

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 4, 2016

AGENDA NO. 23

REPORT: Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received By SCAQMD

SYNOPSIS: This report provides, for the Board's consideration, a listing of CEQA documents received by the SCAQMD between January 1, 2016 and January 31, 2016, and those projects for which the SCAQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, February 19, 2016, Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

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**CEQA Document Receipt and Review Logs (Attachments A and B)** – Each month, the SCAQMD receives numerous CEQA documents from other public agencies on projects that could adversely affect air quality. A listing of all documents received and reviewed during the reporting period of January 1, 2016 and January 31, 2016 is included in Attachment A. A list of active projects from previous reporting periods for which SCAQMD staff is continuing to evaluate or has prepared comments is included in Attachment B.

The Intergovernmental Review function, which consists of reviewing and commenting on the adequacy of the air quality analysis in CEQA documents prepared by other lead agencies, is consistent with the Board's 1997 Environmental Justice Guiding Principles and Environmental Justice Initiative #4. Furthermore, as required by the Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for FY 2002-03 approved by the Board in October 2002, each of the attachments notes those proposed projects where the SCAQMD has been contacted regarding potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The SCAQMD has established an internal central contact to receive information on projects with potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The public may contact the SCAQMD about projects of concern by the following means: in writing via fax, email, or standard letters; through telephone communication; as part of oral

comments at SCAQMD meetings or other meetings where SCAQMD staff is present; or by submitting newspaper articles. The attachments also identify for each project the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date, if applicable, as reported at the time the CEQA document is received by the SCAQMD. Interested parties should rely on the lead agencies themselves for definitive information regarding public comment periods and hearings as these dates are occasionally modified by the lead agency.

At the January 6, 2006 Board meeting, the Board approved the Workplan for the Chairman's Clean Port Initiatives. One action item of the Chairman's Initiatives was to prepare a monthly report describing CEQA documents for projects related to goods movement and to make full use of the process to ensure the air quality impacts of such projects are thoroughly mitigated. In response to describing goods movement, CEQA documents (Attachments A and B) are organized to group projects of interest into the following categories: goods movement projects; schools; landfills and wastewater projects; airports; and general land use projects, etc. In response to the mitigation component, guidance information on mitigation measures were compiled into a series of tables relative to: off-road engines; on-road engines; harbor craft; ocean-going vessels; locomotives; fugitive dust; and greenhouse gases. These mitigation measure tables are on the CEQA webpages portion of the SCAQMD's website. Staff will continue compiling tables of mitigation measures for other emission sources, including airport ground support equipment, etc.

As resources permit, staff focuses on reviewing and preparing comments for projects: where the SCAQMD is a responsible agency; that may have significant adverse regional air quality impacts (e.g., special event centers, landfills, goods movement, etc.); that may have localized or toxic air quality impacts (e.g., warehouse and distribution centers); where environmental justice concerns have been raised; and those projects for which a lead or responsible agency has specifically requested SCAQMD review. If the SCAQMD staff provided written comments to the lead agency as noted in the column "Comment Status," there is a link to the "SCAQMD Letter" under the Project Description. In addition, if the SCAQMD staff testified at a hearing for the proposed project, a notation is provided under the "Comment Status." If there is no notation, then SCAQMD staff did not provide testimony at a hearing for the proposed project.

During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2016, the SCAQMD received 58 CEQA documents. Of the total of 72 documents\* listed in Attachments A and B:

- 19 comment letters were sent;
- 11 documents were reviewed, but no comments were made;
- 27 documents are currently under review;
- 1 documents did not require comments (e.g., public notices, plot plans, Final Environmental Impact Reports);
- 0 documents were not reviewed; and
- 14 documents were screened without additional review.

\* These statistics are from January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2016 and may not include the most recent “Comment Status” updates in Attachments A and B.

Copies of all comment letters sent to lead agencies can be found on the SCAQMD’s CEQA webpage at the following internet address:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>.

