



San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Item: **2**

October 2, 2019

Action: **Information**

August 7, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:31 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Meeting Minutes (Information)

Rachel Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its June 5, 2019, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Mr. Luster provided comments on transportation options for the San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan). Ideas shared included using technologies the region is already familiar with, credits for electric powered public transit, and installation of solar panels on highways and freeways. Mr. Luster's comments were shared with the 2021 Regional Plan development team.

Reports

4. Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 6 (Discussion)

Rachel Kennedy summarized interagency consultation efforts and emissions analysis for the Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment No. 6 (previously referred to as Amendment No. 98). On July 25, 2019, the regional emission analysis and modeling procedures for RTIP Amendment No. 6 were distributed to the CWG for a 30-day review period, which ends on August 26. Comments were received from APCD relating to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) proposed rule that once finalized, will reclassify the San Diego air basin from Moderate to Serious for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. This will add an attainment year of 2021 with an analysis year of 2020 (Item 8 of this agenda).

Rachel Kennedy also provided details on the activity-based model, growth forecast, regionally significant projects, exempt projects, and Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) that informed the emission analysis of this amendment. The growth forecast uses the approved Serious 13; the TCMs have been fully implemented and continue to be programmed. This amendment is consistent with the financially constrained 2015 Regional Plan. SANDAG conducted a region emission analysis for years 2020, 2023, 2030, 2040, and 2050 based on emission budgets from the 2008 Ozone Attainment Plan for San Diego County.

On August 6, 2019, RTIP Amendment No. 6 was released for public review on the SANDAG webpage. This amendment is expected to be reviewed at the SANDAG Transportation Committee in early September and at the SANDAG Board of Directors meeting in late September for ratification.

5. San Diego Forward: The 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan Proposed Draft Transportation Network (Discussion)

Rachel Kennedy provided an overview of San Diego Forward: The 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (2020 Federal RTP) Proposed Draft Transportation Network. In February of this year, the Board of Directors

approved an action plan to extend development of the Regional Plan. Part of that action plan includes developing the 2020 Federal RTP. Information on the Proposed Draft 2020 RTP Transportation Network was presented to SANDAG working groups during the late spring and early summer of 2019. At their July 26, 2019, meeting, the Board was presented with the Proposed Draft 2020 RTP Transportation Network.

The Proposed Draft 2020 RTP Transportation Network is out for public review and comment through August 21, 2019. Comments can be submitted via phone, mail, email, online comment tool on the project webpage, at public meetings, and at the August 13 public outreach event.

The Board will be asked to review the Draft Federal RTP for release for public comment this fall. The Draft 2020 Federal RTP is expected to go to the Board in spring of 2020 for approval.

6. Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021–2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (Information)

Rachel Kennedy provided a summary of the SAFE Vehicles proposed rule. The rule is anticipated to be finalized in early September. The content of final rule is not known; however, in its proposed form, the rule would repeal California's higher fuel efficiency standards and invalidate EMFAC2014 and EMFAC2017 for conformity determinations and attainment plan development. A new version of EMFAC that complies with the final rule would need to be developed and approved.

7. Ozone State Implementation Plan Development Schedule (Information)

Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), provided an update on the Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) development. This attainment plan will concurrently address both the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. APCD with working with California Air Resources Board (CARB) and U.S. EPA. This plan will incorporate the reclassification of the San Diego air basin from Moderate to Serious that is anticipated to be finalized by U.S. EPA in the coming weeks. CARB is conducting modeling for both the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards to verify if voluntary reclassifications to the next higher level are needed to meet the attainment dates. APCD anticipates taking the SIP to their Board in March of 2020.

8. Proposed Rule: Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (Discussion)

Rachel Kennedy and Nick Cormier provided a summary of the proposed rule that would update the classification of the San Diego air basin from Moderate to Serious for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. U.S. EPA is expected to finalize this proposed rule in the coming weeks. The reclassification is performed by operation of law based on observed data from 2015–2017. The Serious classification has an attainment date of 2021, which uses observed data from calendar years 2018–2020.

9. EMFAC2017 Update (Information)

Nesamani Kalandiyur, California Air Resources Board, provided an updated on EMFAC2017. CARB submitted EMFAC2017 to U.S. EPA in June 2018 for approval. This week, the U.S. EPA District Administrator has signed the notice to approve EMFAC2017. The official notice has not been released; it is anticipated to be released in the next two weeks. The final approval is expected to have a two-year grace period for regional analysis and a one-year grace period for hot-spot analysis.

10. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

Caltrans will be holding a two-and-a-half-day Air Quality Conformity course in January 2020.

The California Statewide CWG meeting is anticipated to be scheduled after additional information on the final SAFE Vehicle rule is available.

11. Adjournment

Rachel Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

12. Other Business

No comments made.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Meeting

August 7, 2019

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
Air Resources Board	Nesamani Kalandiyur	Yes	
	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
Caltrans	Tak Ogiso	Yes	
	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
	Rodney Tavitias	Yes	
Caltrans District 11	Ilene Gallo	Yes	
Federal Highway Administration		No	
U.S. EPA	John Kelly	Yes	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	Yes	
SANDAG Staff			
	Sue Alpert	Yes	
	Elisa Arias	Yes	
	Rachel Kennedy	Yes	
	Richard Radcliff	Yes	
	Sam Sanford	Yes	