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

**July 23, 2013  
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

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John  
Au, Anita  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Mann, Betty

**Via Teleconference:**

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Chris, John	Terra Nova
Chu, Phillip	SANBAG
Crow, Jason	ARB
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Tisopulos, Tara	OCTA
Morgenson, Marilyn	Caltrans Headquarters
O'Conner, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sonnenberg, Stew	FWHA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9

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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 comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 TCWG May 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG June 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes  
The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) RIV110124  
It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Amendment #4, which is the consistency FTIP Amendment with 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #1, was federally approved on July 22, 2013.
- 2013 FTIP Amendment #11 was anticipated to be released for public review in the end of July

4.3 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that the conformity analysis for 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Amendment #1 and 2013 FTIP Amendment #13-04 received FHWA/FTA approval on July 15, 2013.

4.4 EPA Update

Karina O'Conner, EPA Region 9, reported that a Federal Register Notice on revisions to the Transportation Conformity Guidance for Quantitative Hot-spot

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Analysis to incorporate EMFAC 2011 and address changes in monitoring regulations was expected to be posted in August 2013.

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- A Federal Register Notice would be published on July 24, 2013 to extend the public comment period for the Proposed 2008 Ozone SIP Implementation Rule to September 4, 2013.
- A proposed settlement agreement had been published in the Federal Register in response to a lawsuit regarding EPA's final approval of the South Coast 2007 AQMP/Ozone SIP. In the proposed settlement agreement, EPA is tentatively agreeing to take action on the following two elements of the 2012 South Coast AQMP by August 13, 2014, the Clean Air Act deadline:
  - ✓ The 1-hour Ozone Demonstration; and
  - ✓ The 1-hour and 8-hour Ozone VMT Offset Demonstrations.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Conner clarified that the 1997 ozone standard had been revoked for transportation conformity purposes and thus transportation conformity determination is no longer required for the 1997 ozone standard effective July 21, 2013; the proposed 2008 ozone SIP implementation rule is proposing to revoke the 1997 ozone standard for SIP purposes.

4.5 ARB Update

There was no ARB update.

4.6 Air Districts Update

There was no air district update.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Fernando Castro, Caltrans District 7, stated that the Scope Document and Timeline Brochure for the California Transportation Plan 2040 (CTP 2040) had been published and can be found on [www.CaliforniaTransportationPlan2040.org](http://www.CaliforniaTransportationPlan2040.org).

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday August 27, 2013 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.