

July 7, 2021

Action: **Information**

May 5, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Sam Sanford (SANDAG), called the meeting of the San Diego Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:33 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Meeting Minutes (Information)

Sam Sanford asked the CWG to review the minutes from its April 7, 2021, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Public Comments/Communications (Discussion)

Richard Radcliff (SANDAG) announced that the 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and its conformity determination were federally approved on April 16, 2021. Amendment No. 1 to the 2021 RTIP with transit capital improvement programs was approved by Caltrans on May 3, 2021.

Amendment No. 3, the first formal amendment to the 2021 RTIP, is open and the deadline is June 6, 2021.

Lucas Sanchez (Caltrans Headquarters, Division of Planning) provided a staffing update: the Air Quality branch hired a new planner, Erika Espinosa Araiza.

Nick Cormier (San Diego Air Pollution Control District) is taking comments on the Community Emissions Reduction Plan for the Portside community.

Sam Sanford thanked Federal Highway Administration for a smooth 2021 RTIP approval process. Also, on April 28, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published in the Federal Register a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing and Comment related to the U.S. EPA reconsidering SAFE Vehicles Rule part one. A public hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2021, and comments are being accepted through July 6, 2021.

Reports

4. San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (Discussion)

Sam Sanford provided an overview of the Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity appendix to the draft San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan. Following interagency consultation procedures, a preliminary draft of this documentation was provided to the CWG prior to the release of the draft document. Comments on the preliminary draft are requested by Friday, May 7, 2021. Changes made to the preliminary draft include a locator map for regional corridors, updates to interagency consultation dates, clarification on attainment deadlines, and demonstration dates.

5. 2020 Ozone State Implementation Plan Update (Information)

Nick Cormier (San Diego Air Pollution Control District) and John Kelly (U.S. EPA) provided updates on the approval process for the 2020 State Implementation Plan (SIP). The 2020 SIP was submitted to the U.S. EPA on January 8, 2021. On April 8, 2021, the U.S. EPA published the notice in the Federal Register on the voluntary reclassification request for the San Diego Region for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. The notice also included a summary of coordination efforts with tribal nations in the San Diego region. The effective date of the reclassification is expected to be prior to July 20, 2021. Comments on this action are due by May 10, 2021.

The U.S. EPA is working on a budget adequacy review of the on-road transportation emission values in the 2020 SIP. With an adequacy finding, the 2020 SIP budgets would be used for transportation conformity purposes.

A SIP completeness designation is expected in summer 2021 for the SIP plan itself. Following the designation, there are several actions the U.S. EPA can take on the plan over the following year. A proposal on the action by the U.S. EPA is expected by the end of the calendar year.

6. EMFAC 2021 Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur (California Air Resources Board [CARB]) provided an update on the development and approval process for EMFAC 2021. The technical documentation and user guide were released and include data sources and emissions testing results. A new version of EMFAC 2021 (version 1.0.1) was also released with minor bug fixes. CARB is working on packaging this information for submittal to the U.S. EPA.

7. Upcoming Meetings

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

8. Adjournment

Sam Sanford adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Meeting

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Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
California Air Resources Board	Nesamani Kalandiyur	Yes	
	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
Caltrans	Abhijit Bagde	Yes	
	Lexie Arellano	Yes	
	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
	Muhaned Aljabiry	Yes	
Caltrans District 11	Maurice Eaton	Yes	
Federal Highway Administration	Joseph Vaughn	Yes	
Federal Transit Administration			
U.S. EPA	John Kelly	Yes	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	Yes	
Other Attendees			
SANDAG Staff			
	Arthur Tovar	Yes	
	Elisa Arias	Yes	
	Kendal Reynolds	Yes	
	Phil Trom	Yes	
	Richard Radcliff	Yes	
	Sam Sanford	Yes	
	Sue Alpert	Yes	