



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and in-person. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

*Asuncion, John
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Via Zoom and Teleconference:

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Rabindra Bade, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. December 5, 2023 TCWG Meeting Minutes
The meeting minutes were approved.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

- **RIV151218**: no representative to present this item.
- **LA9919118**: it was determined that this project is not a project of air quality concern.

4.2. RTP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- The public review and comment period for the draft Connect SoCal 2024 (Plan) closed on January 12, 2024.
- SCAG Regional Council would consider the final Plan for adoption at its meeting on April 4, 2024.

4.2.1 Status Update on Transportation Conformity Analysis for Draft Connect SoCal 2024

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following:

- The draft transportation conformity analysis technical report, including the transportation conformity checklist, was included as part of the draft Plan document for public review and comment period that ended January 12, 2024.
- SCAG staff was preparing responses to agency and public comments on the draft transportation conformity analysis technical report. Written responses would be included as part of the proposed final Plan document.
- The final transportation conformity analysis would be considered for adoption by SCAG Regional Council as part of its consideration of the final Plan adoption on April 4, 2024.

4.3. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff received 2025 FTIP project submittals from the County Transportation Commissions from the SCAG region in January 2024 and was analyzing project submittals.
- The 2025 FTIP development process was underway and currently on schedule. SCAG Regional Council would consider the 2025 FTIP, including the transportation conformity analysis for approval in Fall 2024.

4.4. EPA Update

Michael Dorantes, EPA, reported the following:

- A proposed consent decree in response to a lawsuit filed by the SCAQMD regarding the Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 1997 federal 8-hour ozone standard was published in the Federal Register.



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4.4.1. Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02626)

Michael Dorantes, EPA, reported the following:

- The proposed consent decree reported under Item 4.4 was a follow-up to this lawsuit filed by the SCAQMD under Case No. 2:23-cv-2646.

Lijin Sun, SCAG, stated that the case no. included under Item 4.4.1 was a typographic error. The corrected case no. (2:23-cv-2646) would be included for future TCWG meetings.

In response to a question, Michael Dorantes, EPA, agreed to provide information as to if AQMD's Contingency Measure SIP could be withdrawn by the state after EPA finalizes disapproval of the SIP.

4.5. ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff was developing the next version of the EMFAC model, also known as EMFAC202Y.
- A public workshop was held on January 17, 2024 to provide updates on fleet characteristics, emission rates, and data sources for EMFAC202Y, which would be released anticipated in 2025. The presentation and recording were available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/msei/conferences-and-workshops-onroad-emfac>.

4.6. Air Districts Updates

4.6.1. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for VCAPCD

Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- CARB submittal of the revised Rule 71.1 package to EPA was anticipated in January 2024.

4.6.2. Status Update on EPA Proposed Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107; Final Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1118; Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for SCAQMD; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area

Sang-Mi Lee, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- SCAQMD staff developed a draft contingency measures SIP for Coachella Valley to address EPA's finding of failure to submit and released the draft SIP for public review and comments on January 17, 2024 through February 16, 2024. Public consultation meetings would be held on January 31, 2024 and February 1, 2024. The Coachella Valley contingency measure SIP package would be considered by the SCAQMD Governing Board for adoption on March 1, 2024 and subsequently submitted to EPA through CARB to turn off the associated sanction clocks.
- The latest revision to SCAQMD Rule 1178 was completed in September 2023 and the revised Rule 1178 package was submitted to CARB in December 2024.
- No new updates on the other items were available since the last TCWG meeting in January 2024.



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4.6.3. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1160; Final Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 401 Bertrand Gaschot, MDAQMD, reported the following:

- MDAQMD staff was developing a draft contingency measure SIP for the San Bernardino County portion of West Mojave Desert ozone nonattainment area.
- The SIP would be considered for adoption by the MDAQMD Governing Board on March 25, 2024 and subsequently submitted to EPA through CARB to turn off the associated sanction clocks.

4.6.3.1 Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)

- No updates were provided.

4.6.4. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Antelope Valley Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309

- No representative was present to provide an update.

4.6.4.1 Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)

- No representative was present to provide an update.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TCWG will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, sunl@scag.ca.gov, by Tuesday, February 13, 2024.