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**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**February 25, 2014  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**In Attendance:**

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Castro, Fernando	Caltrans, District 7
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Perez, Brenda	FHWA
Sherwood, Arnie	TCA

**SCAG**

Gutierrez, Pablo  
Lee, Maria  
Liu, Jeff  
Luo, Rongsheng

**Via Teleconference:**

Anderson, Cari	ARB
Mortenson, Marilee	Caltrans Headquarters
Tavitas, Rodney	Caltrans Headquarters
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Jaffery, Edison	Caltrans, District 8
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Shah, Ahmad	Caltrans, District 8
Sonnenberg, Stew	FHWA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Tisoupulos, Tara	OCTA
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7
Malisos, Achilles	RBF Consulting
Namazi, Leili	RBF Consulting

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Fernando Castro, Caltrans District 7, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 3.1 TCWG January 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were deferred to next TCWG meeting.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) SCAG015  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) RIV120201  
It was reaffirmed that this is an exempt project.

4.2 FTIP Update

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, reported the following:

- County project submittals for 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-17 were due to SCAG today.
- SCAG staff continues analyzing 2015 FTIP project submittals.

4.3 RTP Update

There was no new update.

4.4 EPA updates

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- EPA withdrew its previous approvals of South Coast VMT offset demonstrations for 1-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone standards, effective April 29, 2013. The EPA action triggered two sanction clocks in South Coast. If not resolved, stationary source sanctions would start in October 2014 and highway sanctions would start in April 2015. EPA is required to take action on updated

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South Coast VMT offset demonstrations per a legal settlement agreement by August 2014.

4.5 ARB UPDATE

Cari Anderson, ARB, reported the following:

- Two updates were presented in the January ARB Board meeting and are available online:
  - 1) Air quality progress update in the South Coast region; and
  - 2) SB 375 implementation status update.
- Two presentations were given in the February ARB Board meeting:
  - 1) Presentation on latest science of ozone and PM2.5 atmospheric chemistry in South Coast; and
  - 2) Presentation on Proposed First Update to AB 32 Scoping Plan.
- The March ARB Board meeting has been canceled.
- ARB continues working on Imperial County SIP for 2006 PM2.5 standard which is scheduled to be presented to ARB Board in June 2014. Draft PM2.5 conformity budgets were expected to be completed this week.
- Minor updates to Western Mojave Desert and Coachella Valley 1997 8-hour ozone SIPs have been rescheduled for September 2014 ARB Board meeting.
- Next Statewide Conformity Working Group would be held on March 12, 2014. Meeting agenda and attachments were expected to be posted online next week.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, stated that VCAPCD had no new update.

Dan Garcia, SCAQMD, stated that SCAQMD had no new update.

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

Jeff Liu, SCAG, announced that SCAG's new Draft Public Participation Plan had been released for a 45-day public review and comment period on January 22, 2014. Mr. Liu made a brief presentation on the Draft Plan.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, congratulated Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, on his upcoming retirement. Mr. Luo acknowledged Mr. Brady for his valuable service and significant contribution as a long-term member of TCWG and presented SCAG's Certificate of Appreciation signed by SCAG President Honorable Greg Pettis and Executive Director Mr. Hasan Ikhata.

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**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday March 25, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.