

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 9, 2015

AGENDA NO. 12

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 November 1, 2014 and November 30, 2014, and those projects for which the SCAQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

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 November 1, 2014, through November 30, 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 November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014, the SCAQMD received 107 CEQA documents. Of the total of 124 documents listed in Attachments A and B:

- 32 comment letters were sent;
- 14 documents were reviewed, but no comments were made;
- 42 documents are currently under review;
- 3 documents did not require comments (e.g., public notices, plot plans, Final Environmental Impact Reports);
- 0 documents were not reviewed; and
- 33 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>.

In addition, SCAQMD staff has been working on a Warehouse Truck Trip Study to better quantify trip rates associated with local warehouse and distribution projects, as truck emissions represent more than 90 percent of air quality impacts from these projects. Draft final results for the Warehouse Truck Trip Study are completed and are lower than current SCAQMD recommended truck trip rates in the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod).

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 November, the SCAQMD released one Lead Agency CEQA document for public review and three was a close of comments for future projects. As noted in Attachment C, through the end of November 2014, the SCAQMD continued working on the CEQA documents for ten active projects.

Through the end of November 2014, SCAQMD staff has been responsible for preparing or having prepared CEQA documents for ten permit application 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
NOVEMBER 1, 2014 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Utilities</i> SBC141104-01 Lazer Radio Broadcasting Facility	The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of a new radio broadcast facility to include a 43-foot tall monopole with attached antenna and a 10-foot by 10-foot single-story equipment shelter on a 38.12-acre site. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/noplazer.pdf Comment Period: 11/1/2014 - 11/30/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	County of San Bernardino	SCAQMD staff commented 11/12/2014
<i>Transportation</i> LAC141118-07 Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project	The proposed project consists of improvements to the structural stability of the Pier Bridge for seismic safety. The project would also address vehicular and pedestrian congestion and safety concerns at the Pier Bridge. Three alternatives exist. Alternatives 1 and 2 would demolish the existing bridge and a new wider bridge would be constructed in the same location. Under Alternative 3, two permanent bridges would be constructed at Moss Avenue between Appian Way and the Pier for public vehicular access to the Pier parking lot. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/nopsmonicabridge.pdf Comment Period: 11/18/2014 - 2/2/2015 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	City of Santa Monica	SCAQMD staff commented 11/21/2014
<i>Transportation</i> ORC141118-02 Fullerton Road Corridor Improvements Project	The proposed project consists of a roadway widening along 0.45 miles of Fullerton Road with the City of Industry jurisdictional boundary (Fullerton Road/State Route 60) and ending at Camino Bello in the unincorporated County area of Rowland Heights. The project would add a third lane in each direction along Fullerton Road and include the future accommodation of a Class II bicycle lane from Colima Road to Camino Bello. At Fullerton Road and State Route 60, the existing eastbound off-ramp would be reconstructed as part of the widening project to accommodate an additional right-turn lane. Comment Period: 11/18/2014 - 12/31/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	County of Los Angeles	Document under review as of 11/30/14
<i>Transportation</i> SBC141106-11 Southern California National Forests Land Management Plan Amendment	This document consists of a notice of Final Records of Decision (ROD) for the Southern California National Forests Land Management Plan Amendment. The Final RODs identify Alternative 2a as the selected land use zone alternative and Alternative B as the selected monitoring alternative for each forest. Alternative 2a changes the zoning within select Inventoried Roadless Areas, increasing the area of Recommended Wilderness and Back Country Non-Motorized land use zones across the four forests. Alternative B changes the monitoring strategy to update the monitoring questions and clarify the process used for project monitoring. Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: N/A	Other	US Department of Agriculture	Document screened - No further review conducted
<i>Transportation</i> SBC141107-01 Grove Avenue Corridor Widening Project	The proposed project consists of widening Grove Avenue from four to six lanes from north of 4th Street to Airport Drive. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/nopgroveave.pdf Comment Period: 11/7/2014 - 12/4/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	City of Ontario	SCAQMD staff commented 11/19/2014