**SCAQMD Lead Agency Projects (Attachment C)** – Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD periodically acts as lead agency for stationary source permit projects. Under CEQA, the lead agency is responsible for determining the type of CEQA document to be prepared if the proposal is considered to be a “project” as defined by CEQA. For example, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared when the SCAQMD, as lead agency, finds substantial evidence that the proposed project may have significant adverse effects on the environment. Similarly, a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be prepared if the SCAQMD determines that the proposed project will not generate significant adverse environmental impacts, or the impacts can be mitigated to less than significance. The ND and MND are written statements describing the reasons why proposed projects will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, do not require the preparation of an EIR.

Attachment C to this report summarizes the active projects for which the SCAQMD is lead agency and is currently preparing or has prepared environmental documentation. As noted in Attachment C, the SCAQMD continued working on the CEQA documents for four active projects during January.

### **Attachments**

- A. Incoming CEQA Documents Log
- B. Ongoing Active Projects for Which SCAQMD Has or Will Conduct a CEQA Review
- C. Active SCAQMD Lead Agency Projects



**ATTACHMENT A  
INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG  
JANUARY 1, 2016 TO JANUARY 31, 2016**

<u>SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER</u> PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> <b>SBC160119-05</b> Environmental Assessment Review No. 15-24, Precise Plan of Design Nos. 2393 & 2394	The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of an expanded FedEx Ground Package distribution facility at 330 W. Resources Drive. The facility will be expanded by 119,796-square-feet.  Comment Period: 1/20/2016 - 2/8/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Rialto	Document reviewed - No comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC160108-01</b> Chiquita Canyon Landfill	The proposed project consists of developing a new entrance and support facilities; better utilize the landfill's potential disposal capacity through a lateral extension of the new waste footprint and increased maximum elevation; increased daily disposal limit; acceptance of all nonhazardous waste permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill; continued operation of the landfill; new design features; environmental monitoring; development of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility; mixed organics composting operation; and set-aside of land for potential future conversion technology. In addition, the project includes renovating a portion of Southern California Edison's existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements. The project is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County, near Santa Clarita. Reference LAC140709-01  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Initial Project Consultation	County of Los Angeles	Document reviewed - No comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC160113-03</b> Pacoima Spreading Grounds Improvement Project	The proposed project consists of several improvements to the existing facilities to increase the water holding capacity from 530 acre-feet (af) to 1,197 af; increase the percolation rate from 65 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 142 cfs; eliminate localized flooding on Arleta Avenue; and improve the efficiency of operations and maintenance. Approximately 1.6 million cubic yards of sediment would be excavated from the pits. The project is located at the intersection of Paxton Street and Arleta Avenue.  Comment Period: 1/11/2016 - 2/25/2016 Public Hearing: 1/28/2016	Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	County of Los Angeles	Under review, may submit written comments
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> <b>LAC160119-04</b> Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority Woodland Hills Water Recycling Project	The proposed project consists of constructing approximately five miles of recycled water pipeline to serve 477 acre-feet per year of recycled water to customers within the Joint Powers Authority service area and the service area of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The project is located in the community of Woodland Hills.  Comment Period: 1/19/2016 - 2/19/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Availability of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	Las Virgenes Water District	Document reviewed - No comments

# - Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.

Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.







