
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**January 28, 2014
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Perez, Brenda	FHWA
Sarraf, Majid	TTG Engineering
Sherwood, Arnie	TCA

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Lee, Maria
Lin, Margaret
Luo, Rongsheng

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Anderson, Cari	ARB
Mortenson, Marilee	Caltrans Headquarters
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Fernando Castro, Caltrans District 7, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG December 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes
The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of Qualitative PM Hot Spot Analysis

1) Memo - Selection of Preferred Alternative (RIV031218)
It was determined that no additional PM analysis is required.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Amendments #13-15 and #13-16 had been approved.
- SCAG staff is reviewing and analyzing 2015 FTIP county submittals.

4.3 RTP Update

Margaret Lin, SCAG, reported that SCAG is working on 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #2 concurrently with the 2015 FTIP.

4.4 EPA updates

Karina O' Connor, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- November 2013 version of Quantitative PM Hot Spot Analysis Guidance should replace previous version of the guidance and be used for PM hot spot analyses.
- As part of EPA's effort to address its backlog of SIPs that require EPA action, suggest TCWG to review Conformity SIPs for the South Coast Air Basin and the Ventura County Portion of the South Central Coast Air Basin.

Cari Anderson, ARB, stated that review of conformity SIPs is planned to be an agenda item for the next Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting.

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In response to a question, Ms. O'Connor stated that EPA staff is addressing comments on the proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) implementation rule for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard and the final SIP implementation rule is expected to be finalized in Fall 2014.

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA is working with ARB and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District to develop a Clean Air Act Section 179(B) SIP for the Imperial County PM2.5 nonattainment area under 2006 PM2.5 standard.
- Published in Federal Register on November 21, 2013, the proposed rule *Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS* is expected to be finalized in Spring 2014.

Under the proposed rule, December 31, 2014 is proposed to be the submittal deadline for the remaining SIP elements under Subpart 4 (Additional Provisions for Particulate Matter Nonattainment Areas) that have not been addressed by Subpart 1 (Nonattainment Areas in General) SIPs.

4.5 ARB UPDATE

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, announced that Jason Crow, ARB, had accepted a new position at ARB and Cari Anderson, ARB, will be his replacement. Mr. Luo acknowledged Mr. Crow for his service and contribution to TCWG and welcomed Ms. Anderson on board.

Cari Anderson, ARB, reported the following:

- Minor updates on Western Mojave Desert 1997 8-hour Ozone SIP and Coachella Valley 2007 Air Quality Management Plan are scheduled to be on consent calendar of March 2014 ARB Board meeting; ARB will coordinate with SCAG to update respective conformity budgets using EMFAC2011 and latest travel activity data from SCAG; The conformity budgets will be posted for a 30-day public review.
- As reported by EPA, ARB is also working on Imperial County SIP to address 2006 PM2.5 standard including new conformity budgets based on EMFAC2011; The PM2.5 SIP is scheduled to go to ARB Board in June 2014.
- Todd Sax has been promoted to ARB's Mobile Source Control Division and Vernon Hughes is his replacement as Branch Chief responsible for EMFAC2013 development. The Branch is undergoing reorganization and

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reviewing status of EMFAC2013 development; EMFAC2013 release schedule will be provided in the near future.

- ARB is taking over the Statewide Conformity Working Group and a notice will be sent out shortly to schedule the next Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting for March 2014.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Dan Garcia, SCAQMD, stated that SCAQMD had no new update.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, stated that VCAPCD had no new update.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarter, confirmed that ARB is chairing the Statewide Conformity Working Group this year and agenda items should be sent to Cari Anderson at ARB. Mr. Brady also announced that he will be retiring in the next month or two.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, announced that Maria Lee has joined SCAG as a new intern and she will assist in staffing TCWG.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday February 25, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.