

October 6, 2021

Action: **Information**

### **September 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

Sam Sanford (San Diego Association of Governments [SANDAG]), called the meeting of the San Diego Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:34 a.m.

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Sam Sanford facilitated introductions. The attendance sheet for this meeting is included.

#### **2. Meeting Minutes (Information)**

Sam Sanford asked the CWG to review the minutes from its July 7, 2021, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

#### **3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments (Discussion)**

No public or member comments were made.

### **Reports**

#### **4. San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (Information)**

Sam Sanford provided an update on San Diego Forward: the 2021 Regional Plan. The draft plan is posted to [SDForward.com](http://SDForward.com) and was open for public comment through August 6, 2021. SANDAG is responding to comments and will compile responses into the public involvement plan appendix to the proposed final plan. SANDAG is planning to release Appendix C: Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity in late September to the CWG for a 30-day review period in advance of the November public release of the proposed final plan. At the October meeting of the CWG, SANDAG anticipates providing a review of the revenue assumptions of the plan relevant to interagency cooperation. The updated 2020 State Implementation (SIP) budgets may also be available for the next meeting.

On August 27, 2021, SANDAG released the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public comment. SANDAG's EIR team will respond to all substantive, EIR-related comments, and the planning team will respond to all substantive, plan-related comments. Elisa Arias (SANDAG) indicated that the comment period on the EIR is open until October 11.

Nick Cormier (San Diego Air Pollution Control District [APCD]) mentioned that APCD plans to submit comments on the EIR.

#### **5. 2020 Ozone State Implementation Plan Update (Information)**

Nick Cormier (APCD) and John Kelly (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [U.S. EPA]) provided updates on the approval process for the 2020 SIP.

On July 2, 2021, San Diego County was reclassified officially as a severe non-attainment area for both ozone standards (2008 and 2015).

California Air Resources Board (CARB) submitted the 2020 SIP to the U.S. EPA on January 12, 2021, and by operation of law the 2020 SIP was deemed complete July 12, 2021, six months after the submittal date.

U.S. EPA has 12 months from July 12, 2021, to take a final action on the plan. The plan includes on-road motor vehicle emissions budgets. The adequacy review of these budgets was posted for public comment on June 4, 2021, at the U.S. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality website. The U.S. EPA is in the process of reviewing the budgets to determine if they are adequate and will likely make a decision by mid-October, aligning with SANDAG's Regional Plan work.

## **6. EMFAC2021 Update (Information)**

Nesamani Kalandiyur (CARB) provided an update on the development and approval process for EMFAC2021. On August 31, 2021, CARB submitted EMFAC2021 to the U.S. EPA for review and action. A decision on EMFAC2021 is expected in six months to one year.

CARB also submitted EMFAC2017 adjustment factors for the U.S. EPA review. The adjustment factors account for new regulations like Low-NOx standard and Advanced Clean Trucks that were approved after the adoption of EMFAC2017. Waivers related to the Low-NOx standard are expected to be submitted to the U.S. EPA in November 2021.

## **7. 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (Information)**

Stephanie Parent (CARB) presented an overview of the 2022 State Strategy for the SIP and timeline developed by CARB. The 2022 State SIP Strategy is focused on the 2015 8-hour ozone standard. CARB staff held a public webinar on July 27, 2021, reviewing the SIP process, the role of the 2022 State Strategy for the SIP, and a summary of the prior 2016 State Strategy. The recording of the webinar is available on the CARB State SIP Strategy website.

Strategies being evaluated for this plan include addressing on-road mobile sources such as motorcycles and heavy-duty advanced clean fleets as well as off-road equipment such as commercial harbor craft, locomotives, consumer products regulation, and federal and international sources. The 2022 State SIP Strategy adds focus to off-road emission reduction strategies.

## **8. Reconsideration of Safe Vehicles Rule Part One (Information)**

Sam Sanford presented on new fuel economy standards proposed by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on August 11, 2021, following the Biden-Harris administration's Executive Order 1390. Increases of fuel economy of 8% year-over-year would be required on model vehicles years 2024-2026.

Additional discussion focused on the possible use of EMFAC adjustment factors to account for these proposed changes.

## **9. Upcoming Meetings**

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Nick Cormier announced that APCD is conducting a virtual workshop on October 6, 2021, from 4-6 p.m. on the revision of the regional air quality strategy and invites CWG members to participate.

## **10. Adjournment**

Sam Sanford adjourned meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

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Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
California Air Resources Board	Nesamani Kalandiyur	Yes	
	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
	Kevin Hendrawan	Yes	
Caltrans	Amie Mohai	Yes	
	Erika Espinosa Araiza	Yes	
	Lexie Arellano	Yes	
	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
	Tony Cano	Yes	
Caltrans District 11	Maurice Eaton	Yes	
Federal Highway Administration	Joseph Vaugh	Yes	
Federal Transit Administration			
U.S. EPA	John Kelly	Yes	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	Yes	
<b>Other Attendees</b>			
<b>SANDAG Staff</b>			
	Elisa Arias	Yes	
	Phil Trom	Yes	
	Richard Radcliff	Yes	
	Sam Sanford	Yes	
	Sue Alpert	Yes	