



San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Item: **2**

January 7, 2020

Action: **Information**

November 6, 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. Meeting Minutes (Information)

Ms. Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its October 2, 2019, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

No public comments were made.

Reports

4. San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (Discussion)

Ms. Kennedy provided an update on the adoption and approval process for San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (2019 Federal RTP). On October 25, 2019, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the 2019 Federal RTP and its air quality conformity determination. The 2019 Federal RTP and its air quality conformity determination was submitted to U.S. Department of Transportation requesting a conformity determination in consultation with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

5. California Assembly Bill 423 (Information)

Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), provided an overview of California Assembly Bill 423, signed by Governor Newsom on October 11, 2019. This bill modifies APCD's governing board structure, programs, and processes. By March 2021, APCD's Board of Directors will consist of 11 members (currently the Board is comprised of the five County Supervisors). The new Board will include two County Supervisors, a City of San Diego representative, a city Council Representative from each of the five county supervisorial districts, and three members of the public. Additional changes will be made to the APCD grant programs, complaint process, website, other improvements to transparency, and the addition of a process audit by California Air Resources Board (CARB).

6. EMFAC202X Update (Information)

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, provided a summary of the major proposed changes to the next version of the EMFAC model, called EMFAC202X. CARB kicked off the development of EMFAC202X with an October 2, 2019, public workshop. A key feature of the next EMFAC model is a web-based interface with all EMFAC features. A downloadable version also will be available. CARB will be adding new modules for advanced vehicle technologies to include plug-in hybrids vehicles, high power start emission, and energy consumption from plug-in vehicles. The new version will be updated to reflect all new regulations adopted before 2021. EMFAC202X also will include the latest available data, including 2019 Vehicle Miles Travelled data. The alpha version is expected to be released during the summer of 2020, followed by the beta version in the fall of

2020. Official release is expected in early 2021 and the model will then be submitted to U.S. EPA for approval for use in conformity determinations.

7. Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Act (Discussion)

Ms. Kennedy provided an overview of part one of the final Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule. The rule is being developed in two parts; the first part has been finalized and was published in the Federal Register on September 27, 2019. There are no updates on the development of the second part of the rule. Caltrans has been coordinating questions from Metropolitan Planning Organizations and affected state agencies. The Federal Highway Administration does not have any additional guidance or direction on this rule at this time.

8. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. The January 2020 meeting falls on New Year's Day and will be scheduled for a different date.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Meeting

November 6, 2019

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
Air Resources Board	Nesamani Kalandiyur	Yes	
Caltrans	Alexus Arellano	Yes	
	Marilee Mortenson	Yes	
	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
	Rodney Tavitaz	Yes	
Caltrans District 11	Tak Ogiso	Yes	
Federal Highways Administration	Michael Morris	Yes	
	Joseph Vaughn	Yes	
U.S. EPA			
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	