



San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Item: **2**

June 5, 2019

Action: **Information**

April 3, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:32 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Meeting Minutes (Information)

Ms. Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its March 6, 2019, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

No public comments were made.

Reports

4. 2015 Ozone Standard Conformity Demonstration (Discussion)

Ms. Kennedy provided a summary of the federal requirements to develop a conformity demonstration for the 2015 Ozone Standard prior to August 3, 2019. This conformity demonstration applies to both San Diego Forward: The 2015 Regional Plan (2015 Regional Plan) and the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Ms. Kennedy reviewed updates to the development of the 2015 Ozone Standard Conformity Demonstration. At CWG's March 6, 2019, meeting planning assumptions were reviewed. On March 22, 2019, the draft document was posted to the SANDAG Public Notices webpage. Public notices were included in six local publications, including Spanish language publications. The comment period will close on April 27, 2019.

5. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 98 (Information)

Sue Alpert, Senior Project Control Analyst, shared information on the 2018 RTIP Amendment No. 98 with regional emissions analysis. This amendment will open for projects submissions on April 5, 2019, and is scheduled for federal approval prior to SANDAG entering a conformity grace period in December 2019. This amendment will incorporate capacity increasing projects with a scope or schedule change and additional new capacity increasing projects that are consistent with the 2015 Regional Plan. This amendment is scheduled for discussion at the June 5, 2019, CWG meeting.

6. 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (Discussion)

This item was taken out of order.

Ms. Kennedy provided an overview of current and upcoming work on San Diego Forward: The 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (2020 Federal RTP). This item reviewed the conformity criteria to demonstrate conformity of the 2020 Federal RTP. The final plan is expected to go to the Board of Directors in the spring of 2020.

- a. Susan Huntington, *TransNet* Principal Program Manager, provided a summary of the revenue-constrained financial assumptions applied to the 2020 Federal RTP. Revenue growth at reasonable rates are applied to all existing fund sources and new reasonably expected sources of funding are also included. Financial assumptions were reviewed by a peer review panel consisting of internal and external experts.
- b. Rachel Cortes, Senior Researcher and Modeler, summarized the Series 14, 2050 Regional Growth Forecast that will inform the 2020 Federal RTP. The forecast takes into account the region's housing units, jobs, and population. This forecast reflects local jurisdiction general plans as of September 2018.
- c. Joaquin Ortega, Associate Transportation Modeler, provided an overview of the travel demand model that will be used in developing the 2020 Federal RTP. The Regional Growth Forecast is an input to the model. The model is informed by local and community plans, corridor studies, project impact studies, and local climate action plans.
- d. Ms. Kennedy provided a summary of the latest emissions model, and emissions budgets. EMFAC2014 is the emission model currently approved for use in conformity determinations. EMFAC2017 is pending approval from U.S. EPA. SANDAG will project regional emissions with both EMFAC2014 and EMFAC2017 and request that the Board take action on the version that is approved for use in conformity determinations at the time of adoption. Conformity analysis years proposed for the plan are 2023, 2030, 2040, and 2050. Emission budgets from the 2008 Ozone Attainment Plan for San Diego County will be used for conformity analysis.
- e. Ms. Kennedy shared information on Transportation Control Measures (TCM). The four federally-approved TCMs for San Diego County are ride sharing, transit improvements, traffic flow improvements, and bicycle facilities and programs. These TCMs have been fully implemented and continued to be funded. The level of implementation established in the State Implementation Plan has been surpassed.
- f. Ms. Kennedy shared information on public involvement and outreach which is guided by SANDAG Board Policy 025, Public Participation - Project Development & Construction.

7. Ozone State Implementation Plan Development Schedule (Discussion)

Stephanie Parent (Air Resources Board [ARB]) provided an update on the Ozone State Implementation Plan development. The emission inventory is in progress. SANDAG provided requested activity data to ARB and modeling work is anticipated to begin in early May 2019.

8. EMFAC2017 Update (Information)

Nesamani Kalandiyur (ARB) sent an email update prior to the meeting stating that no new information is available on the status of the approval of EMFAC2017 for use in conformity determinations. ARB submitted EMFAC2017 to U.S. EPA for review in June 2017. Approval of EMFAC2017 for use in conformity determinations is anticipated this spring.

9. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Meeting

April 3, 2019

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
Air Resources Board	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
Caltrans	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
	Rodney Tavitaz	Yes	
Caltrans District 11	Maurice Eaton	Yes	
	Ilene Gallo	Yes	
Federal Highways Administration	Joseph Vaughn	Yes	
U.S. EPA	John Kelly	No	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	No	
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