

November 3, 2021

Action: **Information**

October 6, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Sam Sanford (SANDAG), called the meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) to order at 10:32 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sam Sanford facilitated introductions. The attendance sheet for this meeting is included.

2. Meeting Minutes (Information)

Sam Sanford asked the CWG to review the minutes from its September 1, 2021, meeting. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments (Discussion)

Stephanie Parent (California Air Resources Board [CARB]) commented on a follow-up item from the September meeting on economic impact analysis in the 2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (State SIP Strategy). CARB will perform statewide economic impact analysis as part of the State SIP Strategy but will not be performing sub-regional economic impact analysis as part of this effort.

Richard Radcliffe (SANDAG) announced that SANDAG is working on Amendment No. 6 for the 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). This amendment includes air quality conformity analysis and aligns the 2021 RTIP with the 2021 Regional Plan. The draft amendment will be released for public review on October 19, 2021. The draft schedule for the 2023 RTIP update will be presented to the CWG at a future meeting.

Nick Cormier (San Diego Air Pollution Control District [APCD]) announced that there is a virtual public workshop on October 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm for initial scoping for the next revision of the state ozone plan.

Reports

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

Sam Sanford provided an update on San Diego Forward: the 2021 Regional Plan. The draft plan is currently posted to SDForward.com and was open for public comment through August 6, 2021. SANDAG is responding to comments and will compile responses into Appendix G: Public Involvement Plan to the proposed final plan. Comments and responses will be presented to the Board of Directors at an October 29, 2021, meeting.

On September 24, 2021, SANDAG shared a revised version of the 2021 Regional Plan's [Appendix C: Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity](#) with the CWG. Comments on the revised draft air quality conformity documentation are requested by October 25, 2021, which completes the 30-day review period per interagency consultation procedures.

On October 4, 2021, the U.S. EPA published the adequacy finding for transportation conformity purposes of the emission budgets submitted in the 2020 SIP for San Diego. The finding is effective October 19, 2021. The air quality conformity documentation for the proposed final 2021 Regional Plan will be updated to reflect the new adequate budgets.

Dawn Vettese (SANDAG) presented an updated version of revenue forecasts that will be included in proposed final 2021 Regional Plan. New revenue streams, including those expected to be created in the future, are included in the Plan. Attachment 4 on this meeting's agenda has the list of existing and future revenue sources, including assumptions used. The revenue assumptions were revised between draft and proposed final versions of the plan, including updates to sales taxes and road usage charge implementation dates, forecast vehicle miles traveled based on the implementation of managed lanes and other projects, and assumptions for financing and leveraging local funding for state and federal funding.

Danielle Kochman clarified that the state-level component of the road usage charge is assumed to be revenue-neutral, while the regional-level component of the road usage charge is expected to be used to fund transportation projects and programs within the region.

Elisa Arias clarified that while certain funding sources assumed in the plan are contingent on successful ballot measures, the plan's assumptions are based on historical performance of similar measures. Additionally, unforeseen funding sources may become available within the plan's horizon year of 2050.

5. 2020 Ozone State Implementation Plan Update (Information)

Nick Cormier (APCD) provided an update on the approval process for the 2020 SIP. On October 4, 2021, the U.S. EPA reported that the plan's motor vehicle emissions budgets were found adequate for transportation conformity purposes for the 2008 and 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standards.

6. EMFAC2021 Update (Information)

Kevin Hendrawan (CARB) provided an update on the development and approval process for both EMFAC2021 and EMFAC2017 adjustment factors. EMFAC2021 and updated EMFAC2017 adjustment factors have been submitted to the U.S. EPA for review and action.

7. Reconsideration of Safe Vehicles Rule Part One (Information)

Sam Sanford announced that on September 3, 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published the notice of proposed rulemaking on the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Model Years 2024–2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks. Comments are due by October 26, 2021, to NHTSA.

8. Upcoming Meetings

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

9. Adjournment

Sam Sanford adjourned meeting at 11:11 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	Kevin Hendrawan	Yes	
	Stephanie Parent	Yes	
Caltrans	Abhijit Bagde	Yes	
	Amie Mohai	Yes	
	Erika Espinosa Araiza	Yes	
	Jacqueline Kahrs	Yes	
	Lucas Sanchez	Yes	
Caltrans District 11			
Federal Highway Administration	Joseph Vaughn	Yes	
Federal Transit Administration	Rusty Whisman	Yes	
U.S. EPA	Karina O'Connor	Yes	
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Nick Cormier	Yes	
Other Attendees			

SANDAG Staff		
Danielle Kochman		Yes
Dawn Vettese		Yes
Elisa Arias		Yes
Phil Trom		Yes
Richard Radcliff		Yes
Sam Sanford		Yes
Sue Alpert		Yes
Tim Garrett		Yes
Ziying Ouyang		Yes