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TO: San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Members

FROM: Antoinette Meier, Regional Planner II

SUBJECT: Cancellation of February 3, 2010, San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) Meeting

The CWG meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2010, has been cancelled. The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

The CWG meeting minutes from January 6, 2010, are attached for your information.

If you have questions or a specific issue or topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting, do not hesitate to contact me at (619) 699-1983 or via e-mail at amei@sandag.org.

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Attachment

Item #1: Introductions

Self-introductions were made. See attached attendance list.

Item #2: Summary of November 4, 2009, Meeting

Andrea Hoff, SANDAG, asked the CWG to review the meeting summary. No corrections were made.

Item #3: Public Comments/Communications

No public comments were made.

Item #4: Schedule for Development of the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Ms. Hoff stated that SANDAG will begin the development of the 2010 RTIP in January 2010. The SANDAG Board of Directors will be asked to approve the 2010 RTIP, including its air quality conformity analysis in September 2010. She asked Sookyung Kim, SANDAG, to provide the CWG with an overview of the proposed schedule for development of the 2010 RTIP and its air quality analysis.

Ms. Kim stated that a statewide determination was made to update the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) this calendar year. All Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state are required to submit their RTIPs to the state by October 2010. The Board will be asked to approve the 2010 San Diego RTIP in September.

Referring to attachment 4 to the agenda, Ms. Kim highlighted dates on the schedule that pertain to the CWG, including the following:

January 6 (today's meeting): Review of the 2010 RTIP development schedule.

March 3: Consultation on conformity criteria and procedures including revenue-constrained program assumptions, latest planning assumptions, transportation control measures, emissions model, emissions budgets, exempt projects, consultation, and public involvement.

May 18: Issue 2010 RTIP Draft Conformity Analysis for 30-day CWG review and comment.

June 17: 30-day CWG comment period for draft Conformity Analysis ends.

July 16: Transportation Committee asked to release draft 2010 RTIP, including its air quality conformity determination, for public comment; set September 3, 2010, Transportation Committee meeting to hold public hearing and request approval of Quarterly Amendment to 2008 RTIP, if necessary.

September 3: Transportation Committee holds public hearing to review the draft 2010 RTIP, including its air quality conformity analysis and is asked to recommend Final 2010 RTIP to the Board for approval.

September 24: The Board is asked to adopt Final 2010 RTIP, including its air quality conformity analysis.

December 15: Federal approval for Federal/State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

John Kelly, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), asked if SANDAG was anticipating needing new budgets during the upcoming year.

Carl Selnick, Air Pollution Control District (APCD), stated that the region would not be submitting a State Implementation Plan (SIP) this year in advance of the anticipated ruling by the EPA on the requirements, and therefore would not need new budgets.

Elisa Arias, SANDAG, asked if the next SIP would be due one year from the final ruling from the EPA.

Mr. Kelly stated that there would not be any SIP due during the upcoming year, because the rule will not be finalized.

Mike Brady, Caltrans, asked what the horizon year of a 2010 moderate plan for San Diego would be.

Mr. Kelly stated that the attainment date for the plan would be June 2010. If the monitoring data for San Diego does not show attainment by 2010, it is unclear why a moderate plan would be needed. He asked APCD to confirm that they will be submitting a moderate plan.

Mr. Selnick stated that once the requirements are released, APCD will submit either a serious or moderate SIP with a bump up request, depending on the requirements.

Mr. Kelly stated that action on the part of the EPA could be delayed until monitoring data is certified.

Item #5: EMFAC 2010 Development

Denis Wade, California Air Resource Board (ARB), stated that there have been discussions regarding the differing horizon years of the EMFAC 2010 model and SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He is reviewing the Conformity Rule to determine if there are ways to address the issue and will attend an internal meeting to further discuss the issue. He asked if SANDAG staff could look in the Transportation Rule for flexibility in terms of setting the horizon year for the RTP.

Ms. Arias stated that the planning rules require that an RTP extend 20 years beyond the year of the Plan, but does not provide further direction regarding horizon years. The Board approved a 2050 horizon year and the planning law does not provide direction as to how to meet conformity requirements using the 2050 horizon year. She stated that the Conformity Rule would provide more specific information regarding transportation conformity.

Mr. Wade stated that he would like to schedule a time to discuss with SANDAG the findings in the Conformity Rule regarding this issue. A follow-up conference call will be held with SANDAG and ARB.

Mr. Brady stated that a previous version of EMFAC (EMFAC 7F) faced a similar issue and ARB resolved the issue by assuming technology would not change after the life of the model.

Mr. Wade stated that the assumption is outdated, particularly given new transportation conformity requirements, and not one that ARB could support at this time.

Item #6: Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Reclassification Update

Mr. Kelly stated that there is no new information regarding the signing of the rule to reclassify areas for the eight-hour ozone standard. Staff transitions have delayed the signature process. Mr. Kelly will ask the newly assigned staff for an estimate when upper management would be asked to sign the rule.

Mr. Selnick asked if the package is being held up because of the possibility that some areas addressed in the rule are attaining.

Mr. Kelly stated that some areas are attaining, but this is not the reason that the signature is delayed.

Mr. Selnick asked if EPA anticipates issuance of a rulemaking before or after accounting for 2009 data; this would impact the timing of the San Diego area SIP submittal.

Mr. Kelly asked if APCD plans to do modeling to show attainment.

Mr. Selnick stated that APCD is working on modeling capabilities. One option is being looked at that would use all of the data submitted in for the 2007 SIP, but replace the model run for the year 2008 with a model run for 2012. If this method were found acceptable, the modeling would be significantly streamlined. If not, the extra work to show attainment will require more time. APCD hopes to be able to add the 2012 attainment demonstration to the modeling that has already been done.

Ms. Arias stated that APCD would be working together with SANDAG to complete the vehicle emissions modeling. She asked Mr. Kelly if May is the timeframe for certification of monitoring data.

Mr. Kelly stated that the previous year's data (2009) is certified in May of the following year (2010) by the State (it used to be July). Design values are expected in August.

Item #7: Other Business

Ms. Arias asked when the next Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting is scheduled.

Mr. Brady stated that the next Statewide Conformity Working Group meeting will be a conference call held March 24.

Mr. Selnick asked if the ozone standard reconsideration was signed and released today.

Mr. Kelly stated that the reconsideration had been signed.

Ms. Hoff stated that attachment number 4 has one date that will be changed: Item number 9 on the schedule should contain the dates April 2 - May 11 (rather than April 2 - April 30). This is an internally significant date dealing with SANDAG modeling schedule, but does not affect the CWG.

Item #8: Upcoming Meeting

Ms. Hoff stated that the next meeting of the CWG is scheduled for February 3, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Meeting materials will be sent to the group in advance.

San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

Meeting Attendance

January 6, 2010

Name	Agency
Dennis Wade (phone)	ARB
Jose Marquez (phone)	Caltrans
Mike Brady (phone)	Caltrans
Andrea Hoff	SANDAG
Elisa Arias	SANDAG
Limeng Yu	SANDAG
Sookyung Kim	SANDAG
Carla Walecka (phone)	TCA
John Kelly (phone)	U.S. EPA
Stew Sonnenberg (phone)	FHWA
Carl Selnick	SDAPCD