

**Statewide Conformity Working Group
September 17, 2014 Draft Meeting Notes**

Public Comment:

No comments received

Federal Updates Including:

EPA Regulatory Update

- Yuba- Marysville received an adequacy finding for the 2006 PM2.5 standard this last summer on August 2014.
- EPA has approved SIP actions for South Coast, the 1-hour & 8-hour ozone VMT emissions offset provisions (published 9/3/2014, effective 10/3/2014).
- On August 12, 2014, EPA has determined that the Southeast Desert Area has attained the 1-hour ozone standard.
- EPA plans to work on the Adequacy findings for the Sacramento 8-hour ozone, San Joaquin Valley PM2.5, and South Coast PM2.5 spring 2015. Not sure if a maintenance plan will need to be developed for the Southeast Desert 1-hour ozone area. The potential actions by EPA will not be final until next calendar year, and will have no impact on the conformity determinations for the 2015 FSTIP in December.
- MOVES2014 has been posted on EPA's website, and notice of availability has not been posted in the federal register. California still must use EMFAC for all conformity determinations.

NAAQS Review Schedule

- Most of the updates are for ozone, refer to the table:
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/air/state_cwg/2014Sept/NAAQSTable_Sept2014.pdf
- The 2008 Ozone final rule should be out early 2015.
- The PM implementation rule proposal should be out late 2014 and final late 2015.
- On August 19, 2014, EPA sent out letters to Governor's Office to start the designation process for the new 2012 PM2.5 standard, 4 areas will be designated nonattainment (South Coast, San Joaquin Valley, Imperial, and Plumas).
- The final 1997 ozone implementation rule could be out in early 2015 which will fully revoke the standard.

Significant Litigation & Other

See: <http://www.epa.gov/ogc/noi.html>

Federal Highways & Other Updates

- NPRMs
 - CMAQ PM weighting factors comment period ends October 3, 2014.
 - Planning comment period ends October 2, 2014.
 - Planning Environmental Linkage comment period ends November 10, 2014.

ARB Updates Including:

EMFAC 2014 Update

- ARB will host a workshop end of October. The new EMFAC2014 will include 2012 DMV data, a SB 375 output button, project-level functionality, and EMAF2014 will have an out year of 2050.
- FAQs are being developed for the workshop (release & approval, how-to-do emission inventories, conformity, etc).
- A user's guide for EMFAC2014 is being developed by ARB with different sections (installation process, regional conformity analysis, SB 375, and project level assessment etc.).
- ARB plans to release EMFAC2014 at the end of the calendar year; anticipated to go to EPA early 2015.
- ARB is working on a planning timeline for the workshop to show the transition from EMFAC2011 to EMFAC2014.
- The truck rule and recession adjustments will be built in, SJV will not be able to use recession adjustments, and cannot use EMFAC2011 input files for 2008 Ozone Standard SIPs.
- Inventories will be updated in 2015/16.
- ARB will draft a statewide request for transportation activity data, and will ask every region to submit to ARB the activity data in their 2015 TIP.

Caltrans Updates:

Conformity Status Table Update

- No changes from the last meeting. Caltrans will update as needed.

CA Sanctions Clocks list

- There are no sanction clocks pressing, but a few are running. For the most part everything has been stayed, deferred, or terminated. The table has been updated from the last statewide meeting.

CT-EMFAC 5

- Caltrans is awaiting comments from EPA.
- Once EMFAC2014 receives approval from EPA, CT-EMFAC will be updated, and Caltrans will request EPA's approval.

Caltrans NPRM Comment Coordination

- Caltrans held statewide meetings and submitted comments. Caltrans urges other stakeholders to submit their comments as well.

Status of Transportation & Air Quality Planning:

MPO 2015 FTIP / Conformity Status

- SACOG - will approve their 2015 FTIP on September 18 2014.
- SACG - adopted their 2015 FTIP early in September 2014, and working on 2016 RTP/SCS. Should have a draft August 2015, and final April 2016.
- MTC - 2015 FTIP goes to their Commission late in September 2014.
- SANDAG - 2015 FTIP will go to their Board on September 26, 2014. Working on the RTP, Board will select alternatives, should be out spring 2015.
- SJCOG – 7 of the 8 have adopted their 2015 FTIP; Merced will adopt late September 2014.
- BCAG - approved by their Board last August 2014.
- SLOCOG – approved by their Board early September 2014, expect their RTP in 2015.

Air District Status Discussion

- Ventura AQMD – baseline emissions and back SIPs have been approved and working on emissions forecast.
- San Diego AQMD – awaiting air quality results, marginal for the 2008 ozone standard, may or may not have a SIP due depending on 2015 air quality data.

Information Sharing:

Transportation Conformity SIPs

Refer to: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/air/state_cwg/2014Sept/SeptTCSIPUpdate.pdf

- There are a number of SIPs in the backlog, pending, and forthcoming. EPA has a 4-year plan to clear the backlog SIPs, address pending SIPs, and forthcoming SIPs.
- The general plan is to withdraw the ones EPA can to avoid negative consequences (freeze, sanctions, lapses, etc). EPA wants to develop a streamlined process, to make it consistent considering the number of MPOs, Air Districts, counties, attainment status, and the level of complexities.
- The plan is to look at the less complicated SIPs first, use the lessons learned for the more complicated ones.

Isolated Rural

- ARB is willing to propose/offer a statewide rule for performing an isolated rural conformity determination. ARB will continue to speak/work with stakeholders statewide on a possible rule.

Next meeting – March 2015