



# TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and in-person. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

### Attendee List

#### **SCAG Staff:**

Banuelos, Ryan  
Barajas, Agustin  
Calderon, Karen  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Sun, Lijin

#### **Via Zoom and Teleconference:**

Bade, Rabindra  
Becha, Karishma  
Brugger, Ron  
Dorantes, Michael  
Emery, Edward  
Espinosa Araiza, Erika  
Galbreath, Holly  
Gaschot, Bertrand  
Getachew, Eleni  
Guze, Jackson  
Huddleston, Lori  
Kalandiyur, Nesamani  
Kang, Peter  
Lay, Keith  
Lee, David  
Maggioncalda, Emma  
Moran, Nohemi  
Morris, Michael  
O'Connor, Karina  
Sutherland, Anders  
Vaca, Erika  
Yoon, Andrew

Caltrans District 12  
Caltrans Headquarters  
LSA  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
RCTC  
Caltrans Headquarters  
Ventura County APCD (VCAPCD)  
Mojave Desert AQMD (MDAQMD)  
Impact Sciences  
LA City Council District 4  
LA Metro, Long Range Planning  
California Air Resources Board (CARB)  
Caltrans Headquarters  
ICF  
Caltrans District 8  
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SBCTA  
FHWA  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
Terry A Hayes Associates  
Caltrans Headquarters  
Caltrans District 7



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## MEETING SUMMARY

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Rabindra Bade, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. March 26, 2024 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

3.2. April 23, 2024 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

- Conformity Exemption Form for ORA001102: it was determined that this is an exempt project.

4.2. RTP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG received final federal approval for the transportation conformity determination of Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) on May 10, 2024.
- SCAG staff was currently developing Amendment No. 1 to Connect SoCal 2024 in conjunction with the 2025 FTIP and the associated federally required transportation conformity analysis. Staff anticipated the draft documents would be released on July 12, 2024 for a 30-day public comment period.
- SCAG's Regional Council would consider the 2025 FTIP and Amendment No. 1 to Connect SoCal 2024, including the associated transportation conformity analysis, for approval anticipated in Fall 2024 and federal approval anticipated in December 2024.

4.3. FTIP Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- The 2023 FTIP Administrative Modification #23-29 was being finalized. Approval by SCAG was anticipated within the next two weeks.
- The 2023 FTIP Amendment #23-30 and Administrative Modification #23-31 were delayed to provide agencies more time to amend projects programmed with CMAQ, STBG, and CRP funds, which were anticipated to be approved for award by SCAG's Regional Council on June 6, 2024.

4.4. EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- On May 3, 2024, EPA published in the Federal Register a proposed approval of South Coast AQMD and VCACPD respective local rules that corrected deficiencies concerning ozone nonattainment requirements for controlling VOCs at crude oil and natural gas facilities and an interim final determination to stay or defer sanctions triggered by these rules.

4.4.1. Status Update on the SCAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 2:23-cv-02646)

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA was reviewing and providing responses to public comments received on the proposed disapproval of the



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South Coast AQMD's Contingency Measure Plan, which was the subject of the lawsuit.

## 4.5. ARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB staff was working with South Coast AQMD staff to develop draft motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) as well as VMT offset demonstration for the Coachella Valley Extreme nonattainment area 75 ppb ozone SIP and would present to TCWG for interagency consultation at the next TCWG meeting. The SIP would be considered by South Coast AQMD Governing Board for adoption later this year.
- CARB staff was developing the next version of the EMFAC model, also known as EMFAC202Y. An alpha version for model testing purposes would be released in summer 2024.

## 4.6. Air Districts Updates

### 4.6.1. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for VCAPCD

Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- As reported under Item 4.4, EPA proposed approval of VCAPCD Rule 71.1 was published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2024. VCAPCD was in offset sanction briefly from May 1, 2024 to May 3, 2024 but did not experience significant impacts.

### 4.6.2. Status Update on EPA Proposed Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rules 1106, 1106.1, and 1107; Final Limited Disapproval of SCAQMD Rule 1118; Final Limited Disapproval of Reasonable Available Control Technology Demonstrations for Sources Covered by the EPA's 2016 Oil and Gas Control Techniques Guidelines for SCAQMD; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Coachella Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area; Failure to Submit the Required 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter State Implementation Plan Elements for the South Coast Air Basin; Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter in the South Coast Air Basin

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of SCAQMD staff:

- Sanctions concerning SCAQMD Rules 1118, 1178, and 463 were deferred.
- Sanctions concerning Coachella Valley's 2008 ozone contingency measure were permanently lifted.
- Regarding active sanctions clock triggered by failure to submit the South Coast 2012 annual PM2.5 attainment plan, SCAQMD staff released a draft plan on March 22, 2024 for a 45-day public review and comment period. SCAQMD Governing Board would hold a public hearing and consider adoption of the plan on June 7, 2024. Subsequently, CARB would hold a public hearing and consider adoption on June 27, 2024 before EPA submittal. EPA's finding of "completeness" would be needed to turn off the clock.
- SCAQMD staff was in continued discussions with EPA and CARB regarding EPA's proposed disapproval of contingency measure plan for the 1997 8-hour ozone air quality standard in the South Coast Air Basin.

### 4.6.3. Status Update on EPA Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1160; Final Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 1305; Final Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 1157; and Proposed Limited Disapproval of MDAQMD Rule 401

Bertrand Gaschot, MDAQMD, reported the following:



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- EPA proposed approval of MDAQMD Rule 315 and interim final determination to defer sanctions.
- MDAQMD received a “completeness” finding for the contingency measures for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS for San Bernardino County Portion of West Mojave Desert ozone nonattainment area, which permanently turned off the associated sanctions clock.

4.6.3.1. Status Update on the MDAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1411)  
Bertrand Gaschot, MDAQMD, reported no updates.

4.6.4. Status Update on EPA Final Disapproval of AVAQMD Rule 315; Failure to Submit Contingency Measures for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Antelope Valley Portion of West Mojave Desert Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Final Limited Disapproval of AVAQMD Rules 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, and 1309

Lijin Sun, SCAG, reported the following on behalf of AVAQMD staff:

- Similar to the report under Item 4.6.3, EPA approved AVAQMD Rule 315 and interim final determination to defer sanctions.
- AVAQMD also received a “completeness” finding for its portion of contingency measures for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, which permanently turned off the associated sanctions clock.

4.6.4.1. Status Update on the AVAQMD Lawsuit against EPA (Case No. 23-1614)  
• No updates.

## 5. INFORMATION SHARING

None.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The next TCWG meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 in-person, via Zoom, and by teleconference. Please submit PM Hot Spot Analysis Interagency Review Forms for the next meeting to Lijin Sun, [sunl@scag.ca.gov](mailto:sunl@scag.ca.gov), by Tuesday, June 11, 2024.