



# San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Item: **2**

March 6, 2019

Action Requested: **Information**

## January 2, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:33 a.m.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-introductions were made. An attendance list is included.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Information)

Ms. Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its June 6, 2018, meeting. Nick Cormier (San Diego County Air Pollution Control District [APCD]) noted that the San Diego air basin was initially classified as moderate and not as marginal under Item 5, "Designation for the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards Ozone Standard." The minutes were corrected to reflect this change. No additional comments or corrections were made.

### 3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

No public comments were made.

### 4. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Information)

Sue Alpert, Senior Financial Programming Analyst, provided a summary of the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) approval process. The 2018 RTIP and its conformity determination were approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation on December 17, 2018.

### 5. San Diego Forward: The 2019–2050 Regional Plan Schedule (Discussion)

Phil Trom, Senior Regional Planner, summarized updates to San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan development schedule, including extending the plan adoption date by an anticipated four to six months. This change is to allow for more public involvement in the development of the plan. The extension, approved by the Board of Directors on September 14, 2018, will result in SANDAG entering a grace period for federal air quality conformity. The current Regional Plan's conformity finding will lapse on December 2, 2019, and a conformity grace period of up to one year will start. Work is underway to schedule an RTIP amendment with regional emissions analysis prior to entering the grace period.

### 6. Designations for 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards Ozone Standards (Information)

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Cormier provided an overview of the air quality designations from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for the 2015 ozone standard. Designations were published on June 4, 2018. The San Diego air basin is designated as non-attainment and classified as moderate.

### 7. Ozone State Implementation Plan Development Schedule (Discussion)

Mr. Cormier summarized the State Implementation Plan (SIP) development process for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. The San Diego region is non-attainment for both standards. Mr. Cormier noted that APCD may combine the SIPs for both standards into one plan, and provided key dates for the CWG, SANDAG, and the public to provide input.

## **8. 2017 Emissions Factors Development (Information)**

Nesamani Kalandiyur (California Air Resources Board [ARB]) provided a review of the 2017 Emissions Factors (EMFAC2017) model development process and an update to the U.S. EPA approval status. ARB completed its submittal of EMFAC2017 to the U.S. EPA in June 2018. Approval is anticipated during the first quarter of 2019. Mr. Kalandiyur added that ARB is planning on using EMFAC2017 to support the development of the SIPs covered in Item 7.

## **9. Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision (Information)**

Ms. Kennedy provided background information on the guidance provided by U.S. EPA following the South Coast II court decision. The San Diego region was unaffected by this decision for transportation conformity purposes.

## **10. Upcoming Meetings (Information)**

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

## **11. Adjournment**

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Meeting

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Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
Air Resources Board	Nesamani Kalandiyur	Yes	
	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
Caltrans	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
Caltrans District 11	Ken Johansson	Yes	
	Marilee Mortenson	Yes	
	Melina Pereira	Yes	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	Yes	
Transportation Corridor Agencies	Valarie McFall	Yes	
<b>SANDAG Staff</b>			

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