**ATTACHMENT A  
INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG  
JANUARY 1, 2016 TO JANUARY 31, 2016**

SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<b>Medical Facility</b> <b>LAC160105-07</b> Huntington Memorial Hospital Master Plan Amendment Project	The proposed project consists of amending its 20-year Master Plan to reconfigure its physical boundaries, and rehabilitate existing facilities, in order to meet State seismic requirements for acute-care facilities and to ensure the uninterrupted provision of safe, efficient medical care. The project is located at 100 W. California Boulevard.  Comment Period: 1/5/2016 - 2/19/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Pasadena	Document reviewed - No comments
<b>Retail</b> <b>LAC160119-03</b> 14-SPR-003, 14-OTP-016, 14-VAR-003, 14-SP-040, & VTPM 73266	The proposed project consists of the construction of a new 45,000-square-foot, two-story fitness facility building and a 4,000-square-foot, one-story retail/fast service restaurant building on a vacant site. The project is located at 29431 & 29439 Agoura Road.  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 1/27/2016	Notice of a Public Hearing and Availability of Draft MND	City of Agoura Hills	Document reviewed - No comments
<b>Retail</b> <b>LAC160129-01</b> Pomona Hyatt Place Hotel Project	The proposed project consists of a six-story, 200-room Hyatt Place/Hyatt House Hotel with conference facilities and supporting amenities totaling approximately 159,000 square feet; and a free-standing, three-story office building totaling approximately 75,000 square feet. The project is located on 14.88 acres near Rio Rancho Road and the 71 Freeway. <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/february/noppomonahyatt.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/february/noppomonahyatt.pdf</a> Comment Period: 1/29/2016 - 2/29/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	City of Pomona	SCAQMD staff commented 2/2/2016
<b>Retail</b> <b>RVC160106-01</b> MA15187	The proposed project consists of constructing a gas station, drive-thru automated car wash; convenience store with attached retail space. The project is located at 9306 Jurupa Road.  <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/january/nop15187.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/january/nop15187.pdf</a> Comment Period: 1/6/2016 - 1/22/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Initial Project Consultation	City of Jurupa Valley	SCAQMD staff commented 1/19/2016
<b>Retail</b> <b>RVC160119-02</b> MA15192	The proposed project consists of subdividing a 4.43-acre parcel into three parcels for a proposed 3,000-square-foot drive-thru restaurant; a 21,600-square-foot retail/restaurant building; and an Arco Gas Station canopy, convenience store and drive-thru car was. The project is located on the southwest corner of Mission Boulevard and Pyrite Street. <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/february/nopsecmissionpyrite.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/february/nopsecmissionpyrite.pdf</a> Comment Period: 1/19/2016 - 2/15/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Initial Project Consultation	City of Jurupa Valley	SCAQMD staff commented 2/2/2016

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**ATTACHMENT C  
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS  
THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2016**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
<p>The Phillips 66 (formerly ConocoPhillips) Los Angeles Refinery Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel project was originally proposed to comply with federal, state and SCAQMD requirements to limit the sulfur content of diesel fuels. Litigation against the CEQA document was filed. Ultimately, the California Supreme Court concluded that the SCAQMD had used an inappropriate baseline and directed the SCAQMD to prepare an EIR, even though the project has been built and has been in operation since 2006. The purpose of this CEQA document is to comply with the Supreme Court's direction to prepare an EIR.</p>	<p>Phillips 66 (formerly ConocoPhillips), Los Angeles Refinery</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>The Notice of Preparation/ Initial Study (NOP/IS) was circulated for a 30-day public comment period on March 26, 2012 to April 26, 2012. The consultant submitted the administrative Draft EIR to SCAQMD in late July 2013. The Draft EIR was circulated for a 45-day public review and comment period from September 30, 2014 to November 13, 2014. Two comment letters were received and responses to comments are being prepared.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>
<p>Tesoro Refinery proposes to integrate the Tesoro Wilmington Operations with the Tesoro Carson Operations (former BP Refinery). The proposed project also includes modifications of storage tanks at both facilities, new interconnecting pipelines, and new electrical connections. In addition, Carson's Liquid Gas Rail Unloading facilities will be modified. The proposed project will be designed to comply with the federally mandated Tier 3 gasoline specifications and with State and local regulations mandating emission reductions.</p>	<p>Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company Los Angeles Refinery</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>A previous Draft Negative Declaration was withdrawn in order for the storage tank project to be analyzed in a new CEQA document that also addresses the Tesoro-BP Refinery Integration Project. A NOP/IS was prepared for the integration project and released for a 30-day public review and comment period from September 10, 2014 to October 10, 2014. 86 comment letters were received, and responses to comments are being prepared. The consultant has prepared a Draft EIR which is under review by SCAQMD staff.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>
<p>Quemetco is proposing an increase in the daily furnace feed rate.</p>	<p>Quemetco</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>An Initial Study has been prepared by the consultant and is under review by SCAQMD staff.</p>	<p>Trinity Consultants</p>
<p>DCOR LLC is proposing to install three flares on their off-shore oil Platform Esther.</p>	<p>DCOR LLC</p>	<p>Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)</p>	<p>A preliminary draft MND has been prepared by the consultant and is under review by SCAQMD staff.</p>	<p>RBF Consulting</p>

A shaded row indicates a new project.