



San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Item: **2**

July 1, 2020

Action: **Information**

January 7, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 9:04 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 November 6, 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 (Information)

Rachel Kennedy provided an update on San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (2019 Federal RTP). On November 15, 2019, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, approved the 2019 Federal RTP and accompanying 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan Amendment No. 8.

5. Ozone State Implementation Plan Development (Discussion)

Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), provided an update to the Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) development. APCD requested, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved, a one-month delay in the SIP development. APCD anticipates having their Board of Directors consider the SIP for both the Federal 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards in late June 2020. The Federal SIP and State Air Quality plan are on separate tracks; the State plan will follow the Federal SIP. A draft of the Federal SIP is expected to be released late January. CARB is working on the draft emission budgets with updated activity data from SANDAG. Preliminary modeling for both the 2008 and 2015 Standards indicates that San Diego County will not be able to demonstrate attainment by current attainment dates. The region may update its classification to severe for both standards to demonstrate attainment.

6. Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule Part One (Discussion)

Rachel Kennedy provided an overview of part one of the final Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule. The rule is being developed in two parts; the first part has been finalized. It was published in the Federal Register on September 27, 2019, and became effective on November 26, 2019. Part two of the rule is anticipated in the March timeframe. The Federal Highway Administration does not have any additional guidance or direction on this rule at this time.

7. EMFAC Off-Model Adjustment Factors to Account for the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule Part One (Discussion)

Satya Sardar, California Air Resources Board (CARB), provided background and an overview of CARB's off-model adjustment factors for EMFAC. The adjustment factors are in response to SAFE Vehicles Rule Part One and its removal of California's authority to set greenhouse gas emission standards and zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) mandates. Use of these authorities are incorporated into current EMFAC models and therefore no longer reflect the latest planning assumptions.

The authorities removed by SAFE Vehicles Rule Part One will result in fewer ZEV vehicle purchased in California, a shift in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) from ZEV vehicles to internal combustion vehicles, and older internal combustion vehicle staying on the road longer.

The adjustment factors estimate vehicle tailpipe and evaporative emissions impacts. VMT and emission factors are not changed in the adjustment factors. Annual average statewide emissions by calendar year and four vehicle types were used to develop the adjustment factors.

When part two of the SAFE Vehicles Rule is released, CARB will reevaluate these adjustment factors and, if needed, greenhouse gas adjustment factors.

8. 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Development Schedule (Discussion)

Sue Alpert, Senior Project Control Analyst, provided information on the development of the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. SANDAG and Caltrans are exploring options for these programming documents, including postponing their development, in response to SAFE Vehicles Rule Part One and uncertainty in demonstrating conformity.

9. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Rachel Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Meeting

January 7, 2020

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
Air Resources Board	Abigail May	Yes	
	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
	Satya Sardar	Yes	
Caltrans	N/A	N/A	
Caltrans District 11	N/A	N/A	
Federal Highways Administration	Michael Morris	Yes	
U.S. EPA	John Kelly	Yes	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	Yes	
SANDAG Staff			

Elisa Arias
Rachel Kennedy
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Sam Sanford
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