

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 6, 2015

AGENDA NO. 10

REPORT: Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received by the SCAQMD

SYNOPSIS: This report provides, for the Board's consideration, a listing of CEQA documents received by the SCAQMD between December 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014, and those projects for which the SCAQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, January 23, 2015, 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 December 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014 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 as 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 Initiative #4. Consistent with the Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for FY 2002-03 approved by the Board in September 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 submitting newspaper articles. The attachments also identify for each project the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date, 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 that the SCAQMD staff testified, then staff did not provide testimony at a hearing for the proposed project.

During the period December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, the SCAQMD received 109 CEQA documents. Of the total of 139 documents listed in Attachments A and B:

- 50 comment letters were sent;
- 12 documents were reviewed, but no comments were made;

- 27 documents are currently under review;
- 2 documents did not require comments (e.g., public notices, plot plans, Final Environmental Impact Reports);
- 1 documents were not reviewed; and
- 47 were screened without additional review.

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/comment-letter-year-2014>.

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. Through the end of December, the SCAQMD certified CEQA documents for two permit projects, and released one Lead Agency CEQA document for public review. As noted in Attachment C, through the end of December 2014, the SCAQMD continued working on the CEQA documents for ten active projects.

In the year 2014, SCAQMD staff has been responsible for preparing or having prepared CEQA documents for 12 permit application projects, and certifying CEQA documents for four permit projects.

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
DECEMBER 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<u>SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER</u> PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS**
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> LAC141210-01 Robertson Lane Hotel	The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of an approximately 509,000 square-foot building. The proposed building would occupy approximately 2,527 gross square feet, consisting of a hotel and commercial uses that would be bisected by a pedestrian walkway. Construction of the proposed project would involve demolition of three of the existing commercial buildings on the site and all three of the existing surface parking lots. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/december/noprobertson.pdf Comment Period: 12/11/2014 - 1/23/2015 Public Hearing: 1/7/2015	Notice of Preparation	City of West Hollywood	SCAQMD staff commented 12/17/2014
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> LAC141211-11 Hotel 220 MPK (Doubletree) Precision Plan	The proposed project consists of developing a six-story, 180-room hotel that includes an approximately 4,059-square-foot restaurant. The proposed hotel would total approximately 97,876 square feet, consisting of the 4,059 square feet of restaurant use along with 1,075 square feet of retail space, 14,727 square feet of common area, and 13,446 square feet for service areas and support facilities, meeting rooms, a business center, a swimming pool, and a fitness center. Comment Period: 12/10/2014 - 1/10/2015 Public Hearing: 1/13/2015	Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Monterey Park	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> LAC141225-02 ENV-2014-1116/ 4671 E. Huntington Dr. S.; Northeast Los Angeles	The proposed project consists of the construction, use and maintenance of a new two-story, 9,745 square-foot commercial building including an approximately 2,000 square-foot laundromat. Comment Period: 12/25/2014 - 1/14/2015 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Availability of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Los Angeles	Document screened - No further review conducted
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> RVC141205-02 French Valley Airport Center (PP No. 25183 and PM 33691R1)	The proposed project consists of a business park/industrial park development on approximately 82.07 acres within Planning Area 2.0 of Specific Plan No. 265, the Borel Airpark Center Specific Plan adopted in 1994 by Riverside County and within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Temecula and near the City of Murrieta. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2015/january/deirfrench.pdf Comment Period: 12/5/2014 - 1/14/2015 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	County of Riverside	SCAQMD staff commented 1/13/15
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> SBC141209-01 Perricone Juices	The proposed project consists of a plot plan application for a 19,182-square-foot building at an existing juice processing facility. Comment Period: 12/3/2014 - 12/17/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Initial Project Consultation	City of Beaumont	Document screened - No further review conducted

- Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
Comment letters can be accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>

** Comment status is current as of Friday, January

**ATTACHMENT A
INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG
DECEMBER 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<u>SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER</u> PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS**
<i>Plans and Regulations</i> SBC141205-06 PL11-0428 (General Plan Amendment), PL08-0369 (East Chino Specific Plan Amendment), and Certification of the Chino RV Storage Facility EIR	The proposed project consists of a request to change the existing General Plan land use designation from R/SO to LI for 7.19 acres of land and a specific plan amendment to allow RV storage as a conditionally permitted use in the EE land use designation of the East Chino Specific Plan. Comment Period: N/A	Notice of a Public Hearing	City of Chino	Document screened - No further review conducted
TOTAL DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 109				

- Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
 Comment letters can be accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>

