought.

Item #8: Other Business

The Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on December 6, 2006, at MTC in Oakland. The next meeting of the CWG was tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at SANDAG.

San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Meeting Attendance

November 29, 2006

Name	Agency
Jacque Clayton	Caltrans
Wade Hobbs	FHWA
Sandy Johnson	Caltrans
John Kelly (phone)	EPA
Jean Mazur (phone)	FHWA
Carl Selnick	APCD
Dennis Wade (phone)	ARB
Carla Walecka (phone)	TCA
Elisa Arias	SANDAG
Rick Curry	SANDAG
Rachel Kennedy	SANDAG
Heather Werdick	SANDAG