

San Diego Association of Governments
SAN DIEGO REGION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

June 6, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: INFORMATION

APRIL 4, 2018, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3100600

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:35 a.m.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made. An attendance list is included.

2. MEETING MINUTES (INFORMATION)

Ms. Kennedy asked the CWG to review the minutes from its March 7, 2018, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

REPORTS

4. SANDAG 2018 TITLE VI PROGRAM: WORKING GROUP SURVEY (INFORMATION)

Sam Sanford, Associate Regional Planner, announced an online voluntary and anonymous survey to inform the development of the SANDAG Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Report. This report is a requirement of the Federal Transit Administration and is updated every three years. CWG members were invited to participate in the online survey.

5. 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: DRAFT PROJECT LIST (DISCUSSION)

Sue Alpert, Associate Project Control Analyst, provided a review of the draft list of projects in the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The draft 2018 RTIP includes approximately 63 capacity-increasing projects and 377 non-capacity-increasing projects. Of those, 29 projects are new and 126 are being closed out or delayed. The draft project list was sent to the CWG on March 19, 2018, for review. CWG members are asked to review the projects and provide any feedback by April 13, 2018. Coding of the projects in the model and subsequent model runs are anticipated to conclude by the end of April. The draft conformity analysis is scheduled for 30-day public review from May 18, 2018, to June 18, 2018. The draft conformity analysis will be discussed at the June 6, 2018, CWG meeting.

Ms. Kennedy added that this presents an opportunity for CWG members to review and comment on the exempt category of the non-capacity-increasing projects and the capacity-increasing projects included in the draft 2018 RTIP.

6. SAN DIEGO REGION CARBON MONOXIDE MAINTENANCE PERIOD (INFORMATION)

Ms. Kennedy summarized a letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regarding carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance requirements. Planning documents adopted after June 30, 2018, will not need to include CO conformity analysis. The 2018 RTIP is anticipated to be adopted in September 2018, and therefore will not include CO conformity analysis. John Kelly, U.S. EPA, concurred with the summary and added that provisions in the State Implementation Plan regarding CO will remain in effect.

7. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT COURT RULING: SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VERSUS U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Kelly and Nick Cormier, San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), provided background information and an overview of the court ruling. The ruling removes the ability to use the 2012 ozone standard as the baseline year for showing reasonable further progress as part of an ozone attainment plan. The San Diego APCD used the 2012 standard, and may need to use the 2011 standard for their next plan update. The U.S. EPA has until April 16, 2018, to decide to appeal the decision.

Stephanie Parent, Air Resources Board (ARB), added that ARB is evaluating the idea of using a statewide approach to support the affected Air Pollution Control Districts in California.

8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING (INFORMATION)

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

**SAN DIEGO REGION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 4, 2018**

Name	Agency
Shannon Hatcher (phone)	Air Resources Board
Stephanie Parent (phone)	Air Resources Board
Lucas Sanchez (phone)	Caltrans
Ilene Gallo (phone)	Caltrans District 11
Ken Johanssen	Caltrans District 11
Melina Pereira (phone)	Caltrans District 11
John Kelly (phone)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Nick Cormier (phone)	San Diego Air Pollution Control District
Sue Alpert	SANDAG
Rachel Kennedy	SANDAG
Sam Sanford	SANDAG
Michelle Smith	SANDAG

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