August 1, 2007

TO: San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

FROM: Rachel Kennedy

SUBJECT: Cancellation of the August 15, 2007, San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Meeting

The San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) meeting scheduled for August 15, 2007, has been cancelled. The next meeting of the CWG is scheduled for September 12, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Please note the meeting has been moved up a week, in order to accommodate the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association’s conference: Understanding and Addressing Health Impacts of Air Pollution on Communities and to allow for CWG discussion of comments received on the Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) prior to the close of the public comment period on September 17, 2007. The Draft 2007 RTP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Document are available for review at www.sandag.org/2007rtp.

On June 15, 2007, the California Air Resources Board submitted the 2007 San Diego 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A copy of the letter is attached.

Please contact me at (619) 699-1929 or by e-mail at rke@sandag.org if you have any questions.

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Attachment: California Air Resources Board letter dated June 15, 2007
June 15, 2007

Mr. Wayne Nastri  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Nastri:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) hereby submits to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the 2007 San Diego 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan (San Diego Ozone Plan) as a revision to California’s State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The San Diego Ozone Plan sets out a strategy for attaining the federal 8-hour ozone standard in the San Diego Ozone Nonattainment Area. The Plan demonstrates that already adopted State, local, and federal controls will provide the reductions necessary for attainment by June 2009.

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (District) adopted the San Diego Ozone Plan on May 23, 2007. ARB approved the 2007 San Diego Ozone Plan on May 24, 2007. The San Diego Ozone Plan addresses all federal planning requirements. Specifically, it demonstrates attainment of the 8-hour standard by 2009, sets emissions budgets for the transportation sector, and provides contingency measures.

The San Diego Ozone Plan includes new budgets for on-road motor vehicles for the year 2008. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we also request that U.S. EPA allow budgets to be replaced upon a finding of adequacy. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted today to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets.

This package consists of five copies of the materials identified below.

  I) A May 30, 2007, letter from Mr. Raymond A. Fernandez, Interim Director of Planning for the District, to Ms. Catherine Witherspoon, ARB Executive Officer, transmitting:

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.
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- A Letter to the District Air Pollution Control Board (District Staff Report).  
- The Proposed Negative Declaration.  
- The Resolution #07-109, adopting the Proposed Negative Declaration.  
- The 2007 Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan for San Diego County.  
- The Resolution #07-110, adopting the Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan for San Diego.  
- The Workshop Report.  


III) ARB’s Public Meeting Notice for the ARB May 24, 2007 Public Meeting to Consider Approval of the Proposed 2007 San Diego 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan.  

IV) ARB’s Resolution 07-15 adopting the 2007 San Diego 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan.  

V) A SIP Completeness Checklist  

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Chief, Air Quality and Transportation Planning Branch, at (916) 445-5610.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
Catherine Witherspoon  
Executive Officer  

Enclosures  

cc: See next page.