** Comment status is current as of Friday, January

**ATTACHMENT B
ONGOING ACTIVE PROJECTS FOR WHICH SCAQMD HAS
OR IS CONTINUING TO CONDUCT A CEQA REVIEW**

SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS**
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<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO SCAQMD FOR DOCUMENT REVIEW THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 109</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMENT LETTERS SENT OUT THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 50</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS REVIEWED, BUT NO COMMENTS WERE SENT: 12</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW: 27</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT DID NOT REQUIRE COMMENTS: 2</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT WERE NOT REVIEWED: 1</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SCREENED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL REVIEW: 47</p>

- Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.
 Comment letters can be accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>
 ** Comment status is current as of Friday, January 23, 2015

ATTACHMENT C
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS
THROUGH December 31, 2014

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</p>	<p>The Notice of Preparation was circulated for a 30-day public comment period on March 26, 2012. The comment period ended on April 26, 2012. The consultant submitted the administrative Draft EIR to SCAQMD in late July 2013. SCAQMD reviewed the Draft EIR and released for a 45-day public review and comment period on September 30, 2014 ending November 13, 2014. Two comment letters were received and responses to comments are being prepared.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>
<p>The Phillips 66 Los Angeles Refinery operators are proposing to install one new 615,000-barrel crude oil storage tank with a geodesic dome to accommodate larger marine vessels delivering crude oil. The proposed project also includes increasing the throughput (i.e., frequency of filling and emptying tank) on two existing tanks and adding geodesic domes to these tanks, installing one new 14,000-barrel water draw surge tank and installing one new electrical power substation.</p>	<p>Phillips 66 Los Angeles Refinery Carson Plant</p>	<p>Negative Declaration</p>	<p>The Draft ND was released for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on September 10, 2013 and ending on October 9, 2013. Three comment letters were received, and responses to comments were prepared and included in the Final ND, which was certified on December 12, 2014.</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>EIR</p>	<p>A previous Draft ND was withdrawn in order for this project to be analyzed in a new CEQA document that also addresses the upcoming Tesoro-BP Refinery Integration Project. An NOP-IS has been prepared for the integration project and released for a 30-day public review and comment period on September 10, 2014 closing on October 10, 2014. 86 comment letters were received, and responses are being prepared.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>
<p>Operators of the KinderMorgan Lomita Terminal are proposing to deliver crude oil by expanding their rail facility.</p>	<p>KinderMorgan Lomita Terminal</p>	<p>To Be Determined</p>	<p>The consultants are preparing emission estimates to determine the type of CEQA document to be prepared.</p>	<p>SABS Consulting and TRC</p>
<p>Operators of the Petro Diamond Marine Terminal are proposing to increase the number of ship calls delivering ethanol.</p>	<p>Petro Diamond</p>	<p>To Be Determined</p>	<p>The consultant has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration. SCAQMD staff is currently reviewing the Draft Negative Declaration to determine if it is the appropriate type of CEQA document for the project.</p>	<p>SABS Consulting</p>

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ATTACHMENT C
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS
THROUGH December 31, 2014

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
Quemetco is proposing an increase in daily furnace feed rate.	Quemetco	To Be Determined	Initial Study under review by SCAQMD staff.	Trinity Consultants
Chevron is proposing modifications to its Product Reliability and Optimization (PRO) Project and has applied for a change of permit conditions to reduce NOx emissions and fired duty operating conditions of the Tail Gas Unit.	Chevron	Addendum	Under staff review and edits provided to the consultant. Chevron currently conducting BACT review for equipment.	Environmental Audit, Inc.
Signal Hill Petroleum is proposing to upgrade the existing natural gas processing plant and enhance their vapor recovery system. No new combustion equipment will be installed.	Signal Hill Petroleum Gas Plant	Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration	The SMND was released for a 35-day public comment and review period on November 26, 2014 ending December 30, 2014. No comment letters were received.	RBF Consulting
Exide Technologies is proposing a project to reduce toxic emissions of arsenic, benzene and 1,3-butadiene to comply with SCAQMD Rules and Regulations.	Exide Technologies	Mitigated Negative Declaration	SCAQMD Staff has prepared a Draft MND that was released for a 30-day public review and comment period on October 16, 2014 ending on November 14, 2014. No comment letters were received. The final MND were certified on December 5, 2014.	Environ
Breitburn Operating LP is proposing to upgrade their fluid handling systems to facilitate an increase in the amount of produced water that can be treated at the site in Sante Fe Springs.	Breitburn Operating LP	Environmental Impact Report	The NOP/IS was released on December 4, 2014 for a 30-day public review and comment period.	Environ

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