- 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>

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
<i>Warehouse & Distribution Centers</i> SBC141030-01 Goodman Logistics Center	The proposed project consists of constructing a new business park development totaling approximately 1,230,585 square feet of floor area. The project will involve the construction of three new concrete tilt-up industrial warehouse buildings. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/nopgoodman.pdf Comment Period: 10/30/2014 - 11/28/2014 Public Hearing: 12/1/2014	Notice of Preparation	City of Santa Fe Springs	SCAQMD staff commented 11/4/2014
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> LAC141003-02 Royal Recycling and Transfer Facility	The proposed project consists of permitting the operation of a materials recovery facility. The proposed use will occupy a number of existing buildings that have a total floor area of 146,600 square feet. In addition, a new "receive building" consisting of 39,500 square feet will be constructed. Total floor area of the existing and new buildings will be 186,100 square feet. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/deirroyal.pdf Comment Period: 10/2/2014 - 11/17/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Paramount	SCAQMD staff commented 11/14/2014
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> LAC141016-08 Saugus Industrial Center, Former Keysor-Century Corporation Facility - Draft Remedial Action Plan	The proposed project consists of a Draft Remedial Action Plan for the cleanup of soil and groundwater at the Saugus Industrial Center, formerly known as the Keysor-Century Corporation Facility. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/drapsaugus.pdf Comment Period: 10/15/2014 - 11/17/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Community Notice	Department of Toxic Substances Control	SCAQMD staff commented 11/4/2014
<i>Waste and Water-related</i> RVC141030-03 Remedial Action Plan for Laborde Canyon (Lockheed Propulsion - Beaumont No. 2)	The proposed project consists of the cleanup on the Laborde Canyon Site, also known as Lockheed Propulsion - Beaumont No. 2, located in Riverside County. The proposed cleanup includes remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/noplaborde.pdf Comment Period: 10/30/2014 - 12/4/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Preparation	Department of Toxic Substances Control	SCAQMD staff commented 11/4/2014
<i>Utilities</i> LAC141023-05 ENV-2014-2492/ 505 S. San Pedro St.: Central City	The proposed project consists of a permit to install, use and maintain a new unmanned wireless telecommunication facility comprised of 11 panel antennas, 24 remote radio units, three GPS antennas, with supportive equipment, all on the rooftop of an existing 75-foot-tall residential building. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/mndenv20142492.pdf Comment Period: 10/23/2014 - 11/12/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Availability of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Los Angeles	SCAQMD staff commented 11/4/2014
<i>Institutional (schools, government, etc.)</i> LAC141021-13 Long Beach Courthouse Demolition Project	The proposed project consists of demolishing the former Long Beach Courthouse building and would entail the removal of reinforced concrete, structural steel, siding, glass, and other building materials from the project site. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/deirlbcourt.pdf Comment Period: 10/14/2014 - 12/1/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Long Beach	SCAQMD staff commented 11/21/2014

- 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>

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SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> ORC141031-01 The Preserve at San Juan, Orange County, California	The proposed project consists of construction of 72 single-family residences on 583.3 acres in an unincorporated portion of Orange County. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2014/november/noppreservesj.pdf Comment Period: 10/31/2014 - 12/1/2014 Public Hearing: N/A	Revised Notice of Preparation	County of Orange	SCAQMD staff commented 11/4/2014

<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO SCAQMD FOR DOCUMENT REVIEW THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 107</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMENT LETTERS SENT OUT THIS REPORTING PERIOD: 32</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS REVIEWED, BUT NO COMMENTS WERE SENT: 14</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW: 42</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT DID NOT REQUIRE COMMENTS: 3</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT WERE NOT REVIEWED: 0</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SCREENED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL REVIEW: 33</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>

**ATTACHMENT C
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 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.</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. SCAQMD reviewed the responses to the comment letters and the consultant is making edits to the responses and finalizing the Draft ND.</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>

**ATTACHMENT C
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
Operators of the Petro Diamond Marine Terminal are proposing to increase the number of ship calls delivering ethanol.	Petro Diamond	To Be Determined	The consultant has prepared s 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.	SABS Consulting
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.	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.	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	Staff is reviewing an NOP/IS prepared by the consultant.	